

Youth Prosperity Forum

Key Note Speaker



Mr David Rumbens, Partner, Deloitte Access Economics

David is a macroeconomist and regular commentator on the Australian economy. He has considerable experience in analysis of major investment projects, as well as analysis of future workforce and skill needs.

David has led a range of projects examining workforce trends and future workforce needs including detailed modelling for the Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency.

He is also the author of the quarterly publication, Retail Forecasts, which provides a detailed analysis of the drivers of retail spending and trends likely to emerge.

David prepares a weekly economic briefing newsletter. The newsletter can be found at www.deloitte.com/au/weeklyeconomicbriefing.

Session 1 Speakers



Ms Jade Frieser, Sustainable Partnerships Australia

Jade Frieser is a youth engagement project officer whose career path began through a youth work student placement at Sunshine Coast Sustainable Partnerships. Jade continued to volunteer in the Youth Engage Action Crew and has progressed into project and administration roles. Jade is also a musician and performer and was involved with the Sunshine Coast Youth Summit and R U Serious projects.

The annual Sunshine Coast Partnership Youth Summit conducted by Sustainable Partnerships Australia, brings young people together to address key issues that have been identified through a pre-Summit survey. The Drink Safe Raw Sounds project and the R U Serious campaign are examples of such initiatives. The first is a strategy aimed at addressing the issues of binge and the second to assist youths struggling to tap into the job market. The Summit participants' identify relevant solutions to their issues which are then shared with the wider community.



Paul Moreton, Chief Executive Officer, IFYS Ltd

Paul is the CEO of IFYS Ltd, a Queensland based human services organisation. IFYS provide specialist support and intervention programs for children, young people and families. They work closely with other non-government and government agencies and operate from locations throughout Queensland, ranging from Toowoomba in the west through to Cairns in the far north of the State. IFYS provides food programs, accommodation, support, disability, child protection and social inclusion services. They see up close the issues effecting youths and families.

Paul has spent the past 28 years working with marginalised people as a Counsellor, Educator and Community Development Worker among other roles. His experience has included researching and communicating on social issues and effectively targeting, on behalf of Federal, State and corporate clients, hard to reach groups including those involved in the subversive sex industry and drug users who experience difficulty in accessing mainstream sources of information.



Kylee Bates, State Director (Vic/SA), Mission Australia.

Kylee joined Mission Australia in September 2008 and held the roles of National Program Manager, Employment Solutions and more recently the General Manager Employment Solutions across Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

Prior to joining Mission Australia Kylee worked for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on Indigenous policy, and held various policy and program roles with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. This included a period as Departmental Liaison Office to the Minister for Families and Community Services, the Hon. Jocelyn Newman.

Kylee was Deputy CEO of Volunteering Australia, the national peak body for volunteering between 2003 and 2007 and now serves as Vice President on the board of the International Association for Volunteer Effort.

In 2012 Kylee undertook a Churchill Fellowship and travelled to 6 countries to examine employer-led initiatives that are increasing the employment of people with disabilities.

Session 2 Speakers



Ivan Neville, Branch Manager, Labour Market Research and Analysis Branch Department of Employment.

Ivan is responsible for the analysis of the contemporary Australian labour market and the identification of the current and future demand for skills. He has had extensive international experience, particularly in Vietnam and Indonesia working on the development of labour market information systems in those countries.

Prior to joining the Department of Employment, Ivan worked in the Australian Bureau of Statistics for many years in a number of economic and labour market areas.

Ivan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Graduate Diploma in Demography from the Australian National University.



Kris McCue, Local Employment Coordinator, Department of Employment.

Kris has been engaged as the Local Employment Coordinator for the Sunshine Coast and Caboolture / Moreton Bay regions since July 2011. During this time, Kris has utilised his extensive consulting and management background to develop a range of projects and initiatives that have addressed local issues and created real benefits and outcomes for local jobseekers, workers and businesses.

Kris has developed 33 projects and activities that have delivered for the SC and Moreton Bay regions around 255 jobs for local unemployed jobseekers; training and upskilling for 1,025 jobseekers and existing workers; 54 apprenticeships; and support for 126 businesses to achieve their skills and workforce needs.

Jody Tunnicliffe is the Executive Officer for St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland, Northern Diocese.

Jody has over 20 years' experience in the human services sector having held a number of senior roles in Government and the community sector. Jody has worked in Queensland and interstate and most recently filled the role of Senior Ministerial Policy Advisor for Disability and Mental Health for the Department of Premier and Cabinet Queensland. She has worked extensively in advocating on behalf of and supporting the social, community and health sectors in Queensland.

Jody has a degree in Psychology with a major in Neurology. She has Post Graduate qualifications in Health, Medical Law and Rehabilitation Counselling as well as Masters Degrees in Health Sciences and Health Administration. Jody is currently completing her PhD in Public Health researching workforce and structural issues for the Community Care sector into the future.