



The Future of Australian Education:

“Educators Shaping Public Discourse and Policy Direction”

Friday 22nd March 2019

The Peninsula Room, The National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Symposium’s Purpose:

To bring together the community of Australian educational leadership organisations and other key stakeholders to establish a common voice in response to the proposition that it is time for Australia’s educational leaders to be more active in shaping public discussion and influencing policy directions and settings.

Topics for Exploring:

1. The impact of standardised education regimes on schools and school systems.
2. A more futures-focussed education agenda.
3. A unified professional voice: one that seeks to reclaim our role in the shaping of educational policy and influencing public debate.

To Prepare for this Symposium:

Delegates are asked to be familiar with the ASPA monograph - *Beyond Certainty: A Process for Thinking About Futures for Australian Education* – authored by Professor Alan Reid AM and available for free download at :

<https://www.aspa.asn.au/>

Featuring

Kerry O’Brien

Prominent Australian journalist and author



Professor Alan Reid AM

Professor Emeritus of Education at the University of South Australia



Professor Carmen Lawrence

Senior Honorary Research Fellow, School of Psychological Services, The University of Western Australia.



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PROGRAM

9:20am	Welcome Kerry O'Brien
9:25am	Welcome to Ngunnawal Country
9:30am	Official Opening Dr Mathew Trinca, Director, National Museum of Australia
9.40am	Message of thanks and purpose of today's symposium Andrew Pierpoint, President, ASPA
9:50am	"Does Australian Education Need a New Narrative?" Professor Alan Reid AM
10.25am	Questions Kerry O'Brien
10:35am	Sponsor Presentation – ASIC "Money Smart" Program
10:40am	Instructions for Morning Tea & Table Discussions Kerry O'Brien
10:45am	Morning Tea
11:15am	Guided Table Discussions
11:45am	Sharing Table Discussions
12:00pm	Some Observations Kerry O'Brien
12:10pm	"How Can the Profession Influence Education Policy?" Professor Carmen Lawrence
12:35pm	Questions Kerry O'Brien
12.45pm	Lunch
1:25pm	Q&A Panel Discussion: "Is it time for Australia's educational leaders to be more active in shaping public discussion and influencing policy directions and settings?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Dan Tehan (Minister for Education) • Hon. Andrew Giles (Shadow Assistant Minister for Schools) • Ms Natalie Howson (Director-General, Education Directorate, ACT Government) • Professor Pasi Sahlberg (former Director-General, Finland Education) • Professor Tania Aspland (President, Australian Council of Deans of Education) • Mr Kevan Goodworth (President, Australian Council of State School Organisations).
2:30pm	Guided Table Discussions
2:55pm	Sharing Table Discussions
3:05pm	Synthesis / Reflections Kerry O'Brien
3:15pm	Plenary Andrew Pierpoint, President, ASPA, with other Association Presidents
3:30pm	Close Kerry O'Brien
3:30pm – 4:30pm Cocktail Reception	