



Welcome to the sixth edition of Careers News for 2024!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to both Wil Murray and Tyron Heal (Year 11) who have both secured apprenticeships with Pivotal Trade Services. We wish both boys all the best with their new careers!



Wil Murray



Tyron Heal

R2R Medicine Ambassadors Presentation

Dale from Rural Doctors Workforce Agency will be at Samaritan College on Wednesday 22 May at 12:30pm, to present on the Medicine Ambassadors Program. The R2R Medicine Ambassadors are fifth year medical students who are based in rural communities for the whole year, they will talk about:

- Why they chose medicine?
- How they applied? Whether they got into the course the first time or what they did?
- The challenges and victories of moving out of home and starting study at university (some ambassadors were from country towns)
- Personal recommendations

The RDWA coordinator will talk about the fully funded grants available to Year 10-12 students including travel subsidy to attend SA University Open Days in person and UCAT prep and interview prep assistance. Both the ambassadors and Dale will be happy to answer questions.

If you are interested in attending this session, please email or SEQTA DM Mrs Shivvaan.

Upcoming Events

NCW | Careers in Automotive

May 16

The automotive industry offers a range of career opportunities, with entry points available for varying different levels of education.

This session will explore the latest trends impacting the industry, how these translate to strong career opportunities and the types of roles that are in demand,

what they earn and how to commence the journey toward achieving them.

This event is part of National Careers Week's industry information series, courtesy of the Career Industry Council of Australia and three Jobs and Skills Councils.

[Find out more](#)

Girls Who Build – Let's talk tools of the trade with ADCO's Graduates & Cadets

May 16

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Graduate and Cadet programs from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

William Angliss Institute | Industry Insights: Event Management & Career Pathways Q&A

May 16

Want to know about the creative, fast-paced events industry?

Join us as we interview former Event Manager and now Industry Trainer and Author, Effie Steriopoulos, as she shares insights into the occupation and event roles in this space, her own experiences, career pathways, skills needed and more to thrive in the event management industry.

[Find out more](#)

NCI | Careers in Clean Energy: Charting the course to Net Zero

May 17

This session is being presented by the National Careers Institute, the Premier Partner of National Careers Week.

Join us for a panel discussion on Australia's clean energy sector.

The clean energy sector is in a period of extraordinary growth as Australia accelerates towards a fully clean energy power system. A panel will discuss the varied careers in clean energy and their lived experience in their career journeys. At the conclusion of the discussion attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT | New Career Ahead: Explore the Possibilities Series 3/3

May 22

What is it like to work in a particular job? Or a particular sector?

In our third and final workshop, equip yourself with the tools to explore your career ideas and leverage valuable resources to make informed decisions. Whether it's your first job, a change, or a transition, good research gives a more complete picture of opportunities and uncovers new ideas.

Gain clarity and confidence and take the next steps in your career journey as we cover:

What labour market information is and benefits it can provide.

Practical tools and resources available to help you delve further into your career ideas.

Actionable steps to keep your exploration moving forwards and yourself on track.

You can either opt to attend this session online or in person at RMIT University Melbourne City Campus. The general public and RMIT students are welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Career Roadshow Port Augusta

Thursday May 23

The Career Roadshow aims to provide schools and the community the opportunity to explore a wide range of regional career paths, connect with industry professionals, and access training and higher educational resources. Students will gain insights into the regions' current and future job market, fostering informed decisions and enhancing future career prospects. The Career Roadshow offers highly interactive displays, informative presentations and engaging ideas, providing students a unique platform to seek information and guidance for their future paths.

For further information, visit the [Career Roadshow website](#)

Flinders | Archaeology Day

May 24

Have you ever wondered what humans were doing in the past? Archaeology is the study of humans throughout time, all the way back to our first ancestor, who lived about 7 million years ago.

Learn all about archaeology at the Flinders University Archaeology Day, where you can hear from our staff and current students (who work all over the world!) about some of the exciting research we are doing, discover how to become a professional archaeologist and the careers this degree can lead to, and even get your hands dirty with some practical activities. Dig for artefacts, meet some skeletons, hear about ancient temples and historic shipwrecks, and visit our labs. This event is part of National Archaeology Week, and we welcome students of all abilities, ages 15+.

[Find out more](#)



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Defence Careers Information Session

Date: Saturday, 18th May 2024

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Whyalla RSL, 77 Essington Lewis Ave, SA, 5600

Register: <https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/xbqkns3>

Mobile ADF Careers Centre - Whyalla

Date: Saturday, 18th May 2024

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Location: Whyalla RSL, 77 Essington Lewis Ave, SA, 5600

Mobile ADF Careers Centre - Whyalla

Date: Sunday, 19th May 2024

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Whyalla Rotary Park, 94 Essington Lewis Avenue, SA, 5600



The MACC is an ADF Careers Centre on wheels, bringing the opportunity of a career in Defence to regional and remote areas of Australia. Visiting MACC is a valuable way to learn how the Navy, Army and Air Force can offer much more than just a career. Current serving members who understand the Defence application process are on board the MACC and can answer any questions your students or teachers may have.

Skills for Work

Critical thinking – Why is it vital in the workplace?

Lots of careers list critical thinking as a core skill that's required to be successful. But what exactly is it, and how will you use it in your future career? In this blog, you'll find out if you are a critical thinker, see examples of why you might need this skill in the workplace, and get tips on how to develop your critical thinking skills.

What does critical thinking actually mean?

Essentially, it means you can:

- learn to recognise or develop an argument,
- use evidence to support your argument,
- draw reasoned conclusions, and
- put your knowledge to use by using that information to solve problems.

Why critical thinking in the workplace is important?

Employers want job candidates who can evaluate a situation using logical thought and offer the best solution. And if you have strong critical thinking skills, it's likely you can do these things.

Critical thinkers in the workplace are more likely to understand the meaning behind their role, which increases the chances of them engaging with the work. Plus, critical thinkers can reduce wastage and increase productivity by analysing processes and identifying areas for improvement, be trusted to make decisions independently, and won't need constant handholding.

Examples of jobs that require critical thinking

Wondering which careers you might need to flex your critical thinking skills in? There might be more than you think...

- Nurses working in emergency triage need to assess the cases waiting to be seen and decide who needs to be treated first.
- Plumbers need to evaluate what action needs to be taken, then decide on the best materials to do the job.
- Lawyers review evidence, refer to past rulings and laws, and come up with strategies to win a case or get the best outcome for their clients.
- When dealing with large quantities of goods and complex supply chains as a logistics manager, you'll need strong critical thinking skills.
- As an accountant, clients will appreciate your critical thinking skills when you help them save and use their money productively.
- Managers need review customer feedback and use it to make changes or improve on their services and/or products.
- Software developers need critical thinking to design complex but efficient code, making programs easier for people to use.
- Thinking of becoming a doctor? You'll need to use critical thinking skills to identify complex symptoms and ensure you're providing the best possible care.
- Safety is incredibly important, so being able to think critically and identify any problems is crucial for occupational health and safety officers.

How to develop your critical thinking skills

Whenever you find yourself in a situation where you need to use your critical thinking skills, here are some steps you can take to practise:

Pinpoint the issue

What exactly is the problem that needs solving or the question that needs answering? By getting to the root of the problem, you can develop better and more thorough solutions.

Collect information

Next, do some research and collect data. Be sure to include sources that challenge your own opinions, and ensure you only use information from reliable sources.

Evaluate

Think about whether you've approached this exercise with an open mind, a willingness to learn, and done enough research. Then, reject any dodgy information, then make sure everything that's left is actually relevant to the original issue.

Conclude and assess

Based on your work, create a couple of conclusions. Then assess each one for weaknesses and decide which one is the most sound.

Share your ideas

Communicating your findings to other people is the last – but most important – part of critical thinking. If you can't effectively share your thinking or solutions, then you may have wasted your time.

How else can you become a better critical thinker?

One of the best ways to build your critical thinking skills is to actually work on your other core skills. In fact, you'll probably hone your critical thinking skills without even knowing! Here are some critical thinking-related skills that can boost your employability even more:

- Observation – taking notice of what's going on around you could help you to see opportunities and problems, as well as come up with solutions.
- Analysis – this could help you to gather the right information, understand it, and draw useful information from it.
- Communication – building active listening, teamwork, and presentations skills will ensure that you can share information in the best way.
- Problem-solving – learn to identify problems, find solutions and then, importantly, assess whether the solution is working or not
- Objectivity – this skill will allow you to really 'see' the information in front of you, rather than working from assumptions or your own personal bias.

Stepping outside your comfort zone, being inclusive, and saying yes to a variety of opportunities are all other great ways to help you build your critical thinking skills.

Flight Attendant

Flight attendants, also known as cabin crew, are responsible for passengers' comfort and safety while onboard an aircraft. The job includes a wide variety of responsibilities and tasks, from serving food and drink to providing first aid. You'll be working in a fast-paced environment, meeting new people, and experiencing different cultures.

What skills do I need as a flight attendant?

- Excellent communicator
- Neat & presentable
- Can remain calm under pressure
- Organised & efficient
- Adaptable & flexible
- Polite & helpful
- Can work in teams & independently
- Reliable & trustworthy

What does the job involve?

- Prepare aircraft for passengers to board
- Check tickets & direct passengers to their seats
- Perform safety demonstrations & checks
- Serve food & drink mid-flight
- Assist passengers with special needs
- Help passengers stow luggage
- Keep passengers calm & comfortable
- Perform emergency procedures if necessary

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

You will most likely need to work on weekends and holidays, as this is when many people travel, as well as late nights and early mornings. Of course, you'll also need to be prepared to spend a fair bit of time away from home.

There are many part-time roles available for flight attendants. Your roster is typically scheduled well in advance so you can plan around when you'll be at home and abroad. Most flight attendants earn an average salary throughout their career.

How to become a flight attendant

To become a flight attendant, you will need to complete a rigorous training program that covers topics such as safety procedures, customer service, food service, and emergency response. This training is often provided by

the airline that employs you and includes both classroom instruction and hands-on experience. Additionally, you may need to undergo training in CPR and first aid, as well as pass a background check.

Certain airlines may also have physical requirements for flight attendants, such as height, weight, and body modification restrictions (e.g. tattoos, piercings, etc.). Being able to speak multiple languages is also often an advantage.

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a flight attendant is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

1. In many cases, you can get a head-start on desired qualifications (such as first aid) before you leave school.
2. See if you can find work experience or volunteer opportunities to start building important skills you need for the job.
3. Talk to a flight attendant to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in aviation or tourism.

Find out more here:

- [Qantas](#)
- [Jetstar](#)
- [Virgin Australia](#)
- [British Airways](#)
- [Emirates](#)
- [Etihad Airways](#)
- [Cathay Pacific](#)
- [Singapore Airlines](#)

