

CIT Board Communique – Meeting 03/2019 – 24 July 2019

This document is a public summary of matters considered by the CIT Board. It is not intended to be a detailed set of minutes and does not cover all matters considered by the Board.

Opening/ Administration

The Chair welcomed the newly appointed Board members, Mr Sam Mills (elected staff member) and Mr Giancarlo Cabrales (student representative).

The Chair congratulated the CEO on her recent nomination and appointment as the Deputy Chair to the TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) Board.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) overview and trends

Mr Craig Robertson, CEO, TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) provided an overview of the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) statistics on Government-funded VET hours of delivery in Australia from 1996 to 2018. Mr Robertson also shared insights into the Joyce Review, current regulatory framework and the responsibilities of both the state and territory jurisdictions and the Commonwealth.

CIT within the ACT Government's Tertiary Education Portfolio

The CEO relayed to members that from 1 July 2019, the ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr MLA is also Minister for Tertiary Education and that CIT now falls under the Chief Minister's portfolio responsibilities.

The CEO advised members that CIT is working closely with the ACT Government through the Project Control Group, providing input into the site selection requirements for a possible new campus in Woden.

The CEO acknowledged Ms Caroline Hughes, CIT Yurauna Centre Director, who recorded a Welcome to Ngunnawal Country for the Canberra Airport. The CEO advised members that ACT NAIDOC Week events were well attended by CIT however, due to ACT NAIDOC Week falling in semester holidays, CIT will celebrate NAIDOC Week in October to ensure engagement with students.

The CEO advised members that CIT staff are participating in the Product Innovation Fund (PIF) Project which is showing staff different ways of operating in their day-to-day work, how to collaborate effectively with industry and ensuring students are at the centre of everything that CIT delivers.

The CEO advised members that CIT will celebrate 100 years of publicly-funded vocational education and training in the ACT in 2023. Ideas for celebrating and acknowledging this event will be brought back to the Board for consideration.

CIT was shortlisted for the Large RTO category of the ACT Training Awards. Staff and student nominees for the awards were recognised at an event in June and the recognition for student successes will be communicated to all CIT staff, employers, industry and CITSA (CIT Student Association).

Head of Service presentation

Ms Kathy Leigh, Head of Service and Director-General of Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, ACT Government attended the meeting. She outlined the Government's priorities (including the development of a set of Wellbeing Indicators for the ACT) and highlighted the important part CIT plays in contributing to the ACT Government's agenda and assisting with driving a strong economy for the ACT.

CIT Solutions Board Update

The Chair advised members that Ms Diane Joseph will temporarily fill in as the General Manager while recruitment for permanent filling of the position is undertaken.

CIT Audit Committee Report

The Chair advised members that the draft Management Action Plan (MAP) for the mid-term Review of the Strategic Compass 2020 was tabled at the Audit Committee on 28 June and Audit Committee members endorsed the MAP.
