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2025 Conference presented by HEIA(Q)

Friday 8 August 2025Pullman Brisbane King George Square

Invitation to attend

The Home Economics Institute of Australia – Queensland Division (HEIA[Q]), invites you to attend the 2025 Conference at Pullman Brisbane King George Square on Friday 8 August 2025.

This year's professional learning program invites educators, researchers, and practitioners to engage in critical dialogue relating to the evolving landscape of design and technologies education—its curriculum, pedagogy, and future impacts. Through the lens of deliberate practice, we explore how reflective and intentional action can influence the trajectory of design and technology education and its related areas of study.

Participants will be challenged to connect theory with practice and use the new curriculum to design futures that strengthen student engagement. Together, we will examine new possibilities for shaping the future—one that is responsive, innovative, and deeply committed to the well-being of individuals and communities.

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Early bird registration deadline: Friday 20 June 2025

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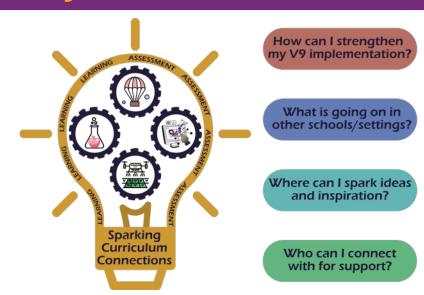
7.30 am-8.20 am	Registration	
8.30 am-8.50 am	Welcome and HEIA(Q) Awards	
8.50 am-10.00 am	Sparking Curriculum Connections: learning and assessment across the contexts Rosie Sciacca, HEIA(Q) / Moreton Bay College Design and technologies education is the cornerstone of progress; it empowers individuals with knowledge, critical and creative thinking skills, and the ability to innovate in a rapidly evolving world. For design and technologies educators, the Australian Curriculum provides a blueprint of educational priorities to foster these capabilities, emphasising the importance of engaging in design processes that value a range of solutions across four broad technologies contexts. But what does this look like and how does this work in the classroom? This interactive session will harness connections with colleagues to explore how educators can design aligned learning and assessment experiences across the technologies contexts that challenge perceptions and ignite engagement and innovation within and beyond the classroom.	
10.00 am-10.35 am	Morning tea	
10.40 am-11.40 am	Concurrent session 1	
11.50 am-12.55 pm	Concurrent session 2	
12.55 pm-1.55 pm	Lunch	
2.00 pm-3.00 pm	Concurrent session 3	
3.05 pm-4.05 pm	How QUT is approaching Design of the Future Dr Shayne Beaver and Melanie Finger, QUT School of Design QUT School of Design is leading the way in approaching Design of the Future in our 4 disciplines of Industrial, Fashion, Visual Communication and Interaction Design. Hear key insights on Artificial Intelligence and its effect on the role of the designer and learn about important design technologies that we are incorporating into the classroom. Uncover important aspects of future creativity and digital literacy, future technologies and Al.	
4.05pm-4.30 pm	Closing and prize draw	
4.30 pm	Conference close	

4.30pm-6.00pm

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Sparking Curriculum Connections



Design of the Future

Dr Shayne Beaver

QUT School of Design

Dr Shayne Beaver is a lecturer and Subject Area Coordinator in Industrial Design at QUT, with over 20 years of experience in teaching, research, and curriculum innovation. Originally from Zimbabwe, she studied at QUT as an international student, earning a PhD exploring emotional connections to materials in design. Passionate about fostering inclusive learning, she champions empathy, collaboration, and ethical design. She founded the Industrial Design Society (IDS), a peer mentoring program that enhances student retention and design culture. Her award-winning innovations include redesigning QUT's Z12 workshop and supporting first-year students. Dr Beaver collaborates with industry and health researchers and engages high school teachers and students through workshops and presentations. Her research focuses on emotional design, product durability, and design education. She is dedicated to preparing future designers to make meaningful contributions to communities and the profession.

Melanie Finger

QUT School of Design

Melanie Finger (FHEA) is a Senior Lecturer in Transdisciplinary Design and the Academic Lead Engagement for the School of Design, at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Melanie develops impactful design curricula which has earned her 3 Vice-Chancellors awards, the 2021 QS Wharton Overall Global Education Program award and the 2022 AAUT Program award for Programs that Enhance Learning. Melanie is passionate about enabling positive student achievements and outcomes. She brokers key industry partnerships and connects academia with

industry, creating job opportunities and fostering long-term partnerships. Melanie has over 20 years fashion industry experience in local, national and international clothing design and manufacture. She has extensive experience in product design, sourcing, trend forecasting, production, selling, marketing and entrepreneurship.

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CONCURRENT SESSION 1

(10.40 am-11.40 am)

1.1 Designing futures beyond the plate: how food skills build lifelong pathways

Sam Parish, Sam Parish Food - Author of COOK ME

Sam Parish – chef, author, and food stylist – will deliver a hands-on session that brings food education to life. Through a live demonstration from her cookbook, Sam shows how recipe writing, food styling, and storytelling can ignite creativity, build confidence, and open career pathways. Drawing on her own journey in food media, Sam demonstrates that food education is more than just cooking – it helps students design their futures. For Sam, "Food education is future education." It's a life skill that shapes careers and promotes independence, wellbeing, and cultural connection.

1.2 Luminous Harmony

Phoebe Hanau and Gabrielle Lee, Moreton Bay College

The Luminous Harmony unit, aligning beautifully with the conference theme 'Designing Futures', will showcase how contemporary design and technology can influence the way we shape our environment & lifestyles. This session will allow delegates to explore a unit of work, aligned to the Australian Curriculum V9, that goes beyond traditional materials and technologies used in Home Economics. Delegates will be introduced to using the thinking routine 'Parts & Purposes' to analyse attributes of existing solutions and think divergently. You will be introduced to how materials such as plywood, acrylic, cardboard & polypropylene, and the incorporation of laser & 3D printing technologies have engaged students in STEM-based learning.

1.3 'Wear the Future' fashion sustainability workshop

Ellen Chandler, Clothes Minded - Wear the Future

How can educators empower the next generation to make more sustainable fashion choices? In this session, Ellen Chandler, founder of 'Wear the Future' workshops, explores the three key pillars of sustainability—people, planet, and prosperity—offering practical strategies, resources and insights to confidently integrate these topics into the classroom. Attendees will deepen their understanding of fashion's global impact, gain tools to inspire students and experience engaging activities from the student workshops. This session equips educators to spark critical conversations and foster a more sustainable future. Join us to discover how small teaching shifts can create a lasting impact.





1.4 Food Futures

Designing the 'Foodture': pushing potential with potato possibilities and powerful positivity!

Carlie Sherwood, Cardijn College, SA

A weird and wonderful way of looking at what we do as food teachers for our students! This presentation will flip the age-old assumptions, misconceptions and wrongful perceptions of food education, and suggest how to facelift feelings around it. In a nutshell, how we can get students, parents, and fellow colleagues to understand the world we 'Home Eccies' live in and why our subject is so awesome and yet so overlooked! As teachers, our time with our students is fleeting. We have a job to do and there is no time to waste, to dwell, to doubt, to undersell or to under-affirm the importance of what we do and what we can offer.

A journey of discovery – how experimenting with flavours shapes the 'foodies' of the future

Ngaire Mayo and Sarah Jonker, Woodcrest State College

The team will share how a successful sensory profiling activity developed for our junior classes has opened the world of flavour to students as they grow. From stir fry sauces to spice blends, cultural fusion dishes, and senior recipe development, we'll explore classroom strategies that scaffold confidence, creativity, and culinary independence. The practical experiences that ultimately empower our students to develop innovative, forward-thinking food concepts and delicious outcomes they're proud of!

1.5 Designing Futures: hotel famil tour of Pullman Brisbane King George Square

Hotel representative, Pullman Brisbane King George Square

Experience the future of hospitality with an exclusive hotel famil tour of Pullman. This session offers a behind-the-scenes look at innovative hotel design and operations. Discover how cutting-edge concepts in sustainability, technology, and guest experience are shaping the future of the industry. Ideal for educators and professionals, this tour provides valuable insights into the evolving landscape of hospitality, aligning perfectly with the conference theme of Designing Futures. Join us to explore and be inspired!





Blueprint Career Development has a long-standing record of delivering impactful programs like TAE, Hospitality, and Business in schools, directly benefiting students. This year, we're thrilled to introduce Sport Coaching and Workplace Skills into our lineup, aiming to enhance student outcomes further. Let's connect and explore how our courses can empower your students to achieve their goals.

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CONCURRENT SESSION 2

(11.50 am-12.55 pm)

2.1 Designing Culinary Futures: mastering food presentation

Krisztian Herzcig, Pullman Brisbane King George Square

Join Head Chef Krisztian Herzcig of Pullman Brisbane King George Square for an inspiring session on the art of food production and presentation. Discover innovative techniques and trends that elevate culinary aesthetics, aligning with the conference theme of Designing Futures. This hands-on demonstration will showcase how thoughtful design can transform dining experiences, making it a must-attend for educators and culinary enthusiasts alike. Enhance your skills and creativity in food production presentation and leave with practical insights to bring back to your kitchen or classroom.

2.2 Developing Systems thinking in Design and Technologies

Evie Skinner, QCAA

Aligned with the Australian Curriculum v9.0, this presentation unpacks systems thinking as a vital methodology for empowering students to create innovative and sustainable solutions for preferred futures. Participants will explore how systems thinking supports students to investigate, generate, iterate and evaluate designed solutions by analysing interactions within and between systems. The session will highlight how systems thinking builds students' confidence as designers of solutions. Educators will be supported with practical strategies, curriculum connections, and QCAA resources to integrate systems thinking into teaching programs, fostering creativity, collaboration, and responsible action in technologies contexts.

2.3 Innovative Design in the classroom: unlocking Wool4School's educational resources

Sophie Mawson, Australian Wool Innovation/The Woolmark Company

Join this workshop to discover how you can make the most of Wool4School's resources and inspire your students to become future-forward designers. Wool4School offers a unique opportunity for secondary school students to explore their creative potential and develop their design skills. This annual competition encourages students to think innovatively, experiment with sustainable materials, and showcase their talent in fashion and design. Wool4School provides a wealth of free, ready-to-use educational resources designed to seamlessly integrate into your teaching program. From comprehensive lesson plans and engaging PowerPoint presentations to detailed information packs, these tools support both your curriculum and your students' creative journeys. By entering Wool4School, you and your students will be in the running to WIN amazing prizes ranging from gift cards to sewing machines and more!







2.4 Food and Fibre teaching resources and programs from PIEFA

Luciano Mesiti, Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia

Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia have developed a number of food and fibre teaching resources and programs that link to the Australian Curriculum. The Unusual farming digital learning kit explores some of the lesser-known food and fibre careers and in so doing encourages students to consider new ideas about food and fibre production, from saffron production and lemon myrtle production to the potential of the commercialisation of Australian native plants as sources of new foods and medicines. This session will also showcase a number of resources promoted by PIEFA on Primezone, and how to use them in the classroom. The Many Lands, Many Seasons series explores six Aboriginal seasonal calendars to find out how the unique knowledge they contain helps the traditional owners to hunt, fish and collect bush tucker at the best time! Aeroponics — an innovative approach to food production delves into food security and food waste.



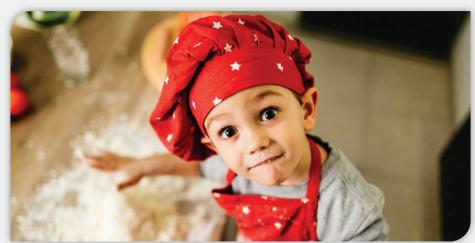
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CONCURRENT SESSION 3

(2.00 pm-3.00 pm)



Stacey Rogers, The Cathedral College Rockhampton

Time to 'rip off the Band-Aid' and encourage students to break away from conventional norms by integrating creative thinking into their classroom experiences in food preparation. This session connects a pedagogical 'framework of hope', that emphasizes a belief in the possibility of positive change and empowers students to actively shape their futures, with fostering deeper learning experiences. You will explore how to empower students to delve deeper into the learnings embedded in the Food Technology and Hospitality Practices syllabuses by planning and designing unique and creative opportunities that stretch students' imagination and connection with creative and critical thinking.

3.2 Hot topics for Designing Futures

Michelle Harris, San Sisto College

In response to members requests, we will work through some of the key hot topics we are facing at the coalface as we look towards improving the experience and outlook for teachers and students. This is a great opportunity for new and experienced members to access hints and tips — an opportunity not often available! This session will include a variety of strategies across the gamut of Design Technologies to take back and use immediately, to move forward with, and most importantly, allow us an opportunity to connect. Participants can anticipate easy-to-implement literacy strategies, ways to quickly engage learners of any age, and multimodes of delivery.

3.3 Fashion inspiration unleashed!

Rhiannon Thorn, Redbank Plains SHS

This interactive session explores unconventional sources of design inspiration through engaging and simple to implement hands-on activities. Participants will explore creative techniques of generating fashion concepts from interpreting music, poetry, imagery, the natural environment, found objects and using Al. These strategies aim to broaden students' understanding of inspiration in designing future-based solutions by encouraging experimental, sustainable and imaginative approaches to fashion design ideation.



3.4 Reimagining food and fashion products through 3D designs

Rosie Sciacca, Moreton Bay College

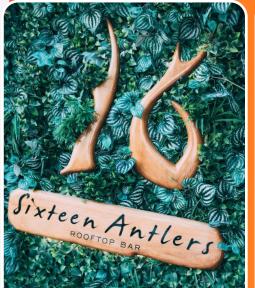
This interactive session aims to demystify preconceptions about 3D printing and build delegates' confidence to delve into the realm of 3D designing and printing. The first component of this session will explore how emerging technologies such as 3D printers and innovative filaments can enhance students' engagement in the production of innovative food and fashion products. Delegates will explore what 3D printing is and how it can be used in the classroom, unpacking the realities of managing this technology with students and interacting with a range of student samples from across food and fashion contexts. The session will then step into how unique 3D designs can be created using the accessible CAD application, TinkerCAD. Delegates will be led through a series of mini lessons related for food and fashion products to develop their CAD skills and confidence. To engage in the practical elements of the session, delegates will be required to bring their own device (laptop or iPad or Tablet).

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skyline and the 16th floor of the Pullman Complex, this venue offers stunning views of the city skyline and the iconic City Hall clock tower. Take this opportunity to connect with fellow attendees and engage in lively conversations in a vibrant, relaxed setting.

This function is free to attend for conference delegates (RSVP during conference registration) and will include complimentary platters to share. Beverages will be available for purchase. Additional guests are welcome to attend and will require a ticket purchased during conference registration.



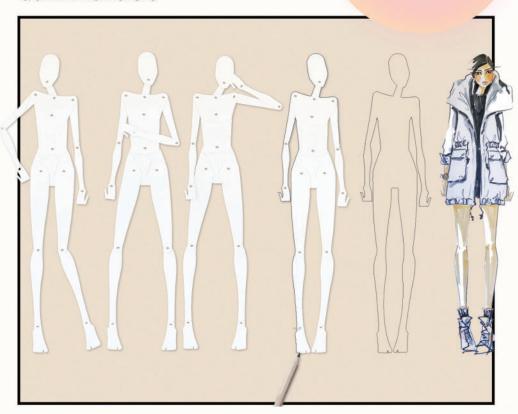




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HEIA member – Full-time student/ Not In Paid Employment	\$215	\$280
Non-HEIA member	\$440	\$500
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Payment at the early bird rate must be received by Friday 20 June 2025: otherwise standard fees will apply.

Inclusions

All registration categories include:

- ✓ attendance at all plenary sessions and a choice of three concurrent sessions
- ✓ tea and coffee on arrival, morning tea and lunch.

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- Are you Brisbane-based and able to extend your hospitality to support a colleague by offering vour guest room?
- Are you planning to make the trip to Brisbane to attend the conference and would like to take up the opportunity to stay with a member of our community?

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- 2. Complete the online registration form (individual or group option available).
- 3. Select your method of payment. Online registration enables payment of your fees via MasterCard or Visa. Alternatively, you may nominate to finalise your payment via EFT.

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The conference registration desk, where delegates will receive their name badges, will operate from 7.30 am in the fover outside the Grand Windor Ballroom on Level 2 (of the Mercure Tower side of the Pullman Complex).

Cancellations and refund policy

Cancellations must be advised in writing to the conference organiser. Registration cancellations received by Friday 20 June 2025 will receive a refund of the registration fee, less a \$77 administrative charge.

Registration fees will not be refunded after Friday 20 June unless extenuating circumstances apply and will be at the discretion of the Conference Committee.

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Conference venue

The conference will be held at Pullman Brisbane King George Square, located at Corner Ann & Roma Streets Brisbane OLD 4000.

Upon entry to the Pullman lobby, conference signage will guide you to access lifts going to Level 2 of the Mercure Tower side of the Pullman Complex.

Trade exhibition

There will be a trade exhibition in the King George Room on Level 2. Catering will be served in this area to enable participants to view the exhibition.

Dietary and other requirements

If you have any special dietary, mobility or other requirements, please indicate your needs on vour registration form. The conference rooms are accessible by stairs and lifts.

Parking

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Early bird discount rate – \$28 per day (for cars entering before 7am and exiting between 1-6pm).

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Parking is available at the hotel and is subject to availability. \$55 per vehicle, per day for valet or self-parking.

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