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Careers Newsletter
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Welcome to the first bumper issue of CareerSpace for 2026!

I am back in my main role as Careers Advisor after filling in as Pathways and Planning Coordinator for 2025.

Students can drop into the Careers Office at the back of the library during their breaks and free zones.

Appointments can also be made via Mrs Myburgh at the Library desk.

The aim of this newsletter is to deliver up-to-date career related information to families on upcoming events and opportunities in Perth (and beyond!).

2026 is the Year of the Fire Horse in Chinese Astrology. This will be a year of transformation, intense personal growth and opportunity. Bring it on!



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CAREER NEWS

New ECU Perth Campus Opens

The dynamic new ECU campus opens in Semester One 2026. It is the most exciting building in Perth. Everything is state of the art, from the electronic art displays on the façade and in the entrance, to the building's foundations sprung to withstand jolts from trains passing underneath. On the north side, facing Northbridge theatres and galleries, they have focused on creative industries. On the side facing the city there is Business, Law and Information Technology. Ten thousand students will be based at the City Campus studying:

- The WA Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA)
- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Law, and
- Information Technology

The building will be open to the public from the middle of the year.



New Curtin University \$94.6 million Centre of Excellence to Empower Quality Work in a Digital Age

Curtin is set to explore, create and sustain productive, inclusive and healthy work in a digital age. This is a significant opportunity for West Australian students, researchers, industry and citizens. Curtin is at the hub of a technology precinct that includes Technology Park and the Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre. This Centre aims to focus its existing strengths to humanise digital technologies:

"The new Centre, will revolutionise how Australia approaches the design and use of digital technologies to achieve a fairer, healthier and more productive future for all Australians" Professor Sharon Parker

CAREER NEWS

\$200m Science Building for Curtin

The new \$200 million Sciences building at Curtin University's Bentley campus is a major six-storey development targeted for completion in 2027. It will serve as a premier hub for the John de Laeter Centre and the WA School of Mines, featuring advanced, hands-on learning spaces and specialized research facilities to enhance scientific impact.

Vice Chancellor Harlene Hayne was on the 'Science Show' on 24 January describing how science is a pillar at Curtin University. She described a spectacular parade of achievements at Curtin.

Mining, geology and engineering are strengths, together with astronomy thanks to the Square Kilometre Array.

You can hear the 11 minute item [HERE](#).



\$100m donation to Murdoch Veterinary School

Perth businessman Ted Powell has donated \$100m to Murdoch University.

The funds will be used to rebuild the university's veterinary school. The new build is expected to take about five years and will allow the university to boost the number students wanting to train as vets from 105 to 150 per year. (Source: [ABC News](#))

Perth Film Studios Open

This is the time to kick start your creative career in WA. The new Film Studios in Malaga has opened. The facility aims to provide ideal facilities to be used by film producers, actors, camera operators, script writers, costume and set designers, makeup artists and directors.

WA Screen Industry Kick Starting in 2026

Screen industry jobs are about to get a boost in Western Australia! The Australian government has brought in laws that require streaming services to create Australian content. Western Australia is well placed to jump into this opportunity with the fabulous new Perth Film Studios in Malaga. North Metro TAFE Perth City Campus and ECU City Campus will both deliver education and training for people wanting to kick start their screen industry career.

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It's time to be flexible. What jobs will AI replace by 2030?

The career challenge for 2026 and beyond is knowing how to be flexible enough to pivot to a path that will secure your future career in a well-paid job that you love.

Read what experts have to say about the jobs that AI will replace by 2030 at Curiosmatrix [HERE](#).

Human centred jobs will continue to exist, which is awesome BUT the BankWest Curtin Economics Centre at Curtin University released its 10th [Gender Equity Insights Report](#) late last year. If you are wondering about how big the gender pay gap is, check the latest BCEC Gender Equity Insights report [HERE](#).

Competition for Human Centred Jobs

As jobs are automated (leaving only human centred jobs for workers) competition for those jobs will increase and chances of improved pay and conditions will decrease.

Check the Jobs and Skills Australia Spotlight: Recruitment patterns for entry level vacancies report to see how AI is already impacting entry level jobs [HERE](#).

Job Type	Probability of Replacement
Data Entry Clerks	98%
Cashiers	95%
Transcriptionists	92%
Truck Drivers	90%
Customer Service Representatives	88%
Warehouse Workers	85%
Travel Agents	80%
Bank Tellers	80%
Paralegals	78%
Journalists (Basic Reporting)	75%



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Boom times for jobs in stevedoring in the Peel Region

The West Australian government is investing more money into the stevedoring industry in the Kwinana area.

Further funding towards the delivery of Westport

As part of the 2025-26 Mid-Year Review, an additional \$30 million will be invested to prepare the Kwinana Industrial Area for construction of Westport.

Contract awarded to progress Westport planning and design

The Cook Government has awarded a major contract to Worley Arcadis Joint Venture (JV) for the delivery of marine and port infrastructure technical advisory services for Westport.

Contract awarded to manufacture WA's first electric ferry fleet

The Cook Government has awarded a \$66 million contract to Henderson-based shipbuilding company Echo Marine Group to design and construct five new electric ferries as part of the METRONET on Swan Ferry Expansion project.

All this is in ADDITION to the \$12bn on a defence facility!



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Jobs and Skills Australia to November 2025

The Jobs and Skills Australia January newsletter showed that last year, to November:

- Aged & Disabled Carers increase employment by 27,300
- Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services increase employment by 18,900 (the fastest-growing industry)
- Health Care & Social Assistance increase employment by 103,800 (the largest growth by volume). 16.2% of the Australian workforce

Sales Assistants (General) is the largest occupation employing 559,800 people.

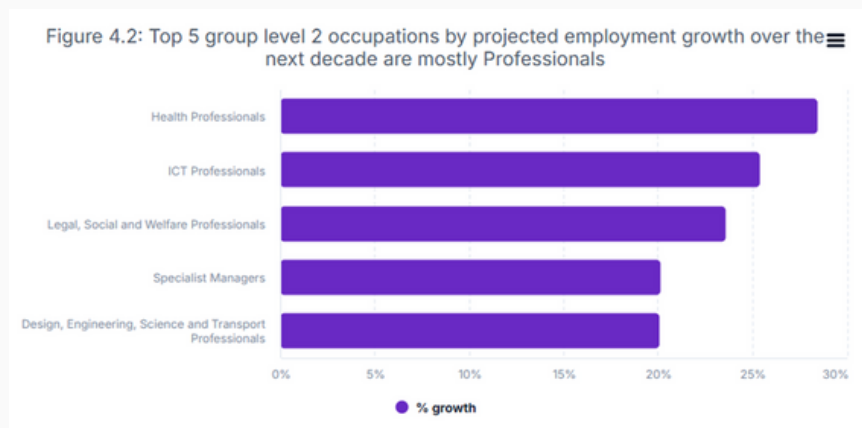
- 75% work part time hours
- 64% are female
- Median age is 23 years old
- Median weekly full-time earnings are \$1,112

Dentists are among the highest paying occupations at \$3877/week.

10 Year Employment Projections to May 2035

Total employment in Australia is projected to grow by 961,000 people (or 6.5%) over the next 5 years, and by nearly 2.0 million people (or 13.3%) over the next 10 years, reaching 16.6 million employed people by May 2035.

This growth rate is in line with the projected growth of the population.



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Figure 1: The long-term structural shift in employment growth towards services-related industries is projected to continue over the next 5 and 10 years



The largest industry (close to one in every six jobs in 2025), Health Care and Social Assistance, accounts for the strongest projected employment growth over the next five to ten years.

At Sevenoaks Senior College, we build our pathways based on industry need. We are helping to build the Health Care and Social Assistance industry workforce through our Health and Community Services, ATAR and UniReady pathways.

Similarly, employment growth in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry is projected to be much faster than the national average. At Sevenoaks, we build the Professional Services industry through ICT, Engineering, Business, ATAR and UniReady pathways.

We are so proud of our students, many of whom finish their senior schooling with a qualification in these sectors!

EVENTS

University Open Days 2026

All students who want to go to university in WA should go to at least two Open Days! This includes one closest to where you live and one that is most aligned to your goals.

These My Future tips will help you make the most of open days:

- 8 ways to a great university open day.
- Preparing for an open day.
- How to make the most of open days and career expos.

	15 March Joondalup Get details <u>HERE</u>. 3 May Bunbury Get details <u>HERE</u>. 9 August City Get details <u>HERE</u>.
	22 March 10am – 3pm Get details <u>HERE</u>.
	28 March South Street 10am – 3pm Saturday Get details <u>HERE</u>
	29 March 10am – 3pm Get details <u>HERE</u>.
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31 March Applications Close Rotary Youth Exchange

A life changing opportunity to study in a foreign country through a supported, low cost exchange program. Rotary Youth Exchange is run through Rotary clubs around the world.

To find details about how to apply for 2027 go [HERE](#).

Girls + Engineering Tomorrow (GET) for 2026

Applications close 5 April 2026

The GET Network is a ten-session program designed to support and inspire girls and non-binary students in Years 11 & 12 interested in exploring engineering. The program runs over Terms 2 & 3 at Curtin University on Saturday mornings, providing study support and opportunities to explore engineering through engaging workshops, mentors and study pathways.

The program will offer an opportunity to:

- Meet like-minded peers
- Meet industry role models
- Connect with our university Student Mentors
- Participate in a range of engineering-themed activities and workshops
- Learn about engineering courses and careers

The program runs on Saturday mornings from May to September.

Find details [HERE](#).



OPPORTUNITIES

Scorchers + Murdoch Partnership gives credit from VET diploma into a degree

From 2026, students will be able to enrol in a one-year Diploma in Sport and Business at Murdoch and get up to one year credit towards a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and a Bachelor of Business. This new opportunity combines classroom learning with 100 hours of hands-on work experience with WA Cricket and the Perth Scorchers.

There is no ATAR requirements for this course, however applicants must have obtained successful completion of Australian Year 12 or equivalent.

Get the details [HERE](#).



Consider Media Studies at TAFE

You might want to check out the [Diploma of Screen and Media \(Film & Television\)](#) before signing up for a Media Degree. Universities will assess your application for recognition of learning if you wish to go on and do a degree.

North Metropolitan TAFE Perth City Campus has great studios, sound and lighting equipment, industry contacts and lecturers.



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Apprenticeships: Commonwealth Government Funding

The Australian Apprenticeships Priority List identifies courses eligible for fee free courses and incentives to employers. You usually have to pay for tools and equipment needed for the course, but there are no course fees.

There are 26 pages of Priority Occupations where there are skills shortages. You can find the full list [HERE](#).

Speak to me or your Workplace Learning teacher for guidance.

State government FREE VET pathways

The West Australian government subsidises VET courses for occupations where we have specific skills shortages. See the [Fee free and low fee course finder](#).

If you have an idea of what career you want to start, go to a Jobs and Skills Centre to find out if any courses in your chosen field attract a training subsidy.

Funding to address Training Weaknesses

The State and Commonwealth governments are working to build vocational education outcomes, including:

- Improve support provided to apprentices and trainees, especially in priority groups. This could help to reduce the number of apprentices and trainees who drop out of their contracts (\$46m)
- Better training and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people by investing in partnerships with Aboriginal community-controlled and Aboriginal-owned training sector (\$43.9)
- Growing and retailing a high-quality VET workforce. (\$15.2m)
- Expand Foundation Skills, including Read Write Now (\$8m)

This funding is on top of the \$85.1m for the:

- Clean energy Skills National Centre of Excellence and the
- Defence Industry Skills Centre of Excellence

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Apprentice and Trainee Connect Providers

WA Government Apprenticeship Office

If you want an apprenticeship or traineeship, you can contact an employer (relative, family friend, person you know through work experience) and ask them to take you on, or apply for a job through [Seek](#) or other job advertising site. To get your qualification you will sign a [Training Contract](#) with the employer.

Contact your local [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) to get help to find to get started.

There are organisations that have been contracted to help WA apprentices and trainees. They are called [Apprentice Connect Australia](#) providers and they can help you to find an employer and support you through your training. This includes Apprenticeship Support Australia, who attended our Orientation Careers Expo in 2025.



Support for Australian Apprentices with Disability

A range of assistance is available including tutorial, mentoring and interpreting services as well as the [Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support \(DAAWS\)](#) incentive, which is paid to employers.

Find out more and how to claim [HERE](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

2026 Medicine - University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) Dates

If you want to apply for medicine for 2027 you will need to undertake a UCAT assessment.

Bookings open 3 March 2026.

Deadline is 11.59pm AEST - Australian Eastern Standard Time

Testing begins early June.

WA Police Recruitment Sessions

Are you interested in learning more about a career with WA Police Force? Recruitment information sessions are held at the WA Police Force Academy in Joondalup, where you can learn more about the application process and life as a police officer. The Recruiting Team will provide an overview of the selection process and training requirements.

Register for the next session by going [HERE](#).

Police Cadets

Australian or New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Australian Resident aged between 17 and 19. Please note, applicants can apply at 16, however must be 17 years old upon selection to a Cadet school.

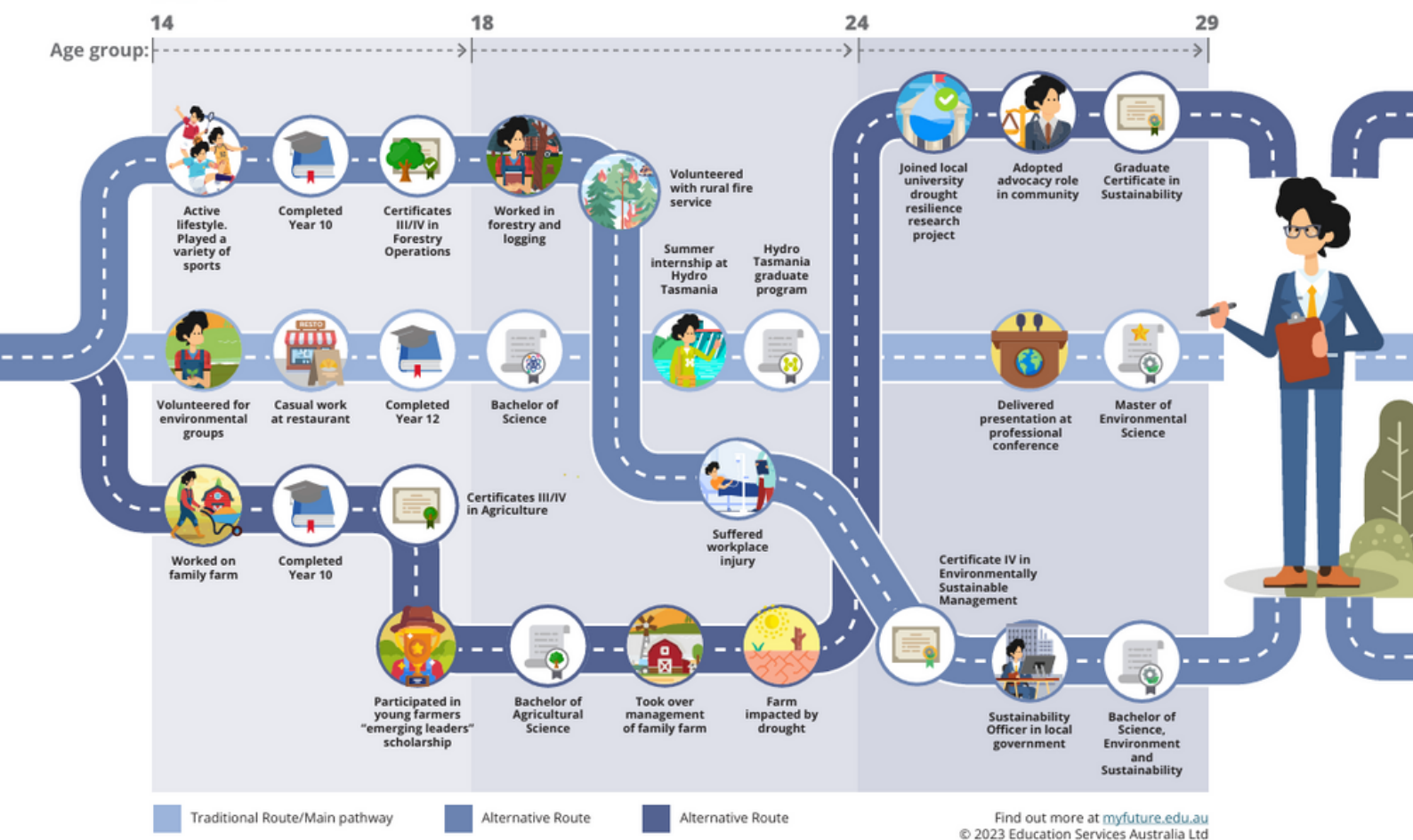
Find details [HERE](#).



My Future School to Work Pathways

Environmental Analyst / Scientist

Electricity, gas, water and waste services



There are multiple career pathways available into all industries. The infographic above shows three different pathways to becoming an Environmental Analyst.

My Future has a variety of these infographics available on their [website](https://myfuture.edu.au), along with many other career resources.