

Careers Newsletter



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What's On in the Next Few Weeks

[ADF | Wagga Wagga Army Reserve Base Open Day](#)

May 22 to May 23, 2023

In the Army Reserve you'll tackle new challenges, learn new skills and get paid to do it – all without giving up your day job.

Defence Force Recruiting will be hosting an upcoming Reserve Base Open Day at Wagga Wagga Army Reserve Depot over two days in an exclusive opportunity for the public to experience a functioning Army Reserve Base.

On the day you will have the chance to check out:

- Military equipment and vehicles on display
- Local reserve unit demonstration
- Weapons displays
- Information sessions with current serving members

[Find out more](#)

[UTS | Introduction to Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering](#)

May 22, 2023

Get excited by robots, nanomachines, and biomedical devices – this can be your future career. Find out how by joining our webinar and discussing with our academics.

[Find out more](#)



[UOW | Albury Parents & Students Info Evening](#)

May 23, 2023

Find out about our courses, Early Admission, ATAR and selection rank, important dates, scholarships, accommodation, upcoming events, student life and more at one of our Year 12 information evenings.

You will also have the opportunity to get your questions answered by course experts and our current students who are studying right now!

[Find out more](#)

[UTS | Women in Engineering and IT Scholarships](#)

May 23, 2023

Learn more about the Women in Engineering and IT Community and the scholarships that are available for women in engineering or IT, and how to prepare an awesome application.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Sydney | Film Studies Masterclass - Margaret Pomeranz and David Stratton](#)

May 23, 2023

Calling all budding film-buffs, scriptwriters and creatives!

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is cracking open its doors to 20 lucky guests, to sit in with current creative writing and film studies students for a very special masterclass with Margaret Pomeranz and David Stratton.

Sign up for this unique opportunity to learn from Margaret and David about the films that changed their life, the evolution of the film industry, the power of language in film criticism – as well as how to turn your passion for cinema into a career.

[Find out more](#)

[ACU | Entry and Pathways for Year 12 Students Webinar](#)

May 23, 2023

ACU has a range of pathways and entry programs available to Year 12 students. In this webinar, our Future Students team will explain our various options and the eligibility criteria for each one, and you'll hear from current students about their journeys.

[Find out more](#)



[2023 Greater Western Sydney Careers Market](#)

May 24 to May 25, 2023

The 2023 Greater Western Sydney Careers Market is taking place on Wednesday the 24th and Thursday the 25th of May at the Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre.

This event offers exhibitors the opportunity to speak to thousands of Greater Western Sydney high school students and careers advisers as these students explore career paths and further education options available to them.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Sydney | Year 12 Information Evening](#)

May 24, 2023

Find out how the University of Sydney can get you started on the road to your dream career. Join us at the Year 12 Information Evening for a fun and informative night to learn what Sydney has to offer and what student life is all about.

[Find out more](#)

[UOW | Shoalhaven Parents & Students Info Evening](#)

May 24, 2023

Find out about our courses, Early Admission, ATAR and selection rank, important dates, scholarships, accommodation, upcoming events, student life and more at one of our Year 12 information evenings.

You will also have the opportunity to get your questions answered by course experts and our current students who are studying right now!

[Find out more](#)

[UTS | Introduction to Flexible Engineering](#)

May 24, 2023

Ask academics how the Flexible engineering major gives you the option to design your own fully accredited interdisciplinary engineering degree.

[Find out more](#)

[UOW | Wagga Wagga Parents & Students Info Evening](#)

May 24, 2023

Find out about our courses, Early Admission, ATAR and selection rank, important dates, scholarships, accommodation, upcoming events, student life and more at one of our Year 12 information evenings.

You will also have the opportunity to get your questions answered by course experts and our current students who are studying right now!

[Find out more](#)



[ADF | Defence Careers Information Session, Broken Hill](#)

May 24, 2023

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

[UAC Digital | Let's Chat - Applying to the Educational Access Scheme](#)

May 24, 2023

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is for students who have experienced disadvantage(s) in Years 11 or 12. EAS may help with entrance into university. We'll give you an overview of EAS and discuss:

- categories of disadvantage
- how to apply
- application documentation
- EAS key dates
- application tips.

And we'll give answers to frequently asked questions

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Defence Careers Information Session, Wollongong](#)

May 24, 2023

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

[Clusters PD - Using Clusters to find a Vocational Pathway](#)

May 25, 2023

Join Lucy from Study Work Grow to find out how you can use the Career Clusters to support students who are thinking about vocational pathways.

Using the Career Clusters as part of the conversation can open up ideas and help students think beyond the most obvious choices. They can also be useful when talking to students about how their careers might progress down the track.

This will be an interactive session of one hour, with time for questions at the end.

[Find out more](#)



[University of Sydney | Year 12 Information Evening](#)

May 25, 2023

Due to overwhelming demand, we are excited to announce a second Year 12 Information Evening will be held on Thursday 25 May, 4–7 pm.

Get a feel for our campus, and find out about university entry, scholarships, study options and more at our information evening for Year 12 students and their parents/carers.

This is an ideal opportunity to explore your options and ask any questions you have about the next steps to joining the Sydney community next year.

[Find out more](#)

[UTS | Introduction to Bachelor of Cybersecurity](#)

May 25, 2023

Find out how to become part of the next generation of cybersecurity experts and develop innovative solutions to meet threats head on.

[Find out more](#)

[AIE | Online Campus Day](#)

May 27, 2023

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day on Sat 27 May 2023. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer – from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more](#)

[Aviation Careers Mentor Program](#)

May 29 to September 4, 2023

The Aviation Careers Mentor Program is structured to enable women to take the necessary steps to plan and secure a rewarding career in the aviation industry. The program helps to define aviation career goals and build a plan to achieve these goals with the guidance of supportive women currently working in the aviation industry.

The program runs for three months with 2 x one hour meetings per month, which is a six hour commitment in total over the term of the program.

[Find out more](#)



[ADF | Army Careers Information Session, Sydney](#)

May 29, 2023

Optimise your potential and consider a career that will transform you into a fit, capable, confident and resourceful member of the army.

There's so much more to life in the Army, with stimulating work opportunities, plenty of travel, amazing mateship, and extensive sport and leisure facilities.

Discover whether an Army career is your kind of challenge at our upcoming info session.

[Find out more](#)

[Notre Dame | Pathways to Medicine Information Session](#)

May 29, 2023

We will be providing information about the exciting new pathways into Notre Dame's Doctor of Medicine degree via our undergraduate Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Bachelor of Advanced Biomedical Science (Honours) degrees.

Our online info session is your opportunity to hear important information about these new pathway programs, admission requirements, and information on how to apply, course structure, as well as participate in a Q&A to have all your questions answered.

You'll hear from School of Medicine and School of Health Sciences academics, along with staff from Admissions and the Prospective Students Office.

[Find out more](#)

[iCanMed | Why Most Top UCAT Scorers Start Prep at Least 12-24 Months Before the Exam](#)

May 29, 2023

We've all heard it before; the early bird catches the worm. So how early is early? Also, what are we meant to do with the time we have available? Based on our ongoing conversations with top UCAT scorers, starting early and doing the right thing provides far more upside than you may have realised.

In this webinar, Ray, iCanMed's education advisor, will share with you the following topics to help you start early and reap the rewards!

- Identifying the most common mistakes that cause students to waste valuable UCAT time
- Outlining optimal methods for preparing for the UCAT (minimum time, maximum return)
- Sitting a short mock test, followed by live step-by-step teaching of the most commonly-asked questions

[Find out more](#)



[myfuture Insights | Managing career uncertainty and anxiety: the power of career conversations](#)

May 30, 2023

Career uncertainty has been defined as the inability, as a teenager, to articulate a career ambition or occupational expectation for adult life. As transitions from school to further education, training or work have become more unpredictable, and employment markets more competitive and fluid, career uncertainty in young people, both in Australia and internationally, is increasingly common.

In this webinar, Dr Jo Gleeson (Monash University), lead author of the forthcoming myfuture Insights Paper 'Managing career uncertainty and anxiety: the power of career conversations', will talk about the findings of her research in this area, and share a questionnaire that can help young people to become more aware of their feelings associated with career decision making.

[Find out more](#)

[Sydney College of the Arts | Portfolio Day 2023, Online](#)

May 30, 2023

Sydney College of the Arts at the University of Sydney invite you to attend our online Portfolio feedback sessions to assist you with preparing your portfolio and application to study our three-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and our four-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies.

Register for any session between 4 and 7pm, where you will be allocated to a private consultation with one of our Visual Arts Academic staff, and receive personalised feedback on your portfolio and visual arts practice.

There will be one 30 min presentation at 5pm for those wishing to hear more about the degree.

[Find out more](#)

[Sydney College of the Arts | Portfolio Day 2023, In Person](#)

May 30, 2023

Sydney College of the Arts at the University of Sydney invites you to attend our Portfolio evening, to assist you with preparing your portfolio and application to study our three-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and our four-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies.

Join us on main campus in Camperdown for a short presentation followed by 1-1 personal feedback session on your current portfolio to discover if there are areas that can be worked on before your final submission. (note- no formal grading will occur on the day, just friendly guidance!). You're also invited to join a tour of the facilities by current students, where you can ask firsthand what it's like to study at the SCA!

[Find out more](#)



[UTS | Introduction to Chemical Process Engineering](#)

May 30, 2023

Discover an engineering course to help you change the world by learning about disciplines spanning physics, chemistry and biotechnology, as well as emerging areas in digital literacy.

[Find out more](#)

[Charles Sturt | Agriculture and environment careers online information night](#)

May 30, 2023

Interested in being part of the future of agriculture? Want to do your bit to protect and preserve the environment? Be an agent of change and take your first step by joining us for Charles Sturt University's agriculture and environmental careers course information night. We're Australia's largest and most experienced provider of agricultural, horticultural and wine science education – our history goes back 120 years. You can help create a sustainable future with an in-demand career.

At this exciting event, you'll discover everything you need to know about starting your future in agriculture or environmental sciences. You'll get an overview of our undergraduate courses and on-campus facilities in Wagga Wagga – including the 1,600-hectare farm, herbarium, phytotron plant growth chambers, rhizolysimeter, glasshouses, winery and vineyard. And our environmental sciences facilities at Albury-Wodonga and Port Macquarie – including 80 hectares of grey water management, incorporating water harvesting, run-off management, reed beds and wetlands – where you'll get hands-on experience. Find out about career opportunities, support services, scholarships and more.

Get to know our expert academics and have all your questions answered. Hear from current students about their study experiences and be inspired by our guest speakers, who will provide insight into the future of the agricultural industry in a changing world, including precision agriculture technology, and the role of sustainability.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Sydney | Life of a Veterinarian](#)

May 31, 2023

Home to one of the best veterinary schools in Australia, and top 25 in the world, the University of Sydney leads in veterinary education, animal science and research. Join this session with Dr Katrina Bosward from the Sydney School of Veterinary Science to discover what studying veterinary medicine involves, what an average day for a veterinarian is like and how you can pursue studies towards becoming a vet.

[Find out more](#)



[University of Sydney | Entry Schemes and Admission Pathways](#)

May 31, 2023

There's more than one way to gain entry to your dream degree at the University of Sydney. Our entry schemes and pathways help you make the most of your ATAR by recognising your circumstances, special high school achievements and other abilities and activities. Join us to find out more.

[Find out more](#)

[Building a Start Up Workshop - Virtual](#)

May 31, 2023

The Australian School of Entrepreneurship with support from Maitland City Council invites you to the 'How to Build a Start Up in 2023' workshop. The workshop is a free interactive virtual program where you will have the opportunity develop the skills and mindset you need to start a business or enter the workforce.

The workshop is designed for secondary students and young adults (16 to 24 years). During this Workshop, participants will identify a local, community problem and will brainstorm an innovative micro-business or social change solution to solve it. They will then present their ideas in a 'Shark Tank' style pitch format at the end of the workshop.

[Find out more](#)

[UTS | Introduction to Renewable Energy Engineering](#)

May 31, 2023

In this exciting and evolving field, you have the opportunity to work at the forefront of designing energy efficient systems, battery storage, electric vehicles and other emerging technologies.

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Navy Careers Information Session, Nowra](#)

May 31, 2023

Explore the idea of a Navy career that offers mateship, time at sea and exciting new opportunities.

The Navy has a diverse range of roles across many employment categories there's sure to be a role for you!

Speak with current serving military personnel about career opportunities and discover your potential.

[Find out more](#)



[Sydney Design School | Info Session](#)

May 31, 2023

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning.

You can now join an on campus session live online via Zoom if you are unable to attend.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Newcastle | 2023 Parent Info Session – Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar](#)

May 31, 2023

Our student ambassadors will share key subject selection information and share their stories and experiences with subject selection and transition to University studies.

Presentation topics:

- Subject selection process (our 3 simple steps on how to select your subjects)
- Subject selection resources, case studies and examples.
- What if I don't know what I want to do? or change my mind?
- What can you study at the University of Newcastle?
- Differences between school life and university life (life as a student, timetables etc)
- Pathways to University
- Ask a Student platform

The session will be approx. 40 mins and 15 mins for Q&A. Parents and Students can ask questions throughout the presentation.

[Find out more](#)

Important Future Events

[BiG Day In Newcastle](#)

June 1, 2023

Join us at UON on 1 June for the 2023 BiG Day In Newcastle. Bring your Year 9-12 students to learn where a STEM/technology career can take them & hear from organisations such as nib, Mudbath, Westpac, Wisetech Global, Australian Space Agency, Australian Signals Directorate & more to come.

[Find out more](#)



[HSC and Careers Expo 2023](#)

June 1 to June 3, 2023

HSC and Careers Expo celebrates its 15th year in 2023!

There will be a variety of organisations to chat with:

- universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
- providers of HSC resources, information and services
- organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
- organisations with employment opportunities
- organisations with cadetship opportunities
- career advisers and student support services
- providers of tutoring services, lecture and study skills programs
- providers of international exchange and gap year programs
- providers of youth services and programs

[Find out more](#)

[Charles Sturt | EngFest 2023](#)

June 6 to June 8, 2023

EngFest is Charles Sturt's annual three-day celebration of civil engineering, with exhibitions and presentations of student works and research, school visits and information sessions, a careers expo, industry networking, professional development events and more.

It brings together students, cadet and professional civil engineers, researchers, representatives of Engineers Australia, interested members of the public and school students.

We invite you to come along to meet the engineers of tomorrow and see what the future of engineering holds.

[Find out more](#)

[Clusters PD - The Clusters for history and geography teachers](#)

June 6, 2023

Join Lucy from Study Work Grow to learn how to use the Career Clusters in your humanities classroom.

This Professional Learning session will give you the skills you need to feel confident talking about a range of jobs in history, geography, politics, society, and related fields. We'll also cover some tips for having positive career conversations, and identify where you might already be having career conversations without realising it.

This session is designed for those who teach history, geography, and other humanities subjects, and the career educators who support them.

[Find out more](#)



[BiG Day In Port Macquarie](#)

June 8, 2023

Join us at CSU Port Macquarie for the 2023 BiG Day In! We're excited to be back on Campus at CSU again bringing cool speakers from organisations such as Essential Energy, Wisetech Global, TCS, Australian Signals Directorate, Australian Space Agency & Defence Force Recruiting to talk to students about where a STEM/STEAM career can take them.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Newcastle | ExperimentFest](#)

June 13 to June 23, 2023

For the more than 20 years, the University of Newcastle has been working with local high schools to provide authentic, engaging, and hands-on experiences for HSC students.

For those studying Stage 6 Science/Food Tech Subjects, Experiment Fest is the chance to improve laboratory skills and use specialised equipment that isn't readily available in regular classrooms, while conducting experiments that directly relate to the HSC syllabus in the areas of;

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Physics

[Find out more](#)

[Girls in Aviation Day - Dubbo | Wiradjuri Country](#)

June 16, 2023

GIAD is a free event offered to those who identify as girls ages 8 to 17 years to introduce them to the many aviation career possibilities.

The day is an opportunity to explore the exciting careers available in the aviation and aerospace industry, such as engineers, aircraft maintenance technicians, pilots, operational staff, air traffic controllers, and many other jobs within the aviation community.

Attendees will be guided in small groups through multiple stations, combining a mix of hands on activities and wonderful stories of the industry. A short stop for a free light lunch will also be included.

The day will be full of career inspiration, supported by amazing people from the industry, including female role models.

[Find out more](#)



[The Hotel School | Sydney Open Campus](#)

June 17, 2023

Do you want to explore our CBD campus and see what The Hotel School has to offer? Attend a Masterclass delivered by our Academics to experience life as a student at The Hotel School. Explore your dream career and connect with passionate industry experts! Join us for an exciting Open Campus experience on Saturday, 17 June 2023.

- Meet faculty team members and the Head of Campus
- Discuss career opportunities with the Work Integrated Learning team
- Find out about our courses and the application process in detail
- Chat with our current student ambassadors
- Enjoy Barista coffee and light refreshments

[Find out more](#)

[Western Sydney Careers Expo 2023](#)

June 22 to June 24, 2023

The Western Sydney Careers Expo provides resources and information for tertiary courses, career and employment options, the HSC, study strategies, the gap year and much more. A feature of The Expo is the seminar program with presentations on course, career and study advice, employment opportunities and key HSC subjects.

[Find out more](#)

[UTS | Startups Summit](#)

June 27, 2023

Join over 6,000 year 9 and 10 students at the ICC Sydney to immerse themselves and find out what tech-enabled students are doing, and see what is really possible for their future. You'll see young, diverse, tech-enabled entrepreneurs in action, and have the opportunity to represent your school in talking about your ideas.

This event is free for schools and students, and will be held one time only.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

[Inspiring Scholarship Stories](#)

In a world where education plays a crucial role in shaping our future, scholarships provide a valuable pathway to success for many people. We believe that success stories deserve to be celebrated, as they not only highlight the incredible achievements of students but also showcase the power of education in transforming lives. Join us as we look at some inspiring scholarship stories of real people who have overcome challenges and seized opportunities.



Pursuing a passion for justice

Thanks to ANU's [Tuckwell Scholarship](#), Jonathan Tjandra was able to follow his dream of becoming a lawyer. After his family emigrated from Indonesia to Australia to escape conflict, he wanted to study law to ensure that he could protect others still suffering from discriminatory laws.

"[Becoming a Tuckwell Scholar] was one of the defining moments in my life because, all of a sudden, I could afford to go to ANU to study. All these opportunities opened up and I could finally take a few more steps to progress the passion I have for law," he says.

Jonathan studied a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Hons I) and a Juris Doctor at ANU, and is now continuing his studies in Oxford University in the UK.

Read Jonathan's story [here](#).

Inspiring Indigenous doctors

Joan Cassimatis recently graduated as the top performing medical student of 2022 – and was helped to study by Bond's [First Nations Medical Scholarship](#) and Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre.

"That was a highlight for me from my time at Bond and of course it allowed me to study at Bond through the scholarship, which I would otherwise not have been able to do," she says.

Now, she is undertaking an internship at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH). Read Joan's story [here](#).

Rural students soar

Facing devastating bushfires at her home on Kangaroo Island, Ayisha Fearnside was able to persevere and was accepted to study medicine at Flinders University in 2022. And she was helped by receiving a grant from the [Country Education Foundation](#).

"My grant has been instrumental in allowing me to study here in Adelaide; I have been able to live doing little paid work, which has given me the time and space to acclimate to city life, focus on uni and take on several projects that I am incredibly passionate about," she says.

Ayisha has since founded [Flinders Neurodivergent Study Support and Advocacy](#) (FNSSA), and looks forward to using her studies to give back to her local community in the future.

Read Ayisha's story [here](#).

Thinking of applying for a scholarship? Find application tips and search through our database of hundreds of scholarships on our website [here](#).



Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Electrical Apprenticeship Spotlight

Becoming an electrician offers the opportunity to work in a dynamic field that is in high demand, ensuring a steady stream of job opportunities. If this is a career that interests you, the best way to get qualified is by undertaking an electrical apprenticeship.

What is a career in electrical?

A career as an electrician involves working with electrical systems and wiring in buildings, homes, or other structures. Electricians install, repair, and maintain electrical equipment, such as lighting fixtures, outlets, and circuit breakers. They use tools like wire cutters, pliers, and voltage testers to complete their work. Troubleshooting is an important part of the job, and you'll need to identify and fix electrical problems, such as malfunctioning outlets or flickering lights.

What skills do I need for a career as an electrician?

You'll need to be able to understand electrical systems, wiring, and circuitry, as well as read and interpret blueprints and electrical diagrams. Being able to use various hand and power tools is essential, along with the ability to troubleshoot and repair electrical issues. A strong mind for safety is crucial to ensure compliance and maintain a safe working environment. Effective communication skills are also important, as electricians often collaborate with clients, colleagues, and other professionals on projects.

Why should I consider an electrical apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are a great way to get your foot in the door with an employer and start building valuable skills. There are often lots of opportunities to continue working with your employer after your apprenticeship is complete, and even advance your career down the track.

As part of an electrical apprenticeship, you will be doing real work for an employer while completing study with a TAFE or RTO. An electrical apprenticeship usually takes 2-3 years to complete, depending on whether you work and study full- or part-time.

Here are some common qualifications you might want to look into:

- [Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician](#)
- [Certificate IV in Electrotechnology – Systems Electrician](#)
- [Diploma of Electrical Engineering](#)



There are tons of benefits to an apprenticeship, rather than just work or study alone, including:

- Getting paid while you learn – unlike uni, you can work and study without having to take on an insane work load.
- The opportunity to get hands-on experience, not just endless reading.
- The potential to connect with an employer and continue working with them after your traineeship is finished.
- Your qualification will be nationally recognised, meaning you can go anywhere with it.

Where can I find apprenticeship opportunities?

Just like searching for a job, there are lots of places you can go to find a traineeship. You can start your search on sites like [SEEK](#) and [Indeed](#). Take a look on social media like Facebook or LinkedIn to see if any local businesses are hiring. Sign up with an [Apprenticeship Network Provider or Group Training Organisation](#), or even go old fashioned and take a look in the local paper or give local businesses a call.

Here are some examples of the kinds of opportunities available:

- [1st & 2nd Year Electrical Apprentice](#), Sydney NSW
- [1st Year Electrical Apprentice](#), Melbourne VIC
- [Apprentice Electrician](#), Ayr QLD
- [Apprentice Electrician](#), Canberra ACT
- [Solar Installer / Apprentice Electrician / Labourer](#), Adelaide SA

Getting Ready for Work

For National Careers Week, we wrote a series of blogs exploring the wonderful world of work. You can read them here and maybe find some career inspiration:

- [Jobs That Don't Feel Like Real Jobs](#)
- [Jobs for People Who Love to Relax](#)
- [Jobs for People Who Love to Eat](#)
- [Jobs for People Who Can't Sit Still](#)
- [Exciting Jobs of the Future](#)



Work Experience

Become a Citizen Scientist

Have you ever wondered how you can contribute to scientific research and make a meaningful impact? Well, look no further! Citizen science is an exciting way for everyday people like you and me to participate in scientific projects and contribute to knowledge and understanding. In this blog, we'll explore what citizen science is all about and discover why it can be beneficial to participate in.

What is citizen science?

Citizen science is a collaborative approach to scientific research that involves ordinary citizens actively contributing to scientific projects. It empowers individuals from all walks of life to collect, analyse, and interpret data, allowing scientists to tackle large-scale projects that would be otherwise impossible. In simple terms, it's regular folks like us working alongside scientists to explore the wonders of the natural world.

Why participate in citizen science?

By participating in citizen science, you get to learn fascinating things about the world around you. You'll gain valuable knowledge about various scientific disciplines, from astronomy and ecology to archaeology and climate science. It's an opportunity to delve into subjects that intrigue you, expanding your understanding and satisfying your curiosity.

Citizen science also brings people together, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. You'll meet like-minded individuals who share your passion for science and exploration. Collaborating with others, you can exchange knowledge, ideas, and experiences, creating lasting connections with people from diverse backgrounds.

Plus, participating in projects can be a fantastic opportunity to build your career and open doors to new possibilities. By actively engaging in scientific research projects, you gain valuable hands-on experience, develop practical skills, and expand your knowledge in specific fields. Your involvement showcases your passion, dedication, and ability to collaborate with diverse teams – and these are all important attributes that any employer will be looking for.

Get involved

Citizen science is an empowering and enriching endeavour that allows ordinary individuals to become active contributors to scientific research. It's also a great way to see if you might like to pursue a future career in STEM.

There are thousands of projects happening across the world right now. You can find something near you using sites such as the [Australian Citizen Science Project Finder](#) or [SciStarter](#).



Competitions

[REELise Film Festival](#)

The REELise Film Festival is designed to give young people an opportunity to share their stories about navigating digital life to entertain, educate and inspire positive change online. National finalists feature online and in cinema. You can be part of a fun youth oriented event and win great prizes including cash, filmmaking equipment and industry experiences.

The 2023 Competition theme is "Footprint".

Entry is free and open to young people 10-18 years in each State and Territory of Australia.

Entries close 9 July 2023.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.reelise.org.au/create-and-influence/>

[Tax, Super + You Competition](#)

If you're a student in years 7–12, we want you to unleash your creativity and find a way to tell us about tax and super! Our competition will not only give you an insight into the value of tax and super, but you have the chance to win a share of \$13,200 in prizes!

For your chance to become Australia's next tax and super creative genius, you must:

- be a student in years 7–12
- be enrolled in the Australian education system
- submit an entry – up to 3 entries per person/group only
- complete a separate entry form for each entry
- complete a film or photo consent form for each person shown in your entry
- comply with the competition's terms and conditions – including only using music with permission or an appropriate licence.

Entries are open from 29 May to 25 August 2023.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au/competition>

Resources

[Celebrating IDAHOBIT and Supporting Your Friends](#)

In a world that thrives on diversity and inclusivity, it's important to create an environment where everyone feels accepted and celebrated for who they are. May 17th was the [International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia](#) (IDAHOBIT). It provides a platform to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the LGBTQIA+ community and promote understanding and acceptance.

For young people, IDAHOBIT offers a unique opportunity to demonstrate their support and solidarity with their LGBTQIA+ friends. In this blog, we'll explore some ways that young people can lend their support.



Educate yourself

One of the most powerful steps you can take to support your LGBTQIA+ friends is to educate yourself about different sexual orientations, gender identities, and the challenges faced by the community. Read books, articles, and blogs written by LGBTQIA+ authors, follow LGBTQIA+ activists and influencers on social media, and engage in respectful conversations to deepen your understanding. By becoming knowledgeable, you will be better equipped to challenge stereotypes, debunk myths, and advocate for equality.

Be an ally

Being an ally means actively standing up for and supporting your LGBTQIA+ friends. Speak out against discrimination or derogatory language, both online and offline. Offer a listening ear and create a safe space where your friends can be open and honest about their experiences. Attend LGBTQIA+ events, marches, or rallies to show solidarity and amplify their voices. Remember, being an ally is an ongoing commitment to learning, growing, and actively promoting inclusivity.

Practice inclusivity in language

Language holds immense power, and the words we choose can either uplift or harm. Practice using gender-inclusive language, such as “they/them” pronouns, to respect individuals whose gender identities may fall outside the traditional binary. Avoid assuming someone’s sexual orientation or gender identity based on their appearance or other assumptions. By using inclusive language, you create a welcoming environment where everyone feels seen and respected.

Support LGBTQIA+ organisations

Many organisations dedicated to LGBTQIA+ rights and support exist worldwide. Take the initiative to research and support these organisations through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness about their work. Encourage your school or community to create partnerships with LGBTQIA+ organisations to foster a supportive environment. By actively supporting these organisations, you contribute to the empowerment and wellbeing of the LGBTQIA+ community as a whole.

Be a friend

Sometimes, the most impactful support you can offer is simply being a friend. LGBTQIA+ individuals often face unique challenges and may experience feelings of isolation or rejection. Be there to listen, offer empathy, and provide a non-judgmental space where they can share their thoughts and emotions. Celebrate their milestones, attend LGBTQIA+ gatherings together, and let them know that you value their presence in your life.



As young people, you have the power to shape a more inclusive world by actively supporting our LGBTQIA+ friends – not just on IDAHOBIT, but every day. By educating ourselves, being allies, practising inclusive language, supporting LGBTQIA+ organisations, and simply being there as friends, we can make a meaningful impact.

Remember, small actions can create ripples of change that transform lives. Together, we can build a society where love, respect, and equality prevail.

Read more blogs on our website [here](#).

Overcoming Procrastination and Strategies for Students

Are you tired of falling into the clutches of procrastination, constantly battling against looming deadlines? You're not alone! Procrastination can be a common struggle among high school students, but fear not – in this blog, we'll provide you with some effective strategies for overcoming procrastination once and for all. Let's get started.

Why do we procrastinate?

There isn't really one single reason. Procrastination often stems from various factors, such as:

- Feeling overwhelmed: being daunted by the magnitude of a task can lead to avoidance and delayed action.
- Lack of motivation: when a task seems uninteresting or lacks clear rewards, it's easy to put it off for something more enjoyable.
- Perfectionism: striving for perfection can lead to fear of failure, causing us to delay starting a task to avoid potential mistakes or criticism.
- Distractions: the allure of social media, video games, or other distractions can tempt us away from our responsibilities.

Strategies for overcoming procrastination

Thankfully, there are plenty of tried-and-true methods out there to stop procrastination and boost your studies. Here are some you might like to try:

Break it down

Divide daunting tasks into smaller, manageable chunks. Tackling one small step at a time makes the overall task more approachable and less overwhelming.

Set SMART Goals

Set Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound goals for each task. Clear goals provide a sense of direction and motivation.



Create a study schedule

Design a realistic study schedule that incorporates designated time slots for each subject or task. Stick to the schedule to develop consistency and combat procrastination.

Find your productivity zone

Identify the time of day when you feel most focused and energised. Use these peak hours for challenging or important tasks to optimise productivity.

Practice the Pomodoro Technique

Work in focused bursts of 25 minutes, followed by a short break. Repeat this cycle several times, allowing yourself longer breaks after completing multiple cycles. This technique helps maintain concentration and prevents burnout.

Eliminate distractions

Minimise potential distractions by turning off notifications on your phone, using website blockers, or studying in a quiet space away from temptations.

Use positive reinforcement

Reward yourself after completing tasks or reaching milestones. Treat yourself to something enjoyable, like a favourite snack or a short break, as a motivation boost.

Cultivate accountability

Share your goals and progress with a friend, family member, or study group. Being accountable to someone else adds a sense of responsibility and can help keep you on track.

Practice self-compassion

Remember that perfection isn't attainable. Embrace the learning process and be kind to yourself. Accept that mistakes happen, and use them as opportunities for growth.

Overcoming procrastination requires self-awareness, discipline, and a toolbox of effective strategies. By understanding the reasons behind procrastination and implementing the suggested techniques, you can reclaim control over your time and boost your productivity. Remember, everyone is different, so try different techniques until you find something that works for you.

Read more study tips on our website [here](#).



[MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme](#)

MySydney offers every eligible student starting in 2024 entry on a reduced ATAR, an \$8,500 per annum scholarship for the duration of their undergraduate degree and a range of additional support. No separate application is required.

Program benefits include:

- Admission to an undergraduate degree based on a reduced ATAR
- A \$8,500 per annum scholarship for the duration of an undergraduate degree (including combined undergraduate degrees)
- Support transitioning from school to university through our Prep for USYD Program, and access to University mentoring programs
- The [Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Award](#), valued at up to \$5,000 for eligible exchange programs
- Complimentary [University of Sydney Union \(USU\) Rewards Membership](#) for the duration of the MySydney Scholarship
- Automatic consideration for a range of additional faculty and equity scholarships

To be eligible, you must be:

- a domestic student residing in an area listed in the bottom 25 percent according to Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Education and Occupation (IEO) data based on the residential address you enter in your UAC undergraduate application
- applying as a new University of Sydney student for an undergraduate degree in Semester 1 or 2.

You don't need to do anything to apply; the University of Sydney will assess everyone through their UAC applications and contact you directly if you're eligible.

Find out more: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/admission-pathways/mysydney-entry-and-scholarship-scheme.html>

Workplace Spotlight

[What is it Like to Work in a Newsroom?](#)

A newsroom is a place where professionals meet to gather and share information about important events happening in the world. Workers collect news from various sources, investigate and verify the facts, and then create news stories or articles to inform the public. In the newsroom, journalists work together to write, edit, and publish news content for newspapers, websites, television, or radio.



Here are some common things you might find when working at a newsroom:

1. A fast-paced environment – newsrooms are known for their fast-paced and dynamic nature. Deadlines are tight, and news is constantly evolving.
2. Collaboration and teamwork are key – you'll work closely with a wide variety of people to create compelling news stories.
3. Adaptability and flexibility are important too – adapting to changing situations and being open to learning new skills are essential skills in a newsroom environment.

Key Outcome

Keep the public informed

The primary purpose of a newsroom is to gather, produce, and publish news content to inform the public.

Key Tasks

- Conduct interviews with relevant individuals or experts
- Research accurate information for news stories
- Write and editing news articles or scripts
- Collaborate with colleagues to brainstorm ideas
- Attend press conferences and report on events
- Uphold journalistic ethics and standards
- Adapt stories for different platforms (print, online, broadcast, etc.)
- Stay updated on current events and emerging trends

Industry

You can find newsrooms in the information media and telecommunications industry

There are several different kinds of newsrooms, each catering to specific types of media and audiences, including print, digital, broadcast, investigative, and community newsrooms.

Work Environment

You can expect flexible hours and opportunities for remote work

Flexible hours | Work on-site and from home | Jobs more common in metro areas | Strong job growth

The operating hours of a newsroom can vary depending on the organisation and the nature of their news coverage. Many newsrooms operate on a 24/7 basis to provide up-to-the-minute news coverage. This means that journalists and staff may work in shifts to cover breaking news, events, and ongoing developments.

With advancements in technology and digital communication tools, many news organisations have embraced remote work options. However, certain aspects of news production, such as on-site reporting or live broadcasts, may still require a physical presence.



Newsrooms are more commonly found in metropolitan areas rather than regional or rural areas. But some rural areas may still have smaller-scale newsrooms or local news outlets catering to their specific communities.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a newsroom

People from all Clusters are needed for a newsroom to run effectively, but the most common Clusters you'll find are Informers and Linkers. As in any role, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters.

What do Makers do in a newsroom?

Makers in a newsroom may be responsible for tasks such as operating cameras, editing video footage, setting up lighting and sound equipment, and ensuring the smooth operation of broadcasting equipment. They might also troubleshoot technical issues and conduct maintenance and repairs on equipment.

- Camera Operators
- Video Editors
- Studio Technicians

The role of a Linker in a newsroom

Linkers in a newsroom connect news stories with viewers or readers, facilitate distribution channels, and establish relationships that amplify the reach and impact of news content. They play a vital role in ensuring that news content reaches the intended audience, and that the audience remains engaged and informed.

- Journalists/Anchors
- Social Media Managers
- Public Relations Officers

Where you'll find Coordinators in a newsroom

Coordinators in a newsroom provide structure and support to the different teams and departments, enabling them to work together effectively and meet deadlines. They handle logistical details, facilitate communication, and ensure that the newsroom operates in an organised and efficient manner.

- Production Coordinators
- Administration Officers
- Newsroom Managers



How do Informers work in a newsroom?

Informers in a newsroom engage in research, analysis, and interpretation of information, offering valuable insights and context to help journalists and the audience better understand complex issues. They use their expertise to contribute to the quality, credibility, and depth of news reporting.

- News Analysts
- Researchers/Journalists
- Editorial Consultants

What types of Innovators work in a newsroom?

Innovators in a newsroom utilise their creative skills and technological expertise to explore new formats, technologies, and storytelling techniques that enhance the quality and impact of news content. They play an important role in finding innovative ways to tell stories, engage the audience, and adapt to the rapidly evolving media landscape.

- Multimedia Producers
- Audience Engagement Strategists
- Graphic Designers

Where you'll find Guardians in a newsroom

While not as common as other Clusters, Guardians in a newsroom are dedicated to upholding journalistic principles, maintaining a safe and inclusive working environment, and promoting the wellbeing of both the newsroom staff and the audience they serve.

- Security Officers
- Diversity and Inclusion Managers
- Ethics and Standards Advisors

How do we expect working in a newsroom to change in the future?

Working in a newsroom is expected to undergo changes in the future, influenced by various factors and evolving media landscape. Newsrooms will likely prioritise digital platforms even more, with a strong focus on online news delivery, multimedia content, and engagement through social media platforms.

Automation and artificial intelligence technologies can be integrated to streamline tasks such as data analysis, fact-checking, and content generation, allowing journalists to focus on more complex reporting and analysis. This could help speed up news production processes and enhance efficiency in the newsroom.

Remote work and virtual collaboration will likely become more common, allowing journalists to work from anywhere and collaborate seamlessly with team members in different locations. This flexibility can enhance work-life balance and attract talent from diverse areas.



Mobile journalism may also see a rise, as journalists increasingly use smartphones for capturing, editing, and publishing news stories. With advancements in mobile technology, newsrooms may leverage the power of smartphones to deliver news content in real-time and engage with audiences through multimedia formats.

Job Spotlight

How to become a Real Estate Agent

Real Estate Agents, also known as Real Estate Brokers or Realtors, are licensed to help clients who want to purchase, sell, or rent a building, home, or block of land.

If you're a great mediator who gets along easily with people, and you're looking for a career with the thrill of closing deals, and you get to work out of the office, then this could be the perfect career for you.

About you:

- Personable, approachable, and honest
- Great at communicating and negotiating
- Customer and sales focused with in depth knowledge of local property markets
- Organised and self-motivated

The job:

- Find and sign up clients
- Advise clients on pricing, marketing, financing and legal requirements
- Promote and present properties
- Negotiate and close deals including writing relevant marketing literature, reports, appraisals, contracts and terms

Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

- Part Time opportunities: Moderate – around 25% of Real Estate Agents work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 46 hours a week, which is above average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Salary (median) \$57,000* per year (source: ato.gov.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).



- You will be doing work in a variety of environments, including from your office, travelling to meet clients, and showing houses and land. Virtual property tours are also becoming more and more popular.
- You'll need to be prepared to deal with the ebb and flow of the housing market; sometimes it will be booming, and sometimes it will be slow.

Real Estate Agents are most in demand in these locations:

Demand for Real Estate Agents is spread evenly across Australia, with a higher-than-average demand in New South Wales and Queensland. Most Real Estate Agents work in the Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services industry.

How to become a Real Estate Agent in Australia

You will need to complete a formal qualification, then apply for a license to practice in your state or territory to work as a Real Estate Agent in Australia.

Step 1 – Focus on English, Business and Marketing at school if they're options available.

Step 2 – Get work experience in the industry such as administrative or clerical jobs.

Step 3 – Work on your customer service skills.

Step 4 – Complete a [Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice](#), or a degree such as a [Bachelor of Property and Real Estate](#), or a degree in a related field such as Business with relevant majors.

Step 5 – Obtain a license to practise by registering with the relevant state authority (you may need to be over 18 to apply):

- [Become a Real Estate Agent in Queensland](#)
- [Become a Real Estate Agent in New South Wales](#)
- [Become a Real Estate Agent in the Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [Become a Real Estate Agent in Victoria](#)
- [Become a Real Estate Agent in Tasmania](#)
- [Become a Real Estate Agent in South Australia](#)
- [Become a Real Estate Agent in Western Australia](#)
- [Become a Real Estate Agent in the Northern Territory](#)

Step 6 – Get a driver's license and national police check.

Find out more here –

<https://nrea.org.au/>



Careers related to Real Estate Agent

Business Broker
Property Manager
Real Estate Agency Principal
Conveyancer
Property Auctioneer
Administrative Services Managers
Building Inspector
Insurance Agents
Sales Representatives
Advertising Salespeople
Appraisers and Assessors

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do I have to be licensed to work as a Real Estate Agent?

Yes, you'll need to register with your relevant state authority to become licensed.

How long will it take to become a Real Estate Agent?

Requirements vary between states and territories, but you could complete a Certificate IV in as little as 27 weeks and then you may need to complete a prescribed amount of full time work experience to be eligible for licensing.

What happens if I work without a license?

You may be liable for significant fines.

Why do I need a license?

Because Real Estate Agents are dealing with valuable assets on behalf of other people, the industry needs to be regulated to keep it fair and above board for everyone involved. Licensing ensures that agents are aware of the laws and operate within them.

Do I need to complete high school to become a Real Estate Agent?

If you leave high school in year 10, undertake a relevant qualification, e.g. a Certificate IV, get the work experience required in your state or territory, and once you turn 18, you can apply for a license.



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