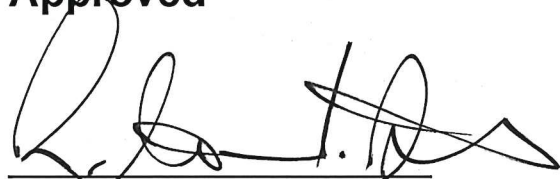


# Key outcomes of the BCIT Board Meeting

## Held 24 February 2023

- The Board held their first meeting of 2023 in Albany. The Board travelled to Albany on the 23 February and held a Stakeholder Sundowner at the Premier Hotel. The event was organised in conjunction with the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- The Sundowner was an opportunity for the Board to network with stakeholders in the Albany region. The Sundowner was attended by builders, construction organisations, the education and TAFE sectors, registered training organisations, peak bodies and local government staff.
- The Board meeting was held at the City of Albany offices and the Board heard from, the Executive Director Corporate and Commercial Services and Executive Director Infrastructure, Development and Environment about some of the challenges and opportunities the Albany region is experiencing within the building and construction sectors.
- The meeting discussed the presence of psychosocial hazards within the building and construction industry, and how emerging apprentices and trainees could be better supported to deal with issues such bullying, intimidation and harassment. This discussion was also highlighted in the Mates in Construction report that was provided to the Board. The report noted that 2022 was one of the most difficult years for MIC and the sector more broadly.
- The Board discussed the issue of silicosis within the industry and what role CTF could play in raising awareness of the issue.
- The Board received a discussion paper that focussed on the Apprenticeship Model and Declining trades. The discussion focussed on the apprenticeship model, the role of recognition of prior learning to achieve certifications, opportunities that could be in introducing apprenticeships and the VET pathway to students at a younger age, whether there is a need for new apprenticeships or other formalized training and obtaining the views of apprentices on their training experiences.
- The meeting discussed the results of the Stakeholder Engagement Survey conducted in December 2022. It was noted that whilst there are still improvements to be made on how CTF engages with stakeholders, the changes made over the past two years have been felt positively by stakeholders including improvements made to the website and portal.

**Approved**



Board Chair  
Reg Howard-Smith

21 / 3 / 2023