

## CIT Board Communique – June 2024

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In April the CIT released its 2023 Annual Report. This provides a detailed summary of our student and teacher successes over the last year. It is pleasing to look back at what a busy year 2023 was. The Annual Report provides a great reminder of the hard work of all of our educators and staff in supporting our students to ensure their success. Of particular note were the celebration of our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary and launch of the National Skills Agreement at the CIT's Electric Vehicle Lab. CIT and our staff and students had successes at the ACT Training Awards and our students had great success at Worldskills. In addition, CIT delivered the ACT's Fee-Free TAFE program, of 2,530 places across 81 approved courses.

In May CIT held two graduation ceremonies. This was a wonderful reminder of our student's achievements and was a great opportunity to celebrate with our students and their families and friends their accomplishments and their journey of life-long learning. The graduation included 146 students along with their families and friends. I wish all of our graduates every success into the future.

In late 2023 the Board and executive commenced work on the future direction for CIT. This included engagement with staff on the direction for CIT over the next 10 years. During the last few months, we have engaged with our stakeholders on their expectations for CIT and how we will work together to meet our ambitious 10 year strategy. This includes how we best meet the needs of the community with the skills shortage and responding to future skills needs. The Board is grateful for the valuable input from staff into the strategic plan. For more information about our strategic plan please go to [CIT Strategy : Canberra Institute of Technology](#)

The Board welcomes the announcement of funding for CIT to establish Australia's first TAFE Centre of Excellence under the National Skills Agreement – specialising in Electric Vehicle maintenance. The Federal Government is investing \$9.66 million, which will be matched by the ACT Government. Additional funding is also being provided to update the automotive facilities for EV training and to fast-track the work. The Centre of Excellence will ensure that CIT can train EV technicians for the net zero transformation. The Board is proud and commends this achievement to CIT's educators and their dedication to innovation and meeting the skills needs of industry and employers.

This year the Board has been pleased to see improved academic policies and a new complaints policy, as part of CIT's commitment to continuous improvement of policies and processes. The Board has also been considering risk management processes and has approved a Risk Appetite Statement to further guide the CIT in its risk management.

2024 will be a full year with substantial work on campus renewal including preparation for the move to CIT Woden, development of new facilities for Yurauna at CIT Bruce and digital transformation for all of our students and staff. For more information about CIT Woden and to watch a flythrough of the campus go to [CIT Woden : Canberra Institute of Technology](#)

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