



**Before Lunch:**

**Careers + Frontiers: MIGW26 Games Education Symposium**  
8 Oct 2026 at ACMI

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|                       | 8:30am       | ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION                                                                                                                                                                | FOYER<br>LEVEL 1                                             |
| Session 1             | 9.30am       | Welcome to Careers and Frontiers 2026                                                                                                                                                   | CINEMA 1<br>LEVEL 2                                          |
|                       | 5 min        |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
|                       | 9.35am       | <b>Opening Keynote: Geography, Games &amp; Geekness - Forging Your Unique Career Path</b><br>Speaker: Kate Edwards, CEO/Principal Consultant of Geogrify, CXO/Co-Founder of SetJetters  |                                                              |
|                       | 30 min       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
|                       |              | 5 min change over                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                              |
|                       | 10.10am      | <b>Making Hits: The Data, People and Ideas Behind Mobile Games</b><br>Oscar McMittrick - Product Manager at Ludios, a Triplicated Studio                                                |                                                              |
|                       | 30 min       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
| Break                 | 10.40 -11am  | MORNING BREAK<br><i>Opportunity to play G4C games (Level 1)</i>                                                                                                                         | CAMEO<br>LEVEL 1                                             |
| Session 2<br>OPTION 1 | 11am         | <b>Finding Players: How Studios and Publishers Are Reaching New Audiences</b><br>Speakers: Ross Symons, Big Ant Studios, Harry He, UltraPlayers and Dr Jens Schroeder, IGEA (Moderator) | CINEMA 1<br>LEVEL 2                                          |
|                       | 35min        |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
|                       | 11.40am      | <b>PANEL: Beyond Entertainment: Careers in Health, Education and Neurodiversity Through Gaming</b><br>Jess Rowlings (Moderator), Erin Salmon, Beth Ware, Next Level Collaboration       |                                                              |
|                       | 35min        |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
| Session 2<br>OPTION 2 | or...        |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
|                       | 11am-12.15pm | <b>Yalinguth: Walking with place</b><br>Speaker: Dr Chris Barker, RMIT University                                                                                                       | GDFL 1<br>LEVEL 1<br>then along<br>Birrarung/<br>Yarra River |
|                       | 45 min       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
| Break                 | 12.15pm      | LUNCH BREAK<br>COLLECT YOUR FREE LUNCH. BE READY AT YOUR BREAK OUT SPACE AT 1pm<br><i>Opportunity to play G4C games (Level 1)</i>                                                       | CAMEO<br>LEVEL 1                                             |
|                       | 45 min       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |

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**After Lunch:**

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|                                                    | BREAK OUT SESSION ONE  |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |                            |
| IMPORTANT<br>You can choose one from four options! | Session 3              | 1pm<br>30 min                                                                                                           | PANEL: Creative Mode On: Rethinking Games<br>Speakers: Dr Chris Barker (Moderator), Phoebe Watson and Mark Mitchell | CINEMA 1<br>LEVEL 2        |
|                                                    |                        | or ...                                                                                                                  | Mentor Session "Meet and Greet"- face to face with Industry                                                         | GDFL 1 & 2 (Level 1)       |
|                                                    |                        | or ...                                                                                                                  | Mentor Session "Meet and Greet"- face to face with Tertiary                                                         | Swinburne Studio (Level 1) |
|                                                    |                        | or ...                                                                                                                  | Visit the Games 4 Change Showcase (Developers deliver micro talks 12-2pm)                                           | CAMEO<br>LEVEL 1           |
| 5 min changeover                                   |                        |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |                            |
|                                                    | BREAK OUT SESSION TWO  |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |                            |
| IMPORTANT<br>You can choose one from four options! | Session 4              | 1.35pm<br>30 min                                                                                                        | PANEL: Versatility as a Superpower<br>Speakers: Adrian Webb (Moderator), Vlad Micu, Ioni Maghidman                  | CINEMA 1<br>LEVEL 2        |
|                                                    |                        | or ...                                                                                                                  | Mentor Session "Meet and Greet"- face to face with Industry                                                         | GDFL 1 & 2 (Level 1)       |
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| 2.05pm 5 min changeover - return to Cinema 1       |                        |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |                            |
|                                                    | BREAK OUT SESSIONS END |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |                            |
| Session 5                                          | 2.10pm<br>30 min       | Culture, Leadership, and the Path You Make Up As You Go<br>In conversation with Dr Rachel Kowert hosted by Kate Edwards |                                                                                                                     | CINEMA 1<br>LEVEL 2        |
|                                                    | 2.40pm<br>5 min        | THE WRAP                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                     |                            |
| 2.45pm Event Ends                                  |                        |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |                            |