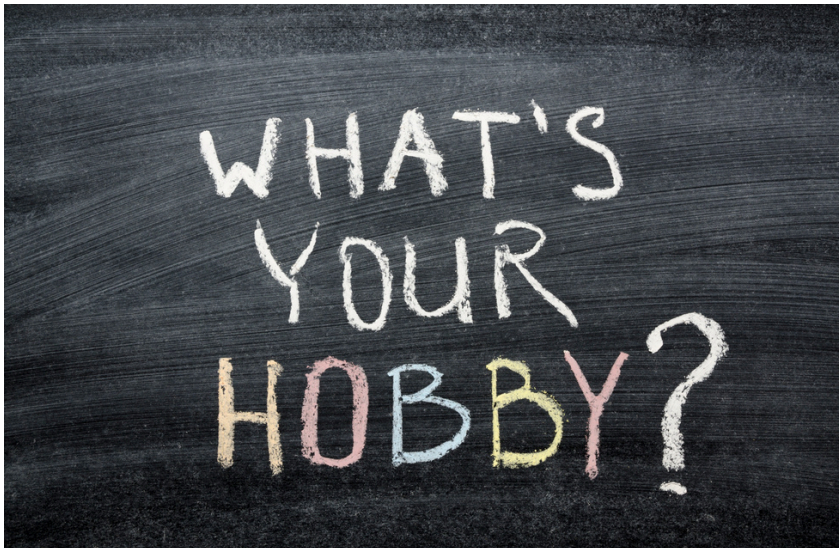


Careers Newsletter

5 Ways to Turn Your Hobby Into a Career



Could your hobby be your career?

You've probably heard the saying: *Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life.* It's a bit dramatic, but there's something to it, as your hobbies could be the starting point for your career.

Here are 5 ways to turn your hobbies into more:

- 1. Teach it:** Great at guitar, baking, or a second language? You could tutor, coach, or create an online course.
- 2. Sell your wares:** Into art, crafts, or baking? Platforms like Etsy, local markets, or social media make it easy to find paying customers.
- 3. Offer a service:** Love fitness? Become a PT. Animal-obsessed? Try dog walking or pet sitting. Think about how your hobby can help others.
- 4. Talk or write about it:** Start a blog or newsletter, post online, or speak at events to turn your passion into a paid gig.
- 5. Go pro:** Every big career started small - try open mic nights, local competitions, or community sport.

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"There is no single journey. Career development helps you shape your own."

— National Careers Week, 2026

 **Career Tools**



What is a Physiotherapist?

Ever helped a friend recover from a sports injury, or wondered how people bounce back after major surgery? Physiotherapists make that happen, and it's one of Australia's most in-demand health careers.

What do physios actually do?

- Assess and diagnose movement, muscle, and joint problems.
- Design treatment plans using exercise, massage, and other therapies.
- Work with patients through recovery tracking progress and adjusting treatment along the way.
- Educate patients and their families on managing conditions at home.

Might this career suit me?

Physio might be worth exploring if you:

- Enjoy science and understanding how the body works.
- Are a good listener and communicator.
- Like problem-solving (no two patients are the same!).
- Want a hands-on, people-focused career.

Where could I work?

Hospitals, private clinics, aged care, elite sports teams, schools, or even overseas. There's a lot of flexibility.

What are the pathways?

At school, focus on Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Maths as these are the building blocks.

Many universities offer a Bachelor of Physiotherapy (4 years), which gets you registered to practise. Some universities require a relevant undergraduate (Bachelor) degree first, followed by a Master of Physiotherapy.

ATARs for physio courses are generally competitive, so start planning early and talk to your careers advisor about the subjects and scores you'll need, and the alternative pathways that could help get you there.

Learn more about a career as a physiotherapist and how to become one at on the [Your Career Physiotherapist](#) page.



National Careers Week 11-17 May 2026



It's National Careers Week!

National Careers Week (NCW) is an annual event designed to get Australians of all ages thinking about their careers.

If you've wondered where you're headed after school, this one's for you. Keep the High 5 Messages of Career Development in mind to help you navigate your journey:

Embrace change

The world of work is constantly evolving, and that's actually a good thing. Staying open to new opportunities puts you ahead of the game.

Keep learning

School is just the beginning. Skills you pick up through hobbies, sport, part-time jobs, and everyday life all count.

Focus on the journey

Your career isn't a single destination, it's a lifelong adventure made up of lots of different experiences. Enjoy the ride and keep your eyes open along the way.

Know yourself

Your interests, strengths, and passions are your greatest career clues. The more you understand yourself, the better your choices will be.

Access your allies

You don't have to figure it all out alone. Family, teachers, mentors, and even your friends' parents can be surprisingly helpful. Ask questions and build your network!



Build What Comes Next

Explore. Experiment.
Create a future that
works for you.

National Careers Week is the perfect time to start exploring. What does your future look like?



Go overseas for work experience with a **\$9,000 Global Footprints Scholarship:**



A **Global Footprints Scholarship** gives young Australians like you the opportunity to travel the world, learn about sustainability and shape a better future for yourselves and the world.

Scholarships are available for young people in Agriculture, Horticulture and many Trades.

To apply you must be:

- 18-25 years old on 30 June 2026.
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Meet the education and training requirements for a vocational career in your chosen industry.
- Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability and passion for your work.

Applications open 1 May and close 1 June 2026.

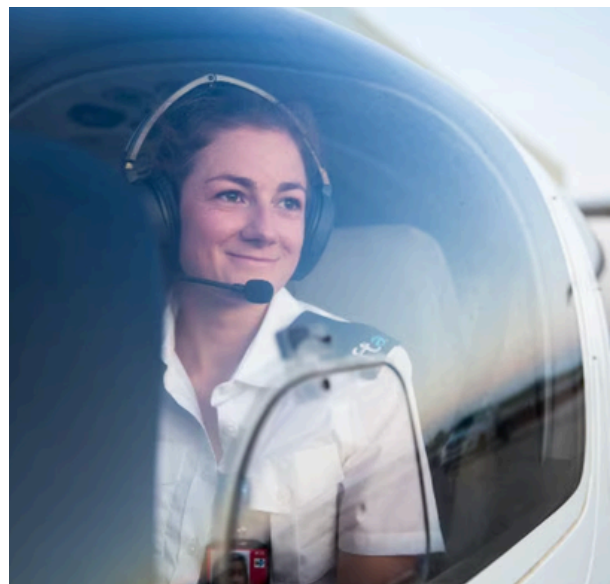
QANTAS Female & First Nations Pilot Scholarships



The **Qantas Group Pilot Academy Scholarship Program** provides equity-based grants with 100 scholarships on offer for female and First Nations people.

The scholarship provides support for onsite accommodation costs up to the value of \$30,000.

If you're serious about a career in aviation, take the first step and apply! Applications are being accepted until 2028. Make sure you read the **FAQs**.



Applications are open for current Year 11 Students for the 2027 program!



If you love science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and see yourself working in a science or technology-related field, apply for the [2027 NYSF Program](#) to learn about STEM-related study and career paths.

In January 2027, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run at ANU, Canberra – January 6-14, and the University of Queensland – January 13-21.

The program fee is \$3,180 with an application fee of \$70. Access and Equity Scholarships are available.

Work Experience & Apprenticeships at Velocity Trucks



[Velocity Truck Centres](#) have work experience and apprenticeship opportunities in locations across NSW, QLD, SA, VIC, and WA!

Spend a week working alongside an experienced technician at a Velocity Truck Centres dealership. You'll gain experience servicing and repairing Mercedes-Benz, Freightliner, and Fuso trucks.

All Velocity work experience will have the opportunity to interview for the 2026 Apprenticeship intake. Submit an [Expression of Interest](#) and a member of the team will contact you.



BELL SHAKESPEARE.

Work Experience Program

Students in Year 10 and 11 are invited to apply for Work Experience at Bell Shakespeare HQ in Sydney.

The 2026 program focuses on the national touring production of Macbeth. Students will see live theatre, explore backstage, undertake group projects, listen to panel discussions, interview staff and participate in practical workshops.



Students in regional/interstate may apply but incur own travel and accommodation costs. Applications close 30 June 2026. Work experience week 16–20 Nov. 2026.

Young ICT Explorers 2026



Registrations are now open!

The Young ICT Explorers competition encourages students in Years 3-12 to create innovative technology projects that address real-world problems. It's a fantastic opportunity to develop practical tech solutions!

Whether developing innovative recycling solutions, designing tools to support people with disabilities, building virtual reality environments, or creating advanced robots and operating systems, students are encouraged to imagine boldly and explore how technology can improve lives.

Registration Deadline: 01 July 2026

Teachers, parents, or guardians must register an account to express their team's interest by midnight on 1 July 2026. Once registered, they can submit student project details and upload the associated documentation. The competition is free to enter and delivered entirely online.





2026 Theme - Oceans

This year we want you to take a deep dive into the 'ocean'. Oceans are big places - you've got a lot to work with! Create a game where Ocean is the key idea and enter it in the challenge.

What's involved in the [Australian STEM Video Game Challenge](#)?

- Create an original video game based on this year's theme.
- Write a Game Design Document.
- Make a short screen recording of the key gameplay elements of the submitted video game.
- Enter in teams of 1-4.

Mentors support students with curriculum-aligned resources. Entries are judged by teachers and industry experts. Exciting prizes for winning entries. Registrations close at 9pm 7 August, 2026

Robert Menzies Institute Speech Competition



2026 Theme

After 75 years, is the Australia-US alliance still in our national interest?

[The Robert Menzies Institute Speech Competition](#) is a program for secondary students to practice oratorical skills in a speech relating to the legacy of Australia's longest-serving Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies. Prepare, practice, record and upload a speech addressing the 2026 theme. You must refer to Robert Menzies's role in the alliance as well as the broader historical context in which it was formed.

- Year 7/8 Category: 3-5 minutes
- Year 9/10 Category: 4-6 minutes
- Year 11/12 Category: 5-7 minutes

Submissions are due by Sunday 12th of July, 2026.

