



"SKILLING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE TODAY"

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## Practical innovation: Beyond COVID



For the last two years, Queenslanders and indeed the world well beyond our borders, have been focused on COVID-19. Yet, even before the pandemic upended our everyday lives, Australia's economy and labour market were undergoing a significant transformation. New technology, demographic shifts and industrial transformations were already affecting the supply and demand for talent.

Despite months of economic turmoil, today's call for skilled workers is increasingly urgent.

Businesses and governments recognize that today's workers must bring a combination of talents to the table—technical skills, an innovation mindset and tremendous resilience to change.

From my seat, it is increasingly obvious that Australian Skills Group has a ready answer to these challenges. Positioned at the intersection of learner and labour markets, **ASG offer programs that are both responsive to known business needs and ahead of emerging trends**. Flexible program design reflects the changing nature of work, offering an innovative and entrepreneurial approach to skills development.

Students walk in the door looking for industry-relevant skills; they leave both competent and confident in their skills. While the ASG model of education is more than its component parts, my sense is that there are three key elements at play: an industry focus, a commitment to experiential learning in all its forms and an innovative learning environment that supports adaptation and resilience.

