

MTEC2025 Program

21 October 2025 | Wrest Point Hotel Hobart



TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	Derwent Room
9:00 – 9:45	Welcome to Country Official opening: Senator Richard Dowling	Derwent Room
9:45 – 10:55	Lived Experience Block: Keynote Speaker: Adongwot Manyoul “Creating Culturally Inclusive Workplaces”	Derwent Room
10:55 – 11:30	Morning tea	Derwent Room
11:30 – 12:25	Business Block: Tasmanian Businesses Panel: <i>Pathways to Inclusivity and Belonging</i>	Derwent Room
12:25– 12:35	Business Block: Introducing <i>Multicultural Employment Project and the Resource Hub for Businesses, MCOT</i>	Derwent Room
12:35 – 12:50	Business Block: Premier Sponsor Keynote: Mark Hunt CEO of Blueline Laundry “ <i>The Dignity of Work: A Universal Principle for a Diverse Society</i> ”	Derwent Room
12:50 – 12:53	Gold Sponsor Address: Kim Heap, WPM Lawyers	Derwent Room
12:53 – 12:58	First Half Wrap Up, Intro to the second half	Derwent Room
13:00 – 14:00	Networking lunch	Boardwalk Gallery

BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES:

Boardwalk room	14:00-15:00	MRC Tasmania	15:00 – 16:00	N/A
Wellington 1 Room	14:00-15:00	Migrant Talent Connector	15:10 – 16:00	DLP2025 student Panel
Wellington 2 Room	14:00-14:50	Diverse Small Enterprise Program/Business Tas	15:00 – 16:00	Welcoming workplaces
Riviera Room	14:00-14:50	Volunteering Skill Map	15:00 – 16:00	Managing Psychosocial Hazards through Workplace Culture, TCCI
Derwent Room	14:15 – 15:45	Errol Amerasekera: "Adaptive Safety and your leadership superpower" Workshop		
16:00 – 17:00	Networking drinks and nibbles		Boardwalk Gallery	



OPENING ADDRESS: SENATOR RICHARD DOWLING



Richard Dowling is an Australian economist and politician, who is currently serving as a Labor Senator for Tasmania since 1 July 2025. Richard was educated in Tasmania's public school system and studied economics at UTAS while completing a cadetship at the State Treasury. This grounding saw him become Chief Economist of the TCCI and Senior Economic Adviser to former Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddings. Richard has worked across economics, government, and global technology firms, and was active in the Australian Workers' Union. Richard also completed his MBA in the United Kingdom, with a dissertation on clean energy innovation.

MC: ARIA RITZ



Aria is a proud Palawa woman and law student at RMIT Melbourne. She is a passionate advocate for Aboriginal rights, truth-telling, and justice, with experience as a public speaker, workshop co-facilitator, and MC.

KEYNOTE: ADONGWOT MANYOUL, CREATING CULTURALLY INCLUSIVE WORKPLACES



Adongwot Manyoul is a Churchill Fellow, communications specialist, and cultural consultant whose expertise spans media, government advisory, and organisational development. Her international research explores how Western societies integrate African diaspora communities, informing her work in transforming diversity and inclusion practices across government, education, and corporate sectors. Her approach promotes a deeper understanding of racial dynamics and cultural identity in workplaces and institutions.

TASMANIAN BUSINESSES PANEL: PATHWAYS TO INCLUSIVITY AND BELONGING

Tim Short	CEO, Adventure Patch
Kate Wittison	Human Resources Manager, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
Justin Johnstone	Employment Consultant, Searson Buck

KEYNOTE: MARK HUNT CEO OF BLUELINE LAUNDRY “THE DIGNITY OF WORK: A UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE FOR A DIVERSE SOCIETY”



Mark Hunt became the CEO of Blueline Laundry in July 2025, transitioning from his role as Chair of the Board. He is committed to Blueline's social enterprise mission and brings a background in leadership from education, sustainability, and complex operations. His focus is on building inclusive teams and strengthening community impact.

MTEC2025 Breakout Activities List



14:00 - 15:00

ROOM	TIME	SPEAKERS	ACTIVITY
Derwent Room:	14:15 - 15:45	Errol Amerasekera	“Adaptive Safety and Your Leadership Superpower” <i>Errol Amerasekera is an author, speaker, and consultant who helps organisations build inclusive, high-performing cultures.</i>
Riviera Room:	14:00 - 14:45	Sudina Ghimire	“The Volunteering Skill Map” <i>Activity helps employers, migrant and refugee volunteers, and community members see how volunteering can build useful skills and open doors to jobs. The activity is co-facilitated with the graduates of the Diverse Leadership Program 2025.</i>
Boardwalk Room:	14:00 - 15:00	Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania, Aimen Jafri, Alberte Toettenborg, Priya Vunaki	“Intercultural communication, inclusive recruitment, and unconscious bias”
Wellington Room 1:	14:00 - 15:00	Migrant Talent Connector, Lesley Hazelwood, Jade Li, in Collaboration with Chris Griffin from Chris Griffin Consultancy	“Creating Culturally Safe Workplaces: An Interactive & Collaborative Journey of Inclusion”
Wellington Room 2:	14:00 - 14:50	Bronwyn Kidd and Joana Cubillos	Business Tasmania and MCOT’s Diverse Small Enterprise Program offer a joint session to support culturally diverse Tasmanians in starting or growing a small business.

15:00 - 16:00

Riviera Room:	15:00 - 16:00	Stacey Joseph	TCCI Psychosocial hazards in the workplace. <i>This workshop will explore what psychosocial hazards are, how they may present and some simple and cost-effective strategies businesses can implement to identify and control them.</i>
Wellington Room 1:	15:10 - 16:00	Diverse Leadership Program Graduate Panel Panellists: Simon Wong, Aki Chang, Muhammad Abbas Junejo, Gina Benavides Jorje.	The panel will explore topics like leadership journeys, barriers, motivation, and value of this special leadership program.
Wellington Room 2:	14:15 - 15:45	Ken Dachi from Welcoming Australia	“Pathways to Employer Readiness - Welcoming Workplaces Standards” <i>The Welcoming Workplaces Standard is built upon extensive research, consultation, and leading practices in diversity, equity, and inclusion.</i>

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MTEC2025 Gold Partners: WPM Lawyers, WD Booth Charitable Trust, Skills Tasmania (through the Diverse Leadership Program)



MTEC2025 Silver Partners: Tasmanian Government Employer of Choice Program, TasTAFE, Hospitality Tasmania, City of Clarence, RACT, Dobson Mitchell Allport, Workforce Australia

