

# Weekly News for Queensland

For November 25, 2019

*Jump to:*

Open Days & Info Sessions

Workshops & Courses

Scholarships

Competitions

Summer Jobs

Further Learning

Work Experience

Resources

Job Spotlight

## Open Days & Info Sessions

### [Defence Force Information Sessions – QLD – December](#)

#### **December 2**

#### [Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Monday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Maroochydore RSL

#### **December 3**

#### [Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | City Golf Club

#### [Cairns: Careers for Indigenous Australians](#)

Tuesday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Defence Force Recruiting Cairns

#### [Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane

[Maryborough: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

Tuesday | 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Maryborough Army Reserve Depot

**December 5**

[Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Thursday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Defence Force Recruiting Cairns

**December 10**

[Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Defence Force Recruiting Toowoomba

[Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Defence Force Recruiting Townsville

**December 11**

[Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Wednesday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane

**December 12**

[Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Thursday | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast

[Queensland Police Service Recruiting – Cairns Information Session](#)

26 November 2019, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

PCYC Cairns

The Queensland Police Service holds regular recruiting events throughout the year for people who want to become Queensland police officers.

At these events, information is provided in relation to the current entry process and requirements for the Queensland Police Service.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/queensland-police-service-recruiting-cairns-information-session-tickets-82122920867>

[ANU | Brisbane Advisory Day](#)

5 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

State Library of Queensland

Have you received a conditional offer to study in 2020 or are you interested in studying at The Australian National University?

At the Brisbane Advisory Day you will have one-on-one access to advisors, as well as representatives from our academic Colleges.

We will be there to answer your questions, no matter how general or detailed, so we encourage you to come along to learn more about why ANU is the right choice for you.

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/brisbane-advisory-day-2019>

### **ANU | Townsville Advisory Day**

6 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Museum of Tropical Queensland

Have you received a conditional offer to study in 2020 or are you interested in studying at The Australian National University?

At the Townsville Advisory Day you will have one-on-one access to advisors, as well as representatives from our academic Colleges.

We will be there to answer your questions, no matter how general or detailed, so we encourage you to come along to learn more about why ANU is the right choice for you.

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/townsville-advisory-day-2019>

### **Career Insights: Monthly Digital Workshop**

19 December 2019, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Join us for a monthly interactive workshop where we cover various economic and technology trends as they impact your career.

This month's topic is "How to increase your value and worth in less than a year".

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/career-insights-monthly-digital-workshop-tickets-80972411663>

### **TAFE QLD | Nursing Webinar**

13 January 2020, 7:00 pm

Online

TAFE Queensland would like to invite you to one of our free online information sessions to learn more about studying the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54115) with us.

Find out more: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/news-events/events/2020/january/nursing-webinar-13-jan.html>

### **Torrens | Virtual Open Day**

29 January 2020, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

Virtual Open Day is a customised online event that is designed for you to explore your study options in courses related to Business, Design, Technology, Hospitality, Health and Education.

Open Day is your opportunity to hear from a variety of inspiring guest speakers, get involved in virtual workshops, and get all of your questions answered. Your future is waiting for you.

- Live chat directly with Academics and Course & Career Advisors
- Get all your questions about study and student life answered
- Learn more about our dynamic undergraduate and postgraduate courses

- Explore options to study online or on campus in courses related to Business, Design, Creative, Tech, Education, Hospitality and Health
- Gain access to our video and resource library
- Meet other students in our virtual social lounge
- Explore the virtual campus
- Attend from the comfort of your own home

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

### **CQUni | STEPS Information Sessions**

7 February 2020, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

CQUniversity Brisbane, Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone Marina, Mackay Ooralea, Noosa, Rockhampton North and Townsville Campuses

Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study.

Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course.

STEPS is a free, Centrelink approved enabling course that is designed to help you acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to gain entry into university.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/steps-information-session33>

### **CQUni | STEPS Information Session, Online**

14 February 2020, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study.

Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course.

STEPS is a free, Centrelink approved enabling course that is designed to help you acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to gain entry into university.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/steps-information-session38>

## Workshops & Courses

### [iCanMed | Free UCAT Workshop, Brisbane](#)

30 November 2019, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

QUT Gardens Point Campus

Medical and dental schools are continually finding new ways to identify the candidates who are most likely to become successful health professionals in the future. The UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is the latest addition to the selection process used by thirteen universities in Australia and New Zealand. Some universities weight your UCAT score just as heavily as your ATAR when deciding on final offers, while others won't even give you an interview offer unless you achieved a UCAT score in the top 10% of the cohort. This means that doing well in the UCAT is a make-or-break for prospective candidates.

This workshop will address all the must-know information you need to effectively prepare for the UCAT. If you want to receive the insights, experience and expertise that will help you get ahead of the competition, this is a workshop that you cannot afford to miss.

In this 3-hour workshop, we will:

- Discuss the methods/formulas that medical and dental schools use to select top candidates
- Highlight all of the critical mistakes that students made when preparing for and sitting the 2019 UCAT
- Offer game-changing strategies that helped almost 400 iCanMed students score 3000+ (96th percentile or above) on the 2019 UCAT
- Sit a mini mock exam that contains questions with the same difficulty, format and style as those found in the official 2019 UCAT
- Teach the correct methods to solve major Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 question types, with a focus on achieving top speeds without compromising accuracy

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-ucats-workshop-bris-how-to-score-3000-96th-percentile-on-the-ucats-exam-tickets-80451890771>

### [UQ | Introduction to Robotics Workshop](#)

17 December 2019, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The University of Queensland, Saint Lucia Campus

This workshop introduces students to the exciting world of robotics by building and programming robots. The workshop aims to improve the analytical and problem solving skills of students, and complements the new Technology curriculum by providing a project-based learning activity.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/introduction-to-robotics-workshop-december-2019-tickets-59144535899>

### Teen Etiquette & Image Workshop

17 December 2019, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

RFH on Gregory

Over the past 20 years the use of technology, in particular smart phones, has significantly changed the way we interact with each other. Used to communicating through screens, teenagers are losing the art of face to face communication.

The Australian School of Etiquette's teenage workshop provides hands-on mentoring, where your young adult will learn how to interact with others and why these skills are so important. Each participant will receive a Certificate to confirm their completion of the Teenage Etiquette and Image Workshop.

The Teenage Etiquette and Polished Image courses are designed to give young ladies and men aged 12-17 years a sense of confidence in the way they move, feel, communicate and present themselves.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/teen-etiquette-image-workshop-12-17-brisbane-tickets-63463896222>

### Digital Art Workshops: 3D Modelling

8 January 2020, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hervey Bay Library

This will be a hands-on workshop where participants will learn the basics of 3D modelling in a free computer program call Blender. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a complete model fully rendered into images that they can have emailed to them. Furthermore, they will leave with basic skills required to make their own models in blender at any time, a better insight into what can be achieved with 3D modelling and what opportunities are out there in the 3D art industry.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/digital-art-workshops-3d-modelling-hervey-bay-library-tickets-79646848869>

## Scholarships

### Australia Council for Arts Career Development Grant | Round 1

Value: \$25,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: – February 4, 2020

Individual artists (as well as arts workers or groups of artist), are invited to apply for a Career Development Grant.

Valued between \$5,000 to \$25,000, these grants support a broad range of activities such as skills and professional development, mentorships, showcases, residencies and other projects

directly related to your career development. Supported activities must last no longer than two years from the proposed start date.

**Applications are open now and close:**

- Tuesday 4 February for projects starting after 1 May 2020 (11:59pm AEDT).

For more information, application form, guidelines, terms and conditions or advise go to this [page](#).

**Eligibility:**

- Only individuals and groups may apply to this category.
- You must be a practicing artist or arts worker
- Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.

**To apply:** You'll need to complete and submit an application form. Obtain peer reviews (guidelines apply). Provide supporting material including:

- Examples of recent work
- Resume / CV / brief Bio
- Letters of support

[Find out more](#)

**[The Lady Mollie Isabelle Askin Ballet and Sir Robert William Askin Operatic Scholarships](#)**

Value: \$30,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: – January 30, 2020

The Lady Mollie Isabelle Askin Ballet and Sir Robert William Askin Operatic Scholarships were established by a Deed of Lady Mollie Askin to further culture and advance education in Australia by providing travelling scholarships for Australian citizens with outstanding ability and promise in Ballet & Opera.

Applications for the Lady Mollie Isabelle Askin Ballet Scholarship are open to individual artists who are Australian citizens aged 17 – 29 at the closing date. Applications for the Sir Robert William Askin Operatic Scholarship are open to individual artists who identify as male and are Australian citizens aged 18 – 29 at the closing date.

[Find out more](#)

**[Gallipoli Scholarship](#)**

Value: \$6,000

Open/Closing Dates: January 1, 2020 – March 1, 2020

You are invited to apply for a Gallipoli Scholarship to assist your first year of tertiary study either at university or TAFE (the latter at Degree, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level).

An applicant for the Scholarship must:

- Have qualified and been accepted to undertake tertiary study at University or TAFE (the latter at Diploma or Advanced Diploma level).

- Be able to show necessitous circumstances through ill health of family members, death, separation from parents or guardians, unexpected financial loss or asset reduction that would otherwise prevent the applicant's full-time attendance at university or TAFE.
- Be in receipt of or be eligible to receive Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or a similar Government benefit. This must be supported by relevant documentation in the form of the client registration number showing date of application and/or the decision in relation to the application
- Be an Australian citizen.
- Be a direct descendant of an Australian serviceman or servicewoman who served in either World War I or World War II.
- Be under 25 years of age on 1 March in the year of application.
- Commence their first year of university or TAFE studies (the latter at Degree, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level) in the year of application and be studying full-time.

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### [Fall 2019 Travel Writing Contest](#)

Award-winning literary travel magazine Nowhere Magazine's accepting [Fall 2019 Travel Writing Contest](#) is open now, you could win US\$1,000 and get your work published.

Stories can be fiction, nonfiction, poetry or essay, you'll need to indicate the genre at the top of your manuscript. Entries should be:

- between eight hundred and five thousand words (poetry may be any length and several poems, themed together, may be submitted as one entry)
- written in English
- not have been previously chosen as a winner in another contest.

You'll need to [submit your entry](#) before the deadline at 11:59 p.m. EST on **January 1, 2020** to be in with a chance.

### [Google Code-in 2019](#)

Pre-university students ages 13 to 17 are invited to take part in Google Code-in: Our global, online contest introducing teenagers to the world of open source development. With a wide variety of bite-sized tasks, it's easy for beginners to jump in and get started no matter what skills they have.

Mentors from our participating organisations lend a helping hand as participants learn what it's like to work on an open source project. Participants get to work on real software and win prizes from t-shirts to a trip to Google HQ!

The competition opens on Tuesday 3 December and runs until Friday 24 January 2020.  
Find out more here: <https://codein.withgoogle.com/>

### **Queensland Youth Week 2020 Art Competition**

Are you a creative young Queenslander (aged 13-25) with a flair for graphic design? Here's your chance to design the artwork for Queensland Youth Week 2020 (QYW20) and add a state-wide campaign to add to your portfolio.

The winning entry will be featured across all promotional materials for QYW20 and there's over \$1000 worth of fantastic prizes up for grabs too.

**Entries close Sunday 15 December.**

Find out more: <https://e-hub.engagementhub.com.au/queensland-youth-week-2020-artwork-competition->

### **Is Your School the Coolest School in Queensland?**

She Maps are looking to find Queensland's Coolest School. There's \$5,650 in prizes to be won and free PD courses for teachers.

There are two parts to the competition, and you can enter either or both. To enter (it's free) teachers and your students need to submit a two-minute (maximum) video in either Part 1 (Drones) or Part 2 (Shady Hangouts), or both parts showing just how cool your school is.

There's a primary school and secondary school category to choose from.

**The competition closes on Friday 13 Dec 2019.**

Find out more including how to enter, and read the terms and conditions [here](#).

## Summer Jobs

### **Why bother with a summer job?**

After a hectic school year, you might just be craving some time out and looking forward to winding down.

Getting a summer job could be the last thing on your mind.

But have you considered all the benefits of a summer job? If not, here's a few that might just change your mind and have you reaching for the classifieds:

- Feel more confident applying for jobs and attending interviews
- Help you build an attractive resume which could make you stand out to future employers, or make your uni application more competitive
- Learn all kinds of new skills – some you might not even realise you're doing, like prioritising and multi-tasking

- Gain insight into different jobs, find out if there's something you'd like to explore further, or put it on the "no thanks" list
- Getting a job during high school will give you an advantage over people who wait until after graduation to land a job
- Develop and practise life skills including:
  - time management
  - patience
  - communication
  - customer service
  - people skills
  - collaboration
  - teamwork
  - good work ethic
  - leadership
  - problem solving

These will look great on your resume, be useful at school and throughout your working life.

- Professional networking – this could guarantee you a job to come back to in future, or secure you a part time job while you study, get you a great reference, or through word of mouth could get you an even bigger and shinier job offer.
- Earn your own spending money to do with exactly as you'd like, help out at home, or put towards your savings for a car, gap year or uni expenses.
- Get familiar with entitlements, taxes, banking and budgeting
- Getting a summer job could help you assert your independence, boost your self-confidence, and learn more about your capabilities.

You might think that showing up to work flipping burgers or serving up ice creams won't benefit you much at all, but aside from earning some cash, it could teach you how to motivate yourself (getting up each day to do something you're not mad about), work hard, prioritise tasks, and achieve goals. Plus, you could make new friends and have some fun along the way.

At the end of the day life is all about balance. So there's no need to find a job that has you slaving away from sun-up till sun-down, seven days a week. Something part time and flexible will give you all the benefits, plus allow you the time you'd like to enjoy the summer break.

## Further Learning

### [Library Assistant Trainee – Logan](#)

All Trades Queensland have an exciting opportunity for a highly-motivated, enthusiastic and career driven Library Assistant Trainee to join the Library and Information Services Team with their host based in Logan for a February 2020 start.

You will be working towards obtaining a Certificate IV in Library and Information Services. You will join a reputable company who values their employees and strives to make a positive difference in people's lives through the quality of the services they provide.

Find out more

here: [https://atqweb.secure.force.com/apex/RP\\_JobDetails?id=a0k0o00001H0MBSAA3](https://atqweb.secure.force.com/apex/RP_JobDetails?id=a0k0o00001H0MBSAA3)

### [Cadet Technical Officer – Dalby](#)

The Cadet Technical Officer position is one of gaining experience and qualifications necessary to be able to confidently undertake civil engineering works in the area of works strategic planning, construction and maintenance. The position requires the individual to develop skills over time to be able to achieve the next level of employment as a Project Manager / Civil Engineer.

The successful applicant will have:

- completed a Secondary education to Grade 12 level with an OP capable of gaining entry to complete Bachelor of Engineering Science (Civil), OR has already commenced this course at a tertiary institution;
- an interest in engineering and project management;
- a 'C' Class Drivers Licence (manual preferred); and
- strong analytical and technical ability.

**Applications are open until Thursday 28 November.**

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/40082494>

### [Apprenticeships in Bowen](#)

The Whitsunday Regional Council is currently seeking applications for several apprenticeship positions in Bowen. You can apply for the following:

- [Apprentice Fitter](#)
- [Apprentice Plumber](#)
- [Apprentice Electrician](#)
- [Apprentice Mechanic](#)

**Applications are open until Friday 6 December.**

Click the individual links above to find out more, or see all available jobs [here](#).

### [Southern Downs Regional Council 2020 Traineeship Intake](#)

The Southern Downs Regional Council is currently taking applications for their 2020 traineeship intake.

They have opportunities in the following areas:

- Administration
- Civil Construction
- Parks and Gardens
- Conservation and Land Management
- Health and Environment
- Library and Information Services

Applications are open until Monday 6 January.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/council/jobs-at-council/hr0833-2020-traineeship-intake>

### [Apprentice Signwriter](#)

If you've recently finished school and are looking for a creative career as a signwriter and you're located in the Atherton Tablelands there's an opportunity to sign up for a full time, 4-year, Signwriting Apprenticeship with trade training based at Tolga.

You'll need to be creative, have an eye for detail and take pride in your work, follow instructions and enjoy practical work.

You'll also need to have a provisional licence.

Apply by sending your resume and cover letter to [tanya@vpginc.com.au](mailto:tanya@vpginc.com.au)

## Work Experience

### [Work Experience with Ipswich City Council](#)

Ipswich City Council recognises the importance of providing meaningful work experience to students of educational institutions such as high schools, universities and other recognised courses of study.

The objective of work experience is to enable participants to gain an understanding of the particular occupational area in which they are placed and to gain experience being part of a large and diverse organisation. Council is committed to supporting as many placements as possible.

Applications can be made in a wide range of professional, technical, administrative, outdoor and trade areas.

[Learn more](#)

### **Work Experience with Noosa Council**

Noosa Council acknowledges the mutual benefits to all parties that participate in work experience or work placements and provides opportunities to interested members of the community.

Work experience and work placements aim to provide students with an opportunity to relate their studies to the workplace, prepare them for the demands and expectations of the working world and help them to make informed career decisions by assessing their aptitudes and interests.

Demand is high so work experience is limited to students who are enrolled with the following schools or universities:

- Good Shepherd Lutheran College
- Noosa District State High School
- St Teresa's Catholic College
- Sunshine Beach State High School
- University of the Sunshine Coast
- Any other university providing that a Placement Partner Agreement is in place prior to any work placements being offered.

[Learn more](#)

### **Work Experience with Whitsunday Regional Council**

Whitsunday Regional Council offers work experience placements for students in a dynamic and varied work environment across a wide range of disciplines.

Participants are placed with Council to primarily observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or experience. All work experience placements are unpaid.

To be eligible for placement you must be either:

- a secondary student Year 10 or higher
- a student undertaking a Certificate III or above with a registered training organisation
- a university student (if work experience is a requirement to complete of relevant study)
- registered through a Job Find Agency

[Learn more](#)

### **Work Experience with Central Highlands Regional Council**

Central Highlands Regional Council recognises that work experience is an important part of student's development. We aim to enable high school students to experience the dynamic area of Local Government, gaining valuable insights into their chosen field of study while contributing to part of their curriculum through unpaid work experience. To be eligible for a work experience placement you must be a secondary school student and at least 14 years old.

[Learn more](#)

### [Work Experience with Mackay Regional Council](#)

Mackay Regional Council offers work experience placements for students in a dynamic local government environment. Secondary school and tertiary students have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a diverse range of streams at Council. Work experience helps you make an informed decision about your career and the opportunity to explore potential careers.

[Learn more](#)

### [Work Experience with Cook Shire Council](#)

Cook Shire Council works closely with local schools and community members to develop work experience opportunities with the aim of allowing students to become familiar with positions/careers, employer expectations and working conditions.

As Council delivers a diverse portfolio of services, we are also able to offer a wide range of work experience from environmental services to marketing to administration.

Council offers work experience in various divisional areas of Council to students in high schools, TAFE colleges, universities and from approved work experience referral agencies.

[Learn more](#)

### [Work Experience with Cassowary Coast Regional Council](#)

Cassowary Coast Regional Council actively participates in work experience placements for various occupations.

We offer unpaid work experience placements to school students, TAFE students and job seekers.

Approved participants will receive on-the-job experiences in their preferred area and will be engaged in “work shadowing”.

[Learn more](#)

## Resources

### [Changing Preferences Guide 2019](#)

When you submit a university application, particularly through an admissions centre (QTAC, VTAC, UAC, TISC, SATAC or UTAS), you get to choose a few courses you’d like to study.

You’re supposed to rank your choices in terms of which one you’d most like to do first, hence the name “preferences”.

#### **But did you know**

- You can change your preferences for any reason *before* the ATAR / OP release date
- Once the ATARs are released, there’s a window before the main round of offers are made when you’ll have the chance to change your preferences again

- Once the main of offers are over, you'll still have the opportunity to be considered for future offer rounds as well (even if you receive and offer..... and even if that offer was for your first preference).

### **Need some help?**

The changing preferences system can be confusing, we get that.

So here at Study Work Grow, we've put together a guide that could help you get some clarity about the process, your options and how to go about making the changes.

Since preferences are linked to offers, of course we couldn't leave them out.

You can download the guide [here](#).

### **Volunteer positions with the RSPCA**

Aged 16+ with 4 hours to spare once a week? The RSPCA have 139 volunteer roles for passionate animal lovers.

It could be great for resume and you'd be doing something really worthwhile – not to mention you'd get to spend time with some cute little critters.

They have roles in Toowoomba, Strathpine, New Farm, Wacol, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Cairns, Dakabin, Gympie, Ipswich, Kingaroy, Logan, Mackay, Moorooka, Noosa, Rockhampton and Townsville.

Positions include photographers, admin assistants, creative design, foster carer, op shops assistant and dozens more.

Click on the link to see what's available and find a role that suits

you: [www.rspcaqld.org.au/volunteer/volunteer-positions](https://www.rspcaqld.org.au/volunteer/volunteer-positions)

### **UQ Science Ambassador Program**

Raise the profile of science within your school and recognise high-achieving and motivated senior students by nominating them as UQ Science Ambassadors.

Ambassadors will champion science at your school by developing and delivering events, holding National Science Week activities, and encouraging other senior science students to share their experiences with students in all years.

The program challenges students to develop their leadership abilities and communication skills, and offers them the chance to connect with likeminded students across Queensland.

UQ provides support for ambassadors through regular communication, including email updates, monthly quizzes, a closed Facebook group and invitations to attend events.

**Nominations are open until Sunday 1 March 2020.**

Find out more: <https://science.uq.edu.au/community/outreach/uq-science-ambassador-program>

### [No such thing as the male or female brain](#)

We were interested to read this article based on the work of Neuroscientist Gina Rippon, she's found that there's no biomechanical differences between the male and female brain.

There are differences between individual brains that's for sure, but they're seemingly a direct consequence of the life we have lived and experiences we've had, shaped by opportunities and culture for example, rather than the sex of their owners.

If you're curious to find out more, here's the [full article](#).

### [A Day in the life at a Veterinarian Clinic](#)

Photographer Michael Weinhardt spent months working with staff at a Vet clinic in Canberra, to create a photographic essay that reflects the realities of a working day for vets and vet nurses.

It was created specifically with young people in mind, to help them gain a bit more insight if they're considering, or already studying for, a career in veterinary services.

The [photographic journal](#) is accompanied by a [five-part feature article](#) detailing some of the challenges faced by people working in veterinary services, especially recent graduates.

If you're looking for an authentic glimpse into a career in Veterinary services, these resources are definitely for you.

You can see a shortened version [here](#) before you delve inside the full essay.

## Job Spotlight

### [Professional Dancer](#)

If you're physically fit and you have a passion for and background in dance, then life as a professional dancer, or role within the dance industry, could be for you.

Career outcomes within dance can be split into 3 areas including performing, teaching, and roles within the arts and associated organisations.

#### **1. Performers**

You could work hard and become an elite performer working with national and state companies.

There's also work on stage and in TV, within smaller companies, with individuals (e.g. supporting musicians).

You might be lucky enough to be employed on a permanent basis, or you'll be signed up with an agent who'll find openings that you can audition for.

Freelance dancers must network, search for and attend upcoming auditions, and join professional associations who might put out announcements when positions become available. Performance roles are highly competitive, so it's possible that additional skills and experience in acting, film or TV production, could improve employment options.

The salary for performers varies hugely depending on the level and the amount of work. Job outlook states that dancers (full-time) is \$71,000 per year. Glassdoor states the monthly salary at the Australian Ballet is \$4,732. Indeed lists the average salary as \$79 per hour and Payscale lists it as \$33.35 per hour.

## 2. Teaching

Talented dancers could gain the relevant training and experience and turn to teaching, there's a few options to consider.

- Dance Teacher

With the right qualifications you some dancers choose to work in schools (primary or secondary) or within other training organisations. There's also an option of opening up your own dance studio or school run as a small business.

Salary varies once again according to where you work and how much work you do, Job Outlook lists the average salary for private dance teachers as \$58,344 per year. The average starting salary for school teachers in Australia is \$65,000 per year.

- Choreographer

Choreographers create original dance routines, develop new moves, and put together entire programmes for performances and shows. They'll pick out the music, audition dancers and teach performers the routine. They also use their creative talents to help performers and producers reinvent established dances and routines, or provide new interpretations.

Job outlook lists the average salary of a choreographer as \$71,000 per year.

- Dance Therapist

Using their dance skills to create programmes to benefit the elderly, children and adults with special needs or some physical disabilities.

## 3. Other

If performing and teaching don't hit the spot, there are lots of careers related to the dance industry, where knowledge and experience of dancing may be required, they might include: administration, production, theatre management, public relations, backstage and other technical positions, costume design and making.

**Note:** In Australia there are also opportunities for those specifically trained in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island traditional dance styles to find work in each of the areas listed above.

## Pathways

It's to make it big in the world of professional dance without any formal qualifications. Dedication and natural ability are critical but learning and practising the techniques and disciplines is often desirable for lots of roles.

**VET qualifications** in Dance including Certificate I, II, III, or IV, and Diplomas and a background in dance lessons could get you a long way. [My Skills](#) list all the current qualifications on offer and will let you know all the registered training providers who offer the courses.

**Dance academies** offer VET qualifications and other intensive programs, providing opportunities for budding dancers to hone their skills and techniques. Entry to most requires applicants to pass an audition.

A **Bachelor's degree** or post graduate degree could qualify you for teaching positions and some careers within industry listed in section 3 of the careers section above.

Examples of dance degrees in Australia include:

[Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Dance\) at The University of Melbourne](#)

[Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Dance and Performance at Macquarie](#)

[Bachelor of Arts \(Dance\) at Edith Curtin University](#)

[Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Dance\) at QUT](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Dance\) at Deakin](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Dance\) at Flinders](#)

[Bachelor of Dance Education at ACPE](#)

You could study other degrees with a major in Dance, if performing and teaching isn't your dream, or you'd like to give yourself more career options, this could be a great idea.

For those intending to start up their own dance businesses, tertiary qualifications in business or marketing for example could be really valuable.

## Further reading

There are lots of useful Associations and Societies that specialise in Dance or performing arts, they'll have lots of useful advice and information. Here's a few:

[The Australasian Dance Association \(ADA\)](#)

[Australian Teachers of Dancing \(ATOD\)](#)

[Australian National Dance Association \(ANDA\)](#)

[Acrobatic Dance Association](#)

You could also have a read of our blog "[Pursuing a career in dance](#)" for some useful information and tips.

Job growth in dance is **strong** (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

**The Study Work Grow Research Team**

PO Box 109, Redlynch, QLD 4870

Phone: 0432 860 108

Email: [lucy@studyworkgrow.com.au](mailto:lucy@studyworkgrow.com.au)

Find us online – [www.studyworkgrow.com.au](http://www.studyworkgrow.com.au)

Copyright © 2019, [Study Work Grow](#) | All rights reserved