

Welcome to the March edition of the ISS Institute Newsletter!

What a busy month it's been, and there's still more in store.

What an incredible day our Fashion, Art and Heritage Skills Forum with The George Alexander Foundation was! Everyone took away something valuable from our Fellows' engaging presentations and panel discussion. We dived into a wide variety of industries and topics, from the intricacies of pleating to the use of ancient armoury in contemporary art. A standout moment was the beautiful harp performance by Liana Perillo. Scroll down to see some great shots!

Missed out? No worries, you can watch a recording of the forum on our website with the link below!

Exciting news continues to unfold this month as the ISS Institute teams up with AVETRA for a special edition of Research Today magazine! Dive into the expertise of several of our Fellows, including Fulbright Scholar Paul Boys, Ani Tom Vellaramkunnel, Warren Guest, and Dr. John Flett, as they share invaluable insights and discoveries aimed at enhancing Australia's VET sector as a result of their recent ISS Institute Fellowship. You don't want to skip this fantastic read, take a look below!

We're thrilled to announce the release of new reports on our website! Be sure to take a moment to read them. One highlight is Kirri-Mae Sampson's report on linking for fully fashioned knitwear, featuring stunning photos of her work.

Final reminder that applications for The Mason Family Trust, The George Alexander Foundation, and The International VET VSA Practitioner Fellowships will close on April 7th! Ensure you submit your application before the deadline. Additionally, we kindly request your assistance in spreading the word about these Fellowships to individuals who may meet the criteria.

Should you have any questions about the Fellowships, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [info@issinstitute.org.au](mailto:info@issinstitute.org.au), and a member of our team will promptly assist you.

We wish you all a fantastic week ahead and extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support.

Take Care,  
The International Specialised Skills Team

### ISS Institute George Alexander Foundation Fashion, Art and Heritage Skills Forum

[Click here to watch the forum recordings](#)



ISS Institute CEO Katrina Jokjity leading the fashion panel discussion with Fellows Vincent Meyrick, Kirri-Mae Sampson and Avril Buchanan.



Fellows with Paul Conroy, CEO of The Ian Potter and The George Alexander Foundations.

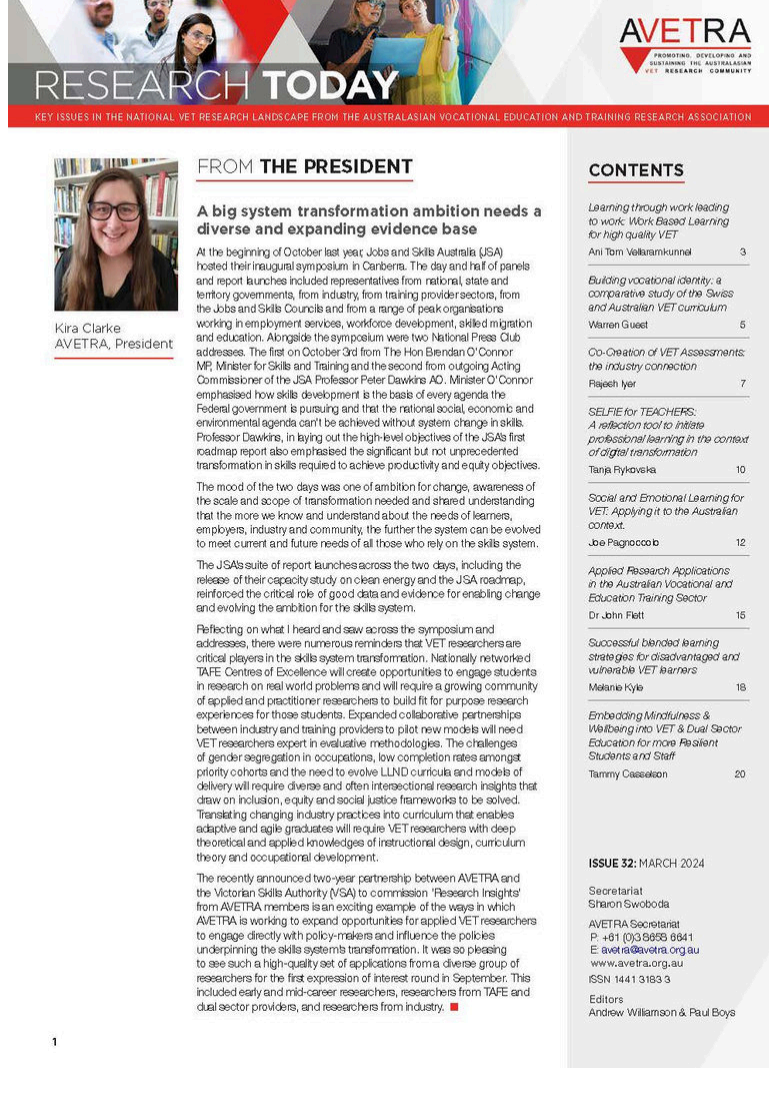


Harpist Liana Perillo performing a piece.



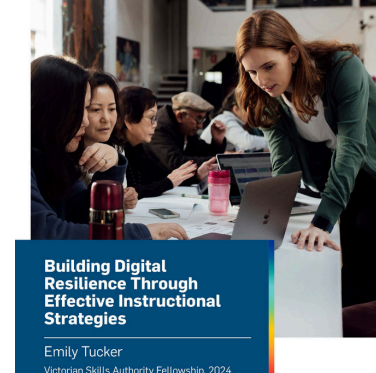
Camielle Fitzmaurice answering an audience question in the conservation panel with Shane Wiechnik.

### AVETRA Research Today Magazine Featuring esteemed ISS Institute Fellows



[Be sure to read this special edition!](#)

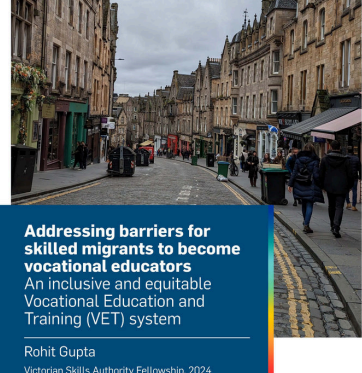
### New Fellowship Reports



Emily Tucker's report explores the innovative digital literacy instructional strategies for empowering English as an Additional Language (EAL) migrant and refugee adult learners. She travelled to the USA to interview, observe and shadow leading teachers and researchers in the field.



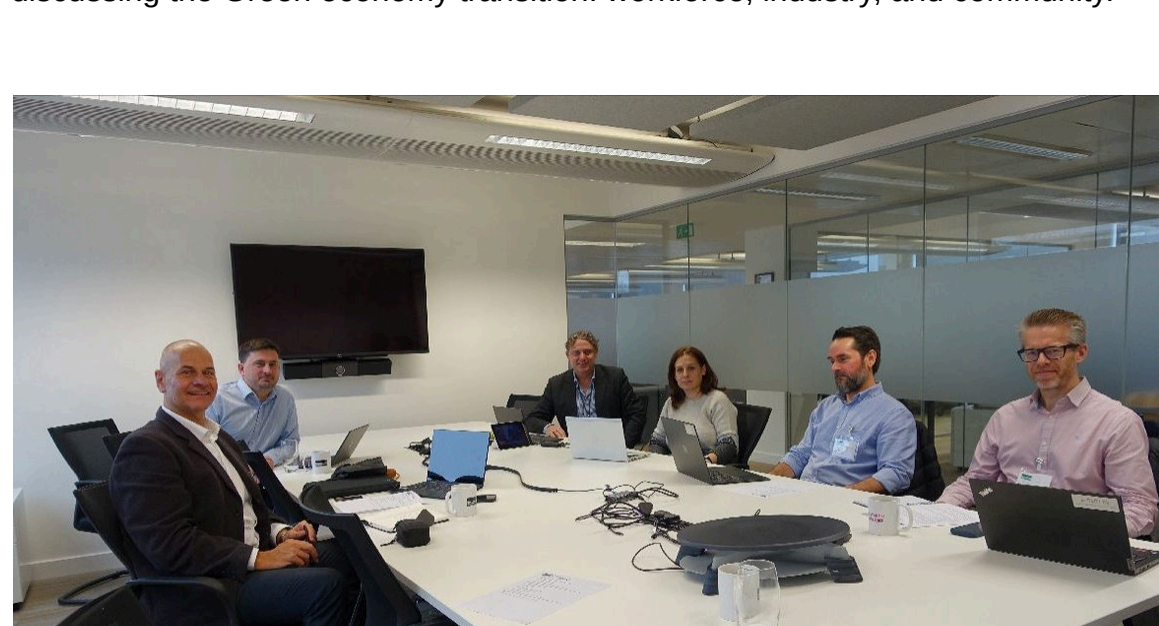
Focused on Australia's potential for premium knitwear manufacturing, Kirri-Mae's Fellowship tackled the significant skills gap in Linking for Fully Fashioned Knitwear. It underscored the necessity to alter perceptions of this vital skill and embrace contemporary business models that balance craftsmanship and technology.



Australia is a diverse nation with at least a third of us born overseas. However, individuals from migrant backgrounds—particularly those who have arrived in the last four years (newly arrived)—are disadvantaged and face barriers which lead to poorer education outcomes. Rohit Gupta's research conducted through his Fellowship sheds light on the barriers and facilitators that skilled migrants may face to pursue a career as vocational educators.

### Update on Fellows

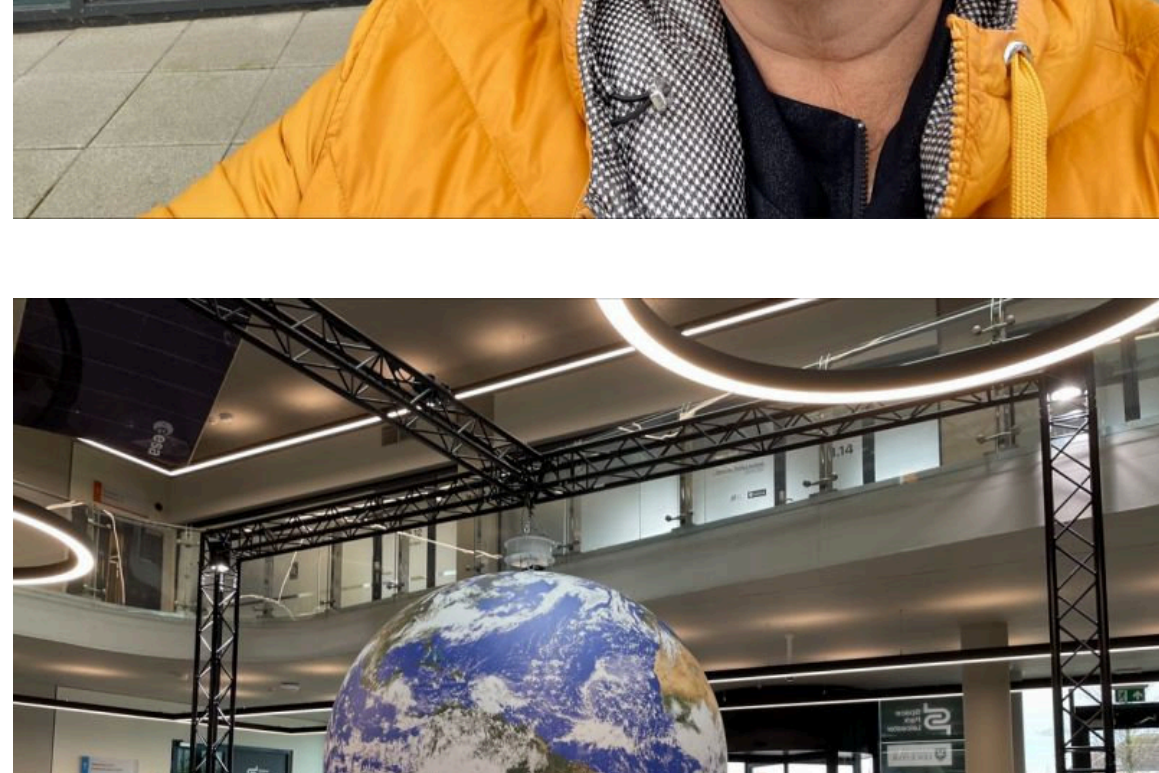
Australian VET Sustainability Fellow, Peter Schreiner (left) at The Education and Training Foundation in London. Participating in a Tertiary Education Round Table with the Further Education leaders from Work Lit and University of Exeter, discussing the Green economy transition: workforce, industry, and community.



Peter at The United Kingdom Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC).



Ann Baxter, visiting the Space Park at Leicester as part of her International VET VSA Practitioner Fellowship.

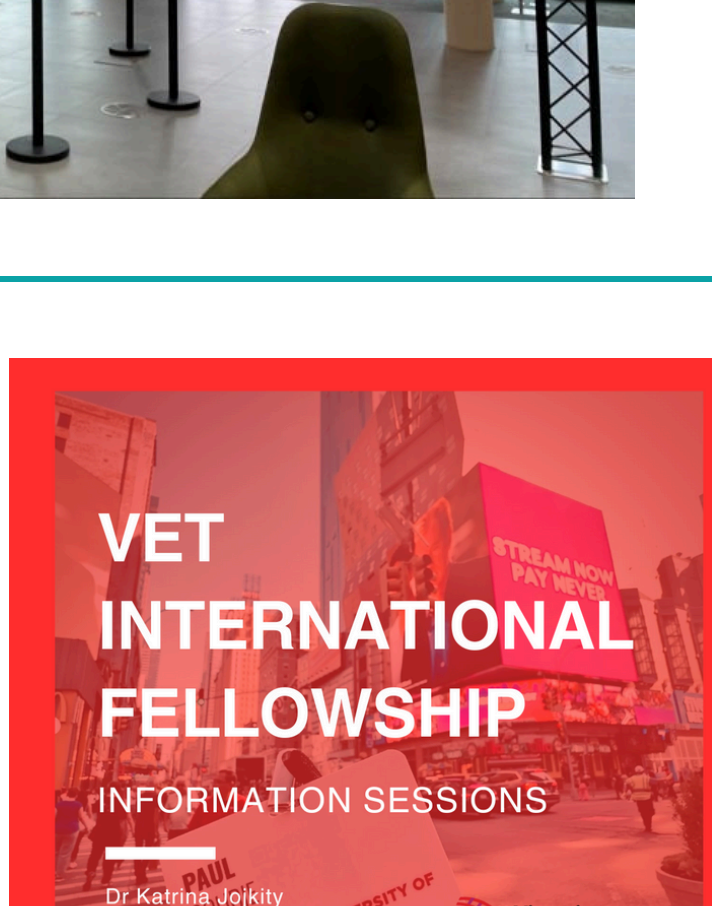


### Applying for a VSA International Practitioner Fellowship

March 21st | Webinar | 12 - 12:50 pm

Have all your questions and queries regarding our VSA International Practitioner Fellowship answered in our information sessions, hosted by ISS Institute CEO Katrina Jokjity!

Register below!



[Register Here](#)

### Do you have a question about our Fellowship?

Are you concerned about international travel? Wondering if you're eligible for a Fellowship, or just want to find out more about how we operate? Check out our FAQs

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