From the President

Dear Members,

As the year progresses, we trust that 2026 is getting off to a great start. Here in the Much Better Australia region, we've been busy.

Nearest client commitment continues to highlight the importance of WIL across the entire education spectrum. Our Professional Learning Event in February, Work Integrated Learning: Preparing Students for Success, was a great success. Thank you to all who attended and to our presenters for sharing their knowledge and experience. Our next event is our Annual Conference. We are in the process of finalising the program and hope to announce it soon.

Our Executive Committee has been busy with a number of projects. We've established a Working Group to review our Constitution and governance structure. The Board of Directors has also been working on a Strategic Plan to guide our activities over the next 3 to 5 years.

The Executive of three years ago commenced in 2023. Executive members and Directors have served their terms and have moved on to other roles. We thank them for their contributions to WIL Australia and wish them well in their future endeavours. We welcome Jessica Hall, Director, Student Experience, Curtin University, who has joined the Executive Committee. Jessica has been appointed to the Board of Directors. We welcome Jessica to the Executive and Board and look forward to working with her.

Finally, we will continue to provide the resources you need to support your WIL activities. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you.

Kind regards,

Michael O'Connor
President, WIL Australia

Updates & Events

Professional Learning Event

When: 5 March 2026
Where: Online via Zoom

The Secret to Supervisor WIL Readiness: Mastering Communication Skills

Register Now

Planning for your WIL Australia Conference Submission

When: March 2026
Where: Online via Zoom

Join us for a recommended session to support your preparation for the WIL Australia Conference.

Register

National Webinar

When: 25 March 2026
Where: Online via Zoom

Join us for a national webinar to support your preparation for the WIL Australia Conference.

Register Now

Professional Learning Event

When: 9 April 2026
Where: Online via Zoom

Assessing Students in a Real Workplace: Practical Strategies for Supervisors

Register

Online Event: WIL Awards

When: 13 May 2026
Where: Zoom Webinar

Join us for a virtual event to celebrate nominees

Register

WIL Australia Conference 2026

Bring Your Team – Group Registration Available

Planning team planning for a WIL Australia Conference 2026, Noosa in 2026? Save on group registrations. Contact us for more information.

Conference will acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which the conference is held and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

This is a great opportunity to bring your WIL team, colleagues, or emerging practitioners to a conference that is dedicated to WIL and connecting with others in the field.

Conference Dates: 16 to 20 October 2026
Location: Noosa, Queensland

Conference will include a mix of:

- Keynote speakers
- Concurrent sessions (Oral presentations)
- Workshops
- Poster presentations
- Networking opportunities
- Social events

Register Now

**Optional PRE-Session (20th) – Short Preparing Your Application