



ATN-Go8 Symposium

Excellence in Innovation:

Measuring the innovation dividend

Speakers

Professor Jeanette Hackett

ATN Chair Vice Chancellor and President Curtin University



Professor Jeanette Hackett was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Curtin University of Technology in April 2006. Prior to this appointment she held the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, a role that she had undertaken since 2004. Professor Hackett has a particular interest in international higher education and quality assurance and has undertaken numerous roles in international education leadership including Pro Vice-Chancellor International and Enterprise at Curtin University.

Professor Hackett holds undergraduate and masters degrees in law and a PhD in Strategic Management. She has worked as a legal practitioner and later as a legal academic with a particular interest in international law and health law.

Professor Hackett's board memberships have included IDP Education Australia Ltd, IELTS Australia, Open Universities Australia, Future Directions International, the Australian Higher Education Industrial Association, the Australian Universities Quality Agency and the Universities Australia Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council. She is also a Councillor on the Australia Business Arts Foundation and Commissioner of the Western Australian Football Commission.

Senator Brett Mason

Shadow Minister for Universities and Research



Brett Mason is a former Commonwealth Prosecutor, lecturer in criminology and now, Liberal National Party Senator for Queensland. Since entering the Parliament in 1999, Senator Mason has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing in the Howard Government, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Education and is currently Shadow Minister for Universities and Research.

In the early 1990s Senator Mason worked for the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia before serving as an Australian Parliamentary Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 2006.

Senator Mason was educated at the Australian National, Cambridge and Griffith Universities. In his spare time he enjoys keeping fit and reading.

David Sweeney

Director Research, Innovation and Skills Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)



David Sweeney has been Director (Research, Innovation and Skills) since 2008. In this role he is responsible for developing policy on Research (including the Research Excellence Framework), Business and Community, and Employer Engagement. He is also responsible for the Strategic Development Fund, and, working with Associate Director David Noyce, the London and East regional teams.

A statistician, David worked at two Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council research institutes before joining Royal Holloway, University of London where he was Vice-Principal (Communications, Enterprise and Research). David is a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

Dr Les Rymer

Policy Advisor, Graduate Education Group of Eight



Dr Les Rymer has held senior positions in the Australian and New Zealand public service, most recently as Principal Adviser to the New Zealand Government on research and innovation. Les works primarily with the Go8 Deans of Graduate Studies and has responsibility for driving the research training agenda for the Go8.

Paul Marshall

Executive Director 1994 Group



Paul Marshall was appointed the first Executive Director of the 1994 Group in January 2006. He is the head of the Group's administration and is responsible for the management of all Group activity including policy development, government liaison and stakeholder relations.

A graduate of the University of Sussex (B.A. Hons. American Studies (History), M.A. American History), Paul began his career as Assistant Planning Officer at the University of Sussex in 1997 before moving to the position of Assistant to the Senior Management Group in 2001. In this role he was responsible, in addition to supporting the Vice-Chancellor and the Senior Management Team, for managing the Research Assessment Exercise planning process and co-ordination of the University's approach towards the introduction of the national variable tuition fee system in 2006.

Paul Chairs the national Creative and Media Diploma Development Partnership Higher Education Advisory Group and is a member of the UK Government Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) 14-19 Higher Education Progression Board, the DCSF Qualification and Progression Project Board, the Research Councils UK Research Concordat Executive and Implementation Groups, and the Universities UK/Universities and Colleges Employers Association Employers Pension Forum.

Dr Laurie Hammond

Chair
Commercialisation Australia



Dr Laurie Hammond has a wealth of experience in commercialisation in Australia. In 2009 he was independent chairman of the Government Committee formed to guide the establishment of Commercialisation Australia, and was later a member of its Interim Advisory Board.

Dr Hammond's background includes almost 20 years as a scientist and research director (biology and environmental science), and 10 years as chief executive in a number of organisations financing or applying innovation in Australia and New Zealand. He has also lived and worked in Jamaica and New Caledonia.

Dr Hammond is a founder and director of Timsco Pty Ltd which operates in Qbator, an organisation providing seed capital and incubation services for new ventures in the Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) sector. He is also a founder and director of fund manager IQ Capital Management Pty Ltd and a founder of corporate advisory firm interFinancialVentures Pty Ltd.

His qualifications include an MBA from the University of Melbourne (1990); a PhD from the University of the West Indies (1979); and BSc Hons 1st Class from James Cook University (1973).

Dr James Moody

Executive Director, Development
CSIRO



Dr James Moody is responsible for CSIRO's Business Development activities, international footprint and connections in the innovation system.

With a background in strategic management and global partnerships, Dr James Bradfield Moody is CSIRO's Executive Director, Development.

In this role he connects CSIRO with Australian and international government and industry partners. This role combines Dr Moody's love for science with his experience in innovation and passion for the future.

Dr Moody is also a regular panel member of ABC TV's The New Inventors and is the co-author of The Sixth Wave: How to succeed in a resource-limited world.

Craig Roy

Deputy Chief Executive, Science, Strategy & People
CSIRO



Craig Roy is responsible for a range of enterprise wide activities including strategy, science investment and prioritisation, human resources, health, safety and sustainability and enterprise planning and performance.

Craig undertook his Science degree (Mathematics) at the University of New South Wales, completed a Masters degree in Business Administration at Macquarie Graduate School of Management, and was awarded a Masters degree in Science (Oceanography and Underwater Acoustics) at Royal Roads Military College, Canada.

Craig was awarded the Gold Medal of the Governor General of Canada (University medal) for his academic performance during his Master of Science program.

Craig also qualified as a meteorologist through the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Columbia University Senior Executive Program.

Professor Andrew Parfitt

Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)
University of South Australia



Professor Andrew Parfitt commenced as Pro Vice Chancellor and Vice President of the Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment in August 2007. Previously, he was the Director of UniSA's Institute for Telecommunications Research (ITR) (2004 - 2007), one of Australia's foremost ICT research organisations.

He has a PhD in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Adelaide University and was an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Engineering there, before joining CSIRO's Telecommunications and Industrial Physics division in Sydney in 1998. Within the CSIRO he led the Space and Satellite Communication Systems team from 2001. During this time he was responsible for fundamental and applied research in areas ranging from radar and communications to satellite systems and radio astronomy technologies.

In 2003 Andrew became CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre for Satellite Systems (CRCSS), the national research group responsible for launching FedSat, Australia's first satellite in 30 years.

Dr Peter Laver AM

Vice President
The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE)



Dr Peter Laver's other appointments include memberships of the CRC Committee, the Innovation Grants Committee of Innovation Australia, and the Gambling Research Peer Review Panel. He is a director of the Australian Centre for Innovation. Judge for a range of prizes and awards including - Engineering Excellence Awards, Business-Higher Education Roundtable Awards and the National Employment Services Awards.

Working career was spent with BHP (now BHPBilliton) in a range of senior management positions in steel, minerals, transport, research and external affairs. Other past positions included Chairman - Australian Building Codes Board, Chair - Victorian Learning and Employment Skills Commission, Chairman - Energy Research and Development Corporation, Chairman, Chairman - Ceramic Fuel Cells Limited, Chancellor - Victoria University, Deputy Chair Australian Science and Technology Council (ASTEC), AUQA Auditor and Chair - National Board of Employment, Education and Training (NBEET).

Anne Baly

Head of Division
Research Division Department Innovation, Industry, Science and Research



Anne Baly was appointed as the Head of Division, Research in the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research in January 2010.

Anne has extensive experience in tertiary education policy development and program management in the Australian Government. During 2008, Anne was Secretary to the Review of Australian Higher Education (Bradley Review) and subsequently led a taskforce that developed the Government's response to the review. She has also held other senior positions in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in both higher education and vocational education and training, including roles in policy analysis and development, stakeholder engagement and program delivery.

During 2007, Anne was Minister-Counsellor (Education, Science and Training) at the Australian Embassy in Brussels.

Professor Ross Milbourne

Vice Chancellor and President
University of Technology, Sydney



Professor Ross Milbourne received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of NSW, and his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley (supervisor, Nobel laureate George Akerlof). His research interests have been in the general area of macroeconomics and, in particular, the mathematical modelling and statistical testing of macroeconomic theories. During the last decade his research has focused on economic growth in open economies – economies that allow free international movement of goods and capital. This work has led to an interest in technology diffusion and transfer. His most recent work has related this to higher education policy in Australia, by estimating the effect of government funding on human capital.

His previous appointments include Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of New South Wales, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Adelaide and Chair of the Research Grants Committee of the Australian Research Council.

Professor Ian Young

Vice-Chancellor
The Australian National University



Professor Ian Young was appointed Vice-Chancellor of The Australian National University in March 2011, having previously been Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne University of Technology for 7 years (2003 to 2011). He was Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences at the University of Adelaide from 1999 to 2003. For part of this time he simultaneously held the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor (International).

Professor Young has held the positions of Chair of Education Australia Ltd and Director of IDP Education Pty Ltd. From 2009 to 2011, he was a Member of the Australian Qualifications Framework Council.

He has won numerous awards including: The C.N Barton Medal and Lorenz G. Straub Medal. In 2003 he was awarded the Centenary Medal for services to Australian Society. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia and a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

Professor Mandy Thomas

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Graduate Studies)
The Australian National University



Professor Mandy Thomas has broad research and research training responsibilities which include Higher Degree Research (HDR), Research Integrity and Equity.

Professor Thomas is a member of both the University's Education and Research Committees, and works closely together with Pro Vice-Chancellor (E-Strategies) Professor Robin Stanton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Students) Professor Elizabeth Deane, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Lawrence Cram, in developing the University's strategic approach to Research and Education. She is also the Chair of ANU's Human Research Ethics Committee.

Mandy Thomas took up the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor at ANU in November 2006. Prior to this she worked for the Australian Research Council as Executive Director, Humanities and Creative Arts and as the co-ordinator of the Discovery Projects scheme. An anthropologist by training, she has published widely on political and social change in Vietnam, Asian cultural production, migration and regional cultural traffic.

Vicki Thomson

Executive Director
Australian Technology Network



Vicki Thomson is the Executive Director of the Australian Technology Network, a coalition of five leading universities across Australia.

Her diverse background covers journalism, politics, issues management and the higher education sector. She has an extensive media, political and policy background, serving as Chief of Staff to the former Premier of South Australia.

Before this she was a senior adviser to the Premier, entering politics from a media background in newspaper, radio and television in Canberra, Western Australia and South Australia.

As Executive Director of the ATN she is responsible for positioning the Network in the Australian higher education environment as a cohesive and authoritative voice in the tertiary sector. She has an extensive network of contacts at the most senior levels of Federal Government, industry, business and public service and has operated in the international environment. She is currently in the midst of completing her MBA at the University of South Australia.