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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### [How Did You Get That Dream Job? Explore Your Options With a Traineeship!](#)

28 January 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Come to AFL SportsReady's free webinar to hear from former trainees who chose a traineeship as their post school career pathway and never looked back.

We will also have an expert on hand to explain the traineeship process and answer any of your questions.

With first round uni offers out, now is the time for young people to start making some decisions regarding their next career pathway.

Find out more:

[https://aflsportsready.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_37RijP2EQT68sbi\\_Mc1Hwg?ct=t\(inivtation-explore-options-with-a-traineeship\)](https://aflsportsready.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_37RijP2EQT68sbi_Mc1Hwg?ct=t(inivtation-explore-options-with-a-traineeship))

### **Torrens University Australia | Open Day 2021**

30 January 2021, 10:30 am - 31 January 2021, 4:00 pm

Online & On Campus

Campus Directors and Course & Careers Advisors will be on hand to welcome you in person – and online. As well as on-campus tours and meet-and-greets, we'll be crossing live to various locations, presentations and workshops so you can get a taste of student life and a real feel for how your learning journey could play out from wherever you are.

- Guest Speakers – Get insider advice and tips from industry professionals.
- Campus Tours – Come explore our modern facilities and vibrant social spaces. Campus tours will be available on the day, and available on-demand online too.
- Students, Staff & Alumni – Want to know more about flexible study options, fees, scholarships, pathways? Chat with a Course & Careers Advisor to figure out how you can get where you want to go.
- Dates – There's a variety of ways to enjoy our upcoming Open Day. Choose from:
  - Saturday 30 January – On Campus and live streamed (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide)
  - Sunday 31 January – Virtual (online)

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/open-day>

### **Endeavour College of Natural Health | Open House**

3 February 2021, 10:00 am - 4 February 2021, 4:00 pm

Endeavour College of Natural Health, Sydney Campus

For the first time ever, we are offering Open House tours of our campuses. These small group on-campus tours will give you the opportunity to explore our campuses, clinics, libraries and student spaces with a dedicated admissions adviser.

In these tours you'll be able to ask any study questions you may have in a personalised and COVID-safe environment.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/open-house/>

### **endota Wellness College | Virtual Info Session**

4 February 2021, 11:00 am

11 February 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Discover where the beauty and wellness industry can take you at a Virtual Info Session. Chat with the team, have your questions answered and follow your calling in Beauty Therapy, Remedial Massage or Salon Management.

Find out more: <https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/virtual-info-sessions/>

### **WSU | Discover Western: Course Decision Session**

4 February 2021, 4:00 pm

Online

So you've received offers into more than one course – and from multiple unis? Are you unsure which offer to accept? Join our live information session to hear about what Western Sydney University can offer you and ask all of your questions on offers and enrolment to help you decide.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html>

### **UTS College | Info Session Webinar**

9 February 2021, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

Don't let an ATAR number define you. If your heart is set on a UTS degree, UTS College is your way in. UTS College is the official pathway of UTS which guarantees entry into your UTS degree. Join our program managers and students to hear the student experience, support services and ask more questions about the diploma program you are interested in.

Find out more: <https://utscollege.edu.au/about/events/february-info-sessions>

### **WSU | Undergraduate Certificates Information Session**

10 February 2021, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Western Sydney University are now offering short online courses in health, information technology, and environmental sustainability. Applications are now open.

To find out more about Undergraduate Certificates offered at Western, please attend our Undergraduate Certificates Information Session.

Find out more: [https://wsustudents.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0vTlonCvzpTRNdz](https://wsustudents.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0vTlonCvzpTRNdz)

### **Basair | Pilot Career Seminar**

15 February 2021, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Basair Aviation College, Bankstown Aerodrome

In this free & interactive Pilot Career Seminar, you'll learn everything you need to know about a career as a Commercial Pilot. Register now!

Find out more: <http://www.basair.com.au/Events/Register/162>

### **Patrick's College Australia Open Day 2021**

4 September 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Patrick's College Australia, Sydney

At Patrick's College Australia Open Day, come and learn what it takes to be qualified and employed to work in Sydney's corporate world.

Since 1923, Patrick's has been training Sydney's most sought-after Personal Assistants (PAs), Executive Assistants (EAs), Legal Secretaries, Administrative Assistants and Office Managers.

Find out more: <https://www.pca.edu.au/>

## Workshops & Courses

### **Drawing Nature, Science and Culture: Natural History Illustration**

10 February 2021, 9:00 am - 24 March 2021, 5:00 pm

Online

Whether an aspiring scientific or medical illustrator or someone who enjoys drawing nature's wonders, this first-of-its-kind course is for you.

The field of Natural History Illustration is about observing and illustrating subjects from nature, science and culture, with their linkages to the environment being central.

You will learn essential skills and techniques that form the base for creating accurate and stunning replications of subjects from the natural world. This art and culture course is suitable for people looking to enter the illustration discipline as a serious pursuit or just looking to explore a passion.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/online-learning/drawing-nature-science-and-culture>

## Scholarships

### **ParaQuad Scholarships**

Value: Up to \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: January 1, 2021 – February 8, 2021

[Find out more](#)

### [Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund](#)

Value: \$2,500 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

[Find out more](#)

### [Gallipoli Scholarship](#)

Value: \$6,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: November 1, 2020 – February 1, 2021

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### [Young Archie Competition 2021](#)

The Art Gallery of New South Wales invites budding artists from around Australia between the ages of 5 and 18 to submit a portrait for the Young Archie 2021 competition.

The portrait must be of a person who is special to you – someone who is known to you and who knows you and plays a significant role in your life.

**Entries are open until 5.00pm on Sunday 7 March.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/young-archie/enter/>

### [Anthology Cover Art Award 2021](#)

Submissions are now invited for the Anthology Cover Art Award 2021. Established to foster and support both established and emerging visual artists and provide a platform for publication, the competition is open to multiple genres including painting, printmaking, mixed media, photography and digital media.

Works entered must not have appeared on the cover of another publication and not entered simultaneously in any other contest or competition. Works previously exhibited or published on the artist's website on the interior pages of a book or magazine are accepted.

Entries are invited from artists of all nationalities, living anywhere in the world. There is no limit to entries per person.

The winner will receive a €500 cash prize and publication on the cover of – and editorial coverage in – a future Issue of Anthology.

Find out more: <https://anthology-magazine.com/arts/anthology-cover-art-award-2021/>

## Careers & Jobs

### What it's really like to be an Engineer

Are you thinking of studying engineering at university? Wonder what a day in the life of an engineer is really like?

Deakin graduate and mechanical engineer Matt Bickley shares his experience, giving you an insight into what it's really like to be an engineer.

Read the full blog here: <https://this.deakin.edu.au/career/what-its-really-like-to-be-an-engineer>

### Careers in Maths

A career in maths doesn't just have to mean sitting at a desk crunching numbers. Maths is involved in almost every job out there in some way.

If you're thinking of a career in maths, there is a huge variety of fields and industries you can work in. Plus, you will learn great analytical and problem-solving skills that are valuable in any career,

Find out more about careers in maths and the pathways you can take to get there in University of Sydney's blog: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/science/news-and-events/2020/12/18/careers-in-maths.html>

### Meet Australia's Flying Vet

Animals and aeroplanes don't seem like things that would go hand-in-hand; but Dr Ameliah Scott has found a way to combine both of her passions.

Ameliah flies across regional and rural areas to provide vet services to people who might struggle to access help otherwise.

You can find out more about her story here: <https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/meet-australia%E2%80%99s-flying-vet/13068202>

## Further Learning

### New Short Courses from USC

Looking to upskill in just 6 months, or want a pathway into a Bachelor Degree?

USC is offering new Undergraduate Certificates in a wide range of areas, including business, health, STEM and more. These courses take as little as 6 months to complete, and can offer you credit into one of USC's Bachelor Degrees upon completion.

These short courses are great if you're looking to get a taste of uni before diving into a full degree, or are thinking of changing careers,

Find out more here: <https://www.usc.edu.au/study/courses-and-programs/short-courses>

### **Study Event Management Online**

Would you love a career in events or event management? The College of Event Management is offering a variety of courses, all available to study online.

From complete foundations up to a Diploma, learn all about event management and whether or not it could be the perfect career for you. They also offer short courses to help current industry professionals upskill.

Many of the courses can be started online at any time, giving you complete flexibility.

Find out more here: <https://coem.edu.au/>

### **12 Places You Can Learn Coding Online**

Considering a future career in IT, cyber security, web design, or programming? Or maybe you'd like to learn how to create your own games?

There are heaps of places out there online that can help you learn coding, often for a low cost and sometimes even completely free. Learning to code can even help you develop other skills, such as analytical thinking and problem solving (skills that are bound to look great on any resume).

If you'd like to get out there and start learning, *Entrepreneur* has compiled a list of places you can learn coding online. Check it out here: <https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/250323>

### **Academy of Modern Languages: Online Short Courses**

If you're obsessed with anime, love French culture, enjoy Italian cuisine or just want to learn a new skill, join the Academy of Modern Languages for the Semester 1 Online Language Short Course.

Adults and students in Year 10, 11 and 12 can learn how to speak a variety of different languages. Choose from Mandarin, French, Italian, Japanese, Spanish or Tok Pisin (PNG).

The details

The course runs for 10 weeks in total, with classes commencing the week beginning Monday 1 March 2021, and will be held weekly from 6pm – 8pm.

Registrations will close Wednesday 24 February 2021.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://events.jcu.edu.au/JCUAML>

## **Resources**

### **13 More Unusual Jobs you might not know exist**

Some of the careers in this blog might lean more towards a bit weird more than just unusual.

You never know what's going to strike a chord and be the spark that ignites a career you'll love. Here's a quick read of 13 more unusual jobs you might not know exist.

### **Professional Cuddler**

Yes, this is a real thing. You could be helping people who are struggling with loneliness, depression, past trauma, medical problems, or who are simply in need of an extra cuddle ... from a stranger.

Successful professional cuddlers might build an established clientele and develop repeat business or are open to one-off cuddles. You could be carrying out multiple cuddling sessions per day. Earning from \$40 to \$80 per hour, the hours are flexible and you could even work from home.

### **Golf Ball Diver**

Basically professional recyclers. Golf ball divers retrieve golf balls from bodies of water in or around golf courses. The golf balls are then cleaned up, repackaged, and resold. You could be part of an organisation where you just turn up, dive and earn 10 cents per ball. Or you could negotiate contracts to work independently for golf courses.

It's not glamorous work, often involving heavy lifting and diving into murky waters filled with all kinds of hazards. The rewards? Well you could earn upwards of \$100 per hour, [Glen Berger](#) claims to have made over \$15 million throughout his career.

### **Online Dating Ghostwriter**

How about working as a modern-day cupid? You could earn \$900 a month from writing dating profiles for people to post on their online dating site profiles. Not everyone is great at writing and if you are, you could be helping your clients to increase their chances of finding their perfect match.

### **Hippotherapy**

The literal meaning of Hippotherapy is "treatment with help of the horse". You'd be using the therapeutic benefits of horses and their movement to help human patients to overcome speech, physical, or mental health disorders.

Experience with, and love of horses isn't enough though. You'll need to qualify and become licensed as a physical therapist, occupational therapist or a speech or language therapist before you can specialise in this field.

### **Professional Bridesmaid**

Not a wedding planner, but similar. Not a celebrant but a major part of a couple's big day. Friend for hire, organiser, confidant, non-complaining member of the wedding party – if you get

along well with people and want to help bride's wedding days run smoothly, then this could seriously be a job to consider.

Read more about the job [here](#) and [here](#).

### **Water Slide Tester**

Water Slide Testers check to see if the water slides in resorts, theme parks and hotels are both fun and safe. Imagine how fantastic it would be turning up to work every single day.

### **Paper Towel Sniffer**

Odour Judges or Paper Towel Sniffers (there are people on LinkedIn with this as their job title) are hired by paper towel manufacturers. You'd be sniff testing products to check if they smell good (or not). Positions may be limited though, and in order to be competitive you'll need to have more than just a good nose for business.

### **Face Feeler**

Face feelers are also known as "sensory scientists", which definitely sounds more professional. In this job you'd be using your hands to feel the difference in product testers skin both before and after they've used lotions, creams and other products.

### **Line Stander**

If you're patient or perhaps you just enjoy people watching, and you don't mind being out in the elements, you could make line standing a side hustle that could earn you money.

Once you're hired you could find yourself lining up waiting for the release of a movie, concert or sporting event tickets, the newest iPhone, games consoles, or anything else. You'd get paid to hold a space for someone else who's too busy or just doesn't want to queue themselves.

There are even [websites](#) and apps available for booking these services if you want to sign up.

### **Bed Tester**

A temporary job usually, but one that's not surprisingly quite competitive is a [professional bed tester](#). Mattress and bedding manufacturers, bed designers and luxury hotels could require your services. You could be paid to take naps, testing out comfort levels, sleep quality, room conditions and other factors.

If this sounds like your dream career, find out more about what a job as a [professional sleeper](#) involves.

### **Pet Food Taster**

Pet food is a multi-million-dollar industry, so it should come as no surprise then that it's taken very seriously. It's not just pets that are picky about what they eat, their owners are particular

about the ingredients, health benefits and smell of the food they're feeding to their beloved pets.

Working as a pet food taster You'll have to assess products on packaging, smell, nutritional value and yes the texture and taste as well – it's all in a day's work.

### **Worm Picker**

Worm pickers work in the great outdoors "hunting" and collecting earth worms. The worms could be sold directly to fishermen to use as bait, you could be contracted by fishing companies to catch and package bait, or you'd work for Universities or other institutions that use the worms for teaching and research purposes.

No qualifications are required, but if you're paid per thousand worms collected, then there are definitely some skills and commitment required if you'd like to make a living from this job.

### **Gross Stunt Tester**

Love watching shows like I'm a celebrity get me out of here or Survivor? If you've watched the challenges taking place and thought "I could do that" – then you might have a future as a gross stunt tester.

You'd have to prepare and test out all the challenges. It would be your responsibility to ensure tasks are safe and contain the maximum grossness factor. On the plus side, you could earn up to \$800 a day and you have to wonder if there's really much competition for the jobs.

### **Want to keep reading?**

If you'd like to read about other careers that aren't all that mainstream but are a little less bizarre, check out our blog [11 Careers you may never have heard of](#).

Searching for inspiration about careers after school, but these outlandish options aren't appealing, we've got lots more to explore on our [Careers](#) and [Job Spotlight](#) pages too.

### **Discovering New Voices – Adult Animation**

Screenworks' *Discovering New Voices – Adult Animation* is a three-stage program designed to train undiscovered, diverse and talented writers and animators living in regional, rural and remote Australia with specific skills, and then place the final selected participant or team in Princess Pictures for a month to develop an animation project.

Through *Screenworks Discovering New Voices – Adult Animation*, Bento Box and Princess Pictures are seeking adult animation series concepts from regional Australians, for development and production.

The animation industry is hungry for new and unique voices so we strongly encourage anyone from an underrepresented background to apply.

To be eligible to apply, you must be:

- 18 years of age
- a member of Screenworks
- an Australian citizen or resident living in regional or rural Australia for at least 6 months.

**Applications close Monday 15 February.** Find out more and apply here:

<https://screenworks.com.au/learn/discovering-new-voices-adult-animation/>

### **How to Start a Podcast in High School**

If you're staying indoors more this summer, it might be the perfect time to start your own podcast!

Podcasts have become more popular than ever and they're easier to start than you think.

Check out this blog from the host of the Top of the Class podcast to learn how to get started.

Find out more: <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/blog/extracurriculars/how-to-start-a-podcast-as-a-high-school-student/>

### **Apply for the RRR Women's Canberra Muster Leadership Program**

The National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) has developed the unique RRR Women's Canberra Muster leadership Program over the last five years. Each year a selected cohort of RRR women 'Muster' in Canberra to be inspired, learn, network and grow their leadership skills and 'giveback' to their community through a volunteer project of their design.

Over a four day program of workshops, participants will develop their leadership skills and confidence, enjoying guest speakers and a visit to our Australian Parliament.

The Program is for you if:

- You want to grow your leadership capacity
- You are keen to make a difference to your community
- You seek to understand more about the political process
- You want to learn more about effective communication and negotiation
- You have a project you would like to develop to build capacity of other rural women.

**Applications are open now until Friday 12 February 2021.**

Find out more and apply here: <https://nrwc.com.au/nrwc-muster-application>

### **Activation Plan Indigenous Scholarship**

Are you an Indigenous woman who dreams of starting your own business or side-hustle? Do you want to work for yourself one day soon?

Lady Startup believe in equality and know that financial independence can be a key driver in helping to lift up women. They will be offering an unlimited number of scholarships for their online course the February 2021 Activation Plan for any Indigenous women who would like to learn how to start a business or side-hustle.

Whether you have an idea for a product or a service, whether you would like to launch a blog or a podcast...if you are looking to build any kind of brand or simply have the desire to work for yourself, the Lady Startup Activation Plan is an online course that can help you do it. Even if you don't yet have an idea.

**Applications close at midnight on the 31st of January.** To apply, go here:

<https://www.ladystartup.com/pages/indigenous-scholarship>

### **[Get some inspiration from these fascinating career stories](#)**

What She Did Next is a smart and engaging podcast series showcasing the fascinating career stories of Australian women from diverse fields and backgrounds, and their journey of facing and embracing change.

Now in its third season, the show features women from rural and regional parts of the country as well as from our big cities – from creatives and entrepreneurs, to authors and activists, to women in leadership, media, politics and STEM.

Find out more and listen here: <https://whatshedidnext.com.au/>

## Job Spotlight

### **[Top 10 Job Spotlights of 2020](#)**

Each week at [Study Work Grow](#), we research and compile a Job Spotlight.

They're designed to help you explore careers. From the skills that may be required, to a short look at what each job involves, the qualifications required, other pathways that could get you the job, as well as the salary you could expect to earn.

If you'd like to find more information, you can search through all of the job spotlights on our [page](#).

### **Top 10 Job Spotlights of 2020**

Most popular at number 1, the top 10 are as follows:

1. [Auslan Interpreter](#)
2. [Lawyer](#)
3. [Pharmacist](#)
4. [Writer](#)
5. [Teacher's Aide](#)
6. [Dietitian](#)
7. [Fashion Stylist](#)
8. [Pathology Collector](#)
9. [Photographer](#)

## 10. [Dog Groomer](#)

### **Let us know what you'd like to see**

If there's a specific career or industry that you're interested in working in, but you don't see any job spotlights or resources that are relevant. Drop us a line at [info@studyworkgrow.com.au](mailto:info@studyworkgrow.com.au) and we'll do the rest for you.

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