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Reminder that [National Skills Week](#) is on **21 - 27 August 2023**. It's not too late to organise an event or get involved with events across Australia.

If you have any questions relating to skills and training in NSW please [contact me](#).

Best wishes,  
Jess

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## AgSkilled 3.0

We are pleased to confirm training places to the value of \$5 million are available for the 2023/24 financial year to support training in both the agricultural plant-based and livestock sectors. The NSW Government \$5.0 million investment will support an estimated 3,050 training places this financial year. This continues the significant investment in training for the agricultural sector.

If you would like more information about AgSkilled 3.0, please [contact Jess](#).



## Try a Trade & Employment Expo – Wagga Wagga

The Try a Trade Day is an opportunity to promote apprenticeships, traineeships and entry level employment to local students in Wagga Wagga. Employers can showcase their business and promote employment opportunities to future employees as local school students and teachers engage with businesses in the community and learn about the career options available in the region.

Go along and share your experiences, talk with students about opportunities to work with your business and inspire young people with practical, immersive and interactive activities.

**When:** Thursday 24 August 2023

**Where:** The Range Function Centre, Copland Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

**Time:** 9:15 am - 3.00 pm

**RSVP:** Exhibitor **registrations close 12 August**.

Contact Stacey Suidgeest - [stacey.suidgeest@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stacey.suidgeest@det.nsw.edu.au) or 0477 341 030 for more information, [register as an exhibitor](#) and [learn more about the Try a Trade & Employment Expo](#).

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## National Farm Safety Week – 16 – 22 July

'Stay on the Safe Side' was the theme for this year's National Farm Safety Week

focussing on tractor, vehicle and machinery safety. Farmsafe Australia Chair, Felicity Richards who is a farmer herself and knows firsthand the importance of making safe decisions says, *'What we hope, by emphasising that safety is a choice, is that farmers choose to stay on the safe side to protect themselves, their families, their workers and ultimately their farms.'*

The campaign focussed on a different risk or hazard each day with campaign material, tips and more being uploaded to the [Farmsafe Australia website](#) throughout the week. Farmsafe Australia provides the awareness and [safety resources](#) to help farmers be proactive with their safe work practices and inform them on how to make better decisions on a day-to-day basis.



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# ANZSCO Review – Consultation Round 2 Now Open

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) comprehensive review into how Australian occupations are classified, and how The Australian and New Zealand Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) can better reflect the current Australian labour market is now open for the 2023 second-round consultations. This round includes occupations that cover the following:

- Manufacturer
- Production Manager (Manufacturing)
- Sales Representative (Medical and Pharmaceutical Products)
- Farrier
- Dairy Products Maker
- Vocational Education Teachers / Polytechnic Teachers

Feedback will be sought on the accuracy of current occupation skill levels and descriptions and any occupations anticipated to emerge in the next 5 to 10 years.

For more information, please visit the [ANZSCO website](#). This round of consultation will close **Friday 11 August 2023**.

AFAM encourages you to make a submission and would appreciate hearing about any feedback you provide via email to [jcleary@skillsinsight.com.au](mailto:jcleary@skillsinsight.com.au) so we can report to Training Services NSW and continue to support industry needs.



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## AgriFutures' Webinar: Young People's Perspective on the Future of Australian Agriculture

AgriFutures has released its latest report “Listen up: Young people’s perspective on the future of Australian agriculture and rural industries” – a compilation of thought-provoking perspectives and provocations from the future leaders of the agriculture sector.

This report was commissioned following rich and valuable conversations at the 2022 AgriFutures Stakeholder Summit, which brought together 42 Horizon Scholars, their sponsors, 30 secondary students from Albury-Wodonga, AgriFutures Board Members, and other industry stakeholders to unpack the future of agriculture and its workforce. With the industry facing an agricultural workforce challenge, the focus of this work was to unearth the insights and perspectives of young people on how to

transform the agricultural industry for a more prosperous tomorrow.

AgriFutures will be holding a webinar to dive deep and unpack the insights from this report:

**Date:** Wednesday 2 August 2023

**Time:** 12 - 1pm (AEST)

[Register for the webinar.](#)

For more information on the report or to download a copy, visit the [AgriFutures Australia website](#).



## Regional Tech Hubs Connecting Regional, Rural and Remote Communities

The Regional Tech Hub provides free and independent advice about telecommunications services for anyone living and working in regional, rural and remote communities across Australia. It is an Australian Government initiative, delivered by the National Farmers' Federation in collaboration with the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network and Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia (BIRRR).

The Regional Tech Hub has helped more than 10,000 people across Australia with advice on simple connection and installation issues, right through to complex queries on internet or mobile options available at their location.

Earlier this year, the [Regional Tech Hub](#) expanded its services by launching a [book-in service](#), allowing you to schedule a call at a time that suits you best.





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## Skills Insight Jobs and Skills Council Workforce Plan – Opportunity to Provide Feedback

The Skills Insight Jobs and Skills Council (JSC) draft Workforce Plan describes workforce challenges and opportunities across the industries AFAM works with and proposes strategies to address them.

Your input will help determine what work activities will be a priority for Skills Insight's first year operating as a JSC. Your feedback is also important for informing future versions of the Workforce Plan and proposed activity plan.

Read the [Draft workforce plan](#) and provide feedback via the [Skills Insight website](#).

The Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance JSC will also be producing a workforce plan covering the Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical industries.

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## NSW Grants, Opportunities and Scholarships

Training Services NSW is offering the following grants, opportunities and scholarships to employers and vocational learners. Follow the links for more information.

[Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative](#): support for existing First Nations owned and operated businesses to grow and diversify their business.

[Barranggirra](#): to provide end-to-end support for First Nations learners through culturally appropriate mentoring to ensure successful retention and completion of training and improved post-training employment outcomes.

[Farms of The Future AgTech Grant Program](#): aims to facilitate tech enabled production and monitoring through improved connectivity and installation of sensor equipment which support increased productivity, competitiveness, job creation and sustainable use of resources in the selected agricultural sectors: Cotton, Livestock (sheep and beef), Grains and Horticultural (tree crops and vines). **Applications close 31 August 2023, 5.00pm.**

[Free Training for Veterans](#): to broaden their career opportunities and help transition to civilian life after service, veterans and their partners will have access to free training.

[OCHRE Opportunity Hubs](#): aim to provide First Nations young people with the confidence and knowledge to follow a supported pathway between school and further education and/or employment through partnerships with schools, coordination of local opportunities, mentoring, support and more.

[Regional Skills Relocation Grant](#): This grant assists regional NSW businesses in identified industries attract skilled and specialised employees from NSW metropolitan areas, interstate or internationally, to regional NSW. **Applications close 15 December 2023.**

[Resources to Assist in Supervising Your Apprentice or Trainee](#): a series of videos and resources are available.

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