

Bill Faulkner PhD/ECR/MCA Workshop 2026

Theme: *Cultivating Cohesion and Connection*
Date: Monday, 9 February
Venue: Torrens University Australia, Wakefield Campus, Adelaide City
Cost: $90

Step into your academic future with confidence and connection.

Are you a **PhD candidate, Early Career Researcher** (ECR, within 5 years post-PhD) or a mid-career academic (MCA)? This is your invitation to take part in the **Bill Faulkner PhD/ECR/MCA Workshop** – a signature event that kicks off the **CAUTHE 2026 Conference**.

08.30am	Registration
9.00am	**Welcome**: CAUTHE Executive Local Welcome: Professor Michelle Whitford, and Professor Simon Pawson, Business and Hospitality, Torrens University Australia ICEBREAKER and kick off
09.45am-11.00am	**Session 1: Exploring the Methodologies for today and tomorrow** This session is designed to encourage workshop participants to reflect on the evolving nature of methodology in contemporary research. Through stories of inquiry, growth and reflection, they'll explore how scholarly identity is shaped over time, how methodological choices reflect deeper values and worldviews, including the impact of AI on our selection, use, and operationalisation of methodology, and how embracing complexity can lead to richer, more meaningful research. *Facilitators:* Professor Ros Cameron, Director, Centre for Organisational Change and Agility (COCA) AND Associate Professor Clifford Lewis, Charles Sturt University
11.00am	MORNING REFRESHMENTS
11.30 – 12.30pm	**Session 2. Beyond Method: Becoming a Researcher in a Changing World**

	This session is designed to encourage delegates to think critically and reflect on their future careers, while remaining open to possibilities beyond academia. This session invites participants to reflect on their evolving professional identities, and the diverse career pathways open to them. It will explore the value of research training (critical thinking, complex problem-solving, knowledge translation) and how these skills are transferable across sectors, sharing of ideas on the skills you have built and where you can use them if not academia. *Facilitators:* Professor Candice Harris, Auckland University of Technology, Business School, and Co-Chair of CAUTHE Fellows AND Dr Roshis Shrestha, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
12.30	LUNCH
1.30 – 3.00 pm	**Mentoring Session – Methodology Groups** Participation from attending delegates with specific methodology expertise and diverse experience at various stages of their research journey.
3.30 – 4.30 pm	**Session 3: Turning your research identity into a professional narrative** This session provides guided mentoring, reflective questioning, and peer feedback to help participants develop a research identity that is authentic, strategic, and aligned with their career and academic objectives. *facilitators:* Assoc Prof Anita Manfreda, Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School AND Associate Professor Anna Kralj, Department of Tourism and Marketing, Griffith University
4.30 – 5.00 pm	**Reflections and Wrap-up of the day's event** Presentation of Awards and Bursaries Close Chair: Professor Michelle Whitford and Professor Simon Pawson