



11TH ANNUAL ATN CONFERENCE

4-6 FEBRUARY 2009

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Hosted by Queensland University of Technology

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Working Group Meetings

(Refer to Working Group Schedule for times and locations)

**Gardens Point Campus
2 George Street, Brisbane**

5.30pm - 7.00pm REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION

Professor Peter Coaldrake
Vice Chancellor
Queensland University of Technology

**Owen J. Wordsworth Room
Level 12, S Block
Gardens Point Campus
2 George Street, Brisbane**

8.30am - 8.45am Registration (tea/coffee on arrival)

**Gardens Theatre Foyer
Gardens Point Campus
2 George Street,
Brisbane**

8.45am - 9.00am CONFERENCE OPENING

Professor Margaret Gardner AO
ATN Chair
Vice Chancellor and President
RMIT University

9.05am - 9.50am PLENARY SESSION

**Rudd 12 months on:
Politics and higher education**

George Megalogenis
Senior Correspondent
News Limited

9.55am - 10.40am KEYNOTE

Higher Education Policy Directions

Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley, AC
Chair
Higher Education Review Panel

10.40am - 11.10am Morning Tea

11.15am - 12.00pm PLENARY SESSION

**Our changing society:
who our future prospective students are
likely to be**

Dr Hugh Mackay

12.05pm - 1.00pm

PLENARY SESSION

On the Couch

Q&A with Vice Chancellors

Facilitator: George Megalogenis

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Lunch

2.05pm - 3.15pm

Partnerships in action

Interactive session

Chair: Professor Jane den Hollander, DVC (Academic), Curtin

**Sustaining students:
Social inclusion and equity**

Speakers:

- Professor Trevor Gale, Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education
- Dr Lawrence Stedman, Principal Policy Advisor, QUT

3.15pm - 3.45pm

Afternoon Tea

3.50pm - 4.10pm

ATN/ISTA MOU signing

4.15pm - 5.00pm

PLENARY SESSION

Taking Student Retention Seriously: Rethinking the First Year of University

Professor Vincent Tinto*
Chair, Higher Education Program, Syracuse University

CLOSE DAY 1

6.30pm - 7.00pm

Pre-Dinner Drinks

**Creative Industries Precinct
Musk Avenue Kelvin Grove
(refer map)**

7.00pm - 10.00pm

Conference Dinner (business attire)

8.30am - 9.00am Arrival (tea/coffee)

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9.00am 10.45am PLENARY SESSION

Sustaining quality, defining diversity

Introduction: Professor Peter Høj

Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA)

Professor Margaret Sheil
CEO
Australian Research Council (ARC)

The Implications of Compact Funding

Jessie Borthwick
Head of Division, Science & Research
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science &
Research

Questions/Discussion

10.45am - 10.55am Break

11.00am - 12 noon PLENARY SESSION

World University Rankings

Ben Sowter
Head of Research
QS Limited

12 noon - 12.30pm PLENARY SESSION

Sustainable Campuses

Professor Stuart White
Director
Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS

12.30pm - 12.45pm

CONFERENCE CLOSE

Professor Ross Milbourne

Vice Chancellor UTS and ATN Chair Elect

12.45pm

Grab and Go Picnic Lunch

Thank you for participating in this year's ATN Conference

* Presentations will be made available via the ATN website the week following the Conference *
www.atn.edu.au

* *Professor Tinto is visiting Australia under the auspices of QUT Professor Sally Kift's ALTC Senior Fellowship on First Year Curriculum Design.*

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