

ATN DIALOGUE 2014

Thursday, 30 January

Profit from Fresh Thinking – Tackling the Elephant in the Cube



Dialogue Program

It has been 15 years since the ATN universities first saw the need to stand out from the pack- to make a real impact through industry-aligned graduates and research.

As a group, the ATN has set itself apart from the 'castle on the hill' view of the sector with its approach to collaboration and fresh thinking, and Australia has profited as a result.

A feature of the ATN has been its capacity to engage in the national policy dialogue. Sometimes that means tackling the many myths, some uncomfortable, which surround the role and place of universities in Australia.

The 2014 ATN Dialogue is titled '**Profit from Fresh Thinking – Tackling the Elephant in the Cube**'. Its focus is drawing on the knowledge of more than 100 senior figures from across the ATN together with leaders in industry to tackle these uncomfortable myths, to gain frank and fearless advice, and to challenge outdated thinking to ensure we position our universities for the future. Such fresh thinking will ensure that Australian businesses, government and the Not-for-Profit sector can continue to benefit from the outputs of ATN teaching and research in the future.

The investment by ATN universities in state of the art facilities – such as The Cube in QUT's new Science and Engineering Centre – is symbolic of our move beyond the classroom environment and being at the forefront of technology. The Cube is a fitting and inspiring venue to commence the 2014 ATN Dialogue in which we will confront the sector's 'elephants in the room'!

Commencing at The Cube, QUT Gardens Point campus, P Block (ground level)

9.00am – 9.30am	ATN Retrospective and State of the Union Ms Vicki Thomson Executive Director, ATN
9.30am – 9.40am	ATN MoU signing
9.40am – 9.50am	Delegates move to the Dialogue venue – roomthreesixty, Level 10 – Y Block
9.50am – 10.00am	WELCOME and DIALOGUE OPENING including Welcome to Country Professor Peter Coaldrake AO Vice-Chancellor & CEO, QUT ATN Chair
10.00am – 10.20am	New Horizons or Groundhog Day? Ms Samantha Maiden Political Editor, The Australian
10.20am – 10.40am	Morning tea
10.40am – 11.00am	Professor Ian Chubb AC Chief Scientist for Australia
11.00am – 12.00pm	ATN Vice-Chancellor panel discussion – relevance or not for Australia's universities over the next decade? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Peter Coaldrake AO, Vice-Chancellor & CEO, QUT, ATN Chair • Professor Ross Milbourne, Vice-Chancellor and President, UTS • Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President, UniSA • Professor Margaret Gardner AO, Vice-Chancellor and President RMIT University • Professor Colin Stirling, Acting Vice-Chancellor Curtin University Facilitator: Winthrop Professor Peter van Onselen
12.00pm – 12.20pm	You need us more than we need you – understanding how the media works Ms Julie Hare, Editor The Australian Higher Education Section (HES)
12.20pm – 1.00pm	Lunch



Myth busting debate panels

Ms Vicki Thomson, ATN Executive Director Host and facilitator

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Industry knows what it needs but claims we don't supply – why not? (research and teaching)

- Professor Arun Sharma, DVC Research and Commercialisation QUT, Chair ATN Research Group
- Professor Peter Little, DVC Corporate Programs and Partnerships, QUT
- Mr Chris Leptos AM, Partner KPMG, ATN Research Impact Industry Advisory Board
- Dr Ross Smith, Project Director, Hydrobiology, President, Science and Technology Australia
- Mr Greg Stone, CTO Microsoft Chair; ATN Industry Doctoral Training Centre Advisory Board; ATN Research Impact Industry Advisory Board
- Professor Nicky Solomon, Dean of Graduate Research, UTS
- Dr Peter Burn, Director Policy, Ai Group; ATN Research Impact Industry Advisory Board
- Mr Michael Clark, Director Research and Technology, Thales Australia

2.05pm – 3.05pm

Corporate entities or intellectual powerhouses: surely universities can be both?

- Professor Ross Milbourne, Vice-Chancellor and President, UTS
- Mr Philip Clark AM, Chairman, Education Investment Fund, Chair, ATN Research Impact Industry Advisory Board
- Professor Scott Sheppard, DVC International and Development QUT; Chair ATN International Group
- Mr Steve Somogyi, Chief Operating Officer and VP Resources, RMIT
- Mr Chris Becker, Trader and Investment Strategist, MacroBusiness

3.05pm – 3.20pm

Afternoon tea

3.25pm – 4.25pm

Are university workforces doomed to be male, pale and stale?

- Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President, UniSA
- Ms Pamela Young, Managing Director, growthcurv and Author, *Stepping Up*
- Professor Graeme Hugo AO, Director Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, University of Adelaide
- Mr Bill Kett, Managing Partner, Heidrick & Struggles
- Ms G'deona Soeharyo, ATN IDTC PhD student

4.25pm – 4.35pm

Dispelling myths and embracing the future (summary of outcomes)

4.35pm – 4.45pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Professor Peter Coaldrake AO
Vice-Chancellor & CEO, QUT
ATN Chair

Participate in the ATN Dialogue with Twitter

Stay in touch with the ATN Dialogue 2014 by following us on Twitter: [@atndialogue2014](https://twitter.com/atndialogue2014)

During the afternoon debate panels at the Dialogue we will be running a live moderated twitter feed – simply include the hashtag [#atndialogue2014](https://twitter.com/atndialogue2014) or [#profitfromfreshthinking](https://twitter.com/profitfromfreshthinking) to join in the discussion.

Got a view on an issue? Vote interactively on questions that arise during the myth-buster debate using GoSoapBox:

1. In your browser go to <http://app.gosoapbox.com> on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone;
2. Type in Access Code field (no spaces) for the relevant myth-buster debate and click join now to cast your vote (multiple choice)

Myth-buster Debate	Access Code Field
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Professor Peter Coaldrake AO

Vice-Chancellor & CEO, QUT
ATN Chair

Professor Peter Coaldrake AO is the Chair of the Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN). He is Vice-Chancellor and CEO of Queensland University of Technology (QUT), a position he took up in April 2003. He previously had been Deputy Vice-Chancellor in the same institution, and prior to that served for four years as Chair (CEO) of Queensland's Public Sector Management Commission, the body established by the Goss government to overhaul Queensland's public sector.

Professor Coaldrake is a dual Fulbright Scholar, as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the field of politics/public policy (1980–1981), and as a Senior Scholar in the field of higher education policy and management (2001–2002). Professor Coaldrake is co-author (with Dr Lawrence Stedman) of *Raising the Stakes: Gambling with the Future of Universities* (UQP, April 2013), *Academic Work in the Twenty-First Century* (DEYA, 1999), and *On the Brink: Australia's Universities Confronting Their Future* (UQP, 1998). He is also the author of *Working the System: Government in Queensland* (UQP, 1989).

In May 2011, he completed a two-year term as Chair of the Board of Universities Australia, the peak body of Australia's universities. In January 2011, he became Chair of the Board of the Organisation for Economic Development – Institutional Management in Higher Education (OECD-IMHE) and was appointed as Chair of the Queensland Heritage Council. He joined the Australia Awards Board in May 2011. He is also a trustee of the Queensland Museum Foundation. He was appointed by the Premier of Queensland as a Smart State Ambassador in 2006. He was Chair of Queensland's sesquicentenary celebrations in 2009, and is also Chair of the QUT-based Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre.



Ms Vicki Thomson
Executive Director, ATN

Vicki Thomson is the Executive Director of the Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN).

The ATN is a coalition of five leading universities located in capital cities across Australia. The group is recognised nationally and internationally for its strong industry linkages and its associated impact-based research.

Ms Thomson's diverse background covers print and electronic journalism, politics, issues management and the higher education sector. She has an extensive media, political and policy background and as Chief of Staff to a South Australian Premier.

Previous to that position Ms Thomson was senior policy and media adviser to the Premier, entering politics after a decade-long political media career 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. She has extensive networks at the most senior levels of Federal Government, industry, business and public service.

Ms Thomson has also worked extensively to develop successful ATN linkages and joint ventures with higher education coalitions in the UK, Canada, South America, Europe and South Africa and China, delivering a significant international presence for the ATN.

She was recently named in The Australian Newspaper's Top 50 most influential people in Higher Education.

She has post graduate qualifications in business and is currently undertaking a Masters in Management at the University of South Australia.

Ms Samantha Maiden
Political Editor, The Australian

Samantha Maiden joined the Canberra press gallery after the 1998 federal election. The national political editor for Australia's biggest selling newspapers, she writes for Sydney's Sunday Telegraph, the Sunday Herald Sun in Victoria, the Sunday Mail in Queensland and South Australia, the Sunday Times in Perth and the Sunday Tasmanian. She has three children and lives in Canberra.

Professor Ian Chubb AC
Chief Scientist for Australia

Professor Ian Chubb AC commenced in the position of Chief Scientist for Australia on 23 May 2011.

Previous roles:

2001–2011 Vice-Chancellor, The Australian National University

1995–2000 Vice-Chancellor, Flinders University of South Australia

1993–1995 Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Monash University

1990–1995 Chair of the Commonwealth's Higher Education Council

1986–1990 Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Wollongong.

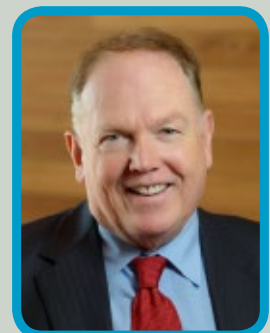
Professor Chubb was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for "service to higher education including research and development policy in the pursuit of advancing the national interest socially, economically, culturally and environmentally and to the facilitation of a knowledge-based global economy".

Professor Ross Milbourne
Vice-Chancellor and President, UTS

Professor Ross Milbourne, Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Technology, Sydney

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.

His previous appointments include Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at UTS, 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 Milbourne was Chair of the Australian Technology Network (ATN) from February 2009 to February 2011, and is currently a member of the Universities Australia Board.



Professor David Lloyd
Vice-Chancellor and
President, UniSA

**Professor Margaret
Gardner AO**
Vice-Chancellor and President
RMIT University

Professor Colin Stirling
Acting Vice-Chancellor
Curtin University

**Winthrop Professor
Peter van Onselen**

Professor David Lloyd is Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia.

Previously Professor Lloyd was Bursar and Director of Strategic Innovation at Trinity College Dublin, one of Europe's oldest and most prominent universities, having been Dean and Vice President of Research at Trinity between 2007 and 2011. He was concurrently the inaugural Chair of the Irish Research Council.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Chemistry and a PhD in Medicinal Organic Chemistry from Dublin City University, and was also a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at Trinity College Dublin.

Professor Lloyd is a biochemist specialising in computer-aided drug design, and headed the Molecular Design Group at Trinity, Ireland's leading innovative drug discovery research group on the integration of in silico and traditional wet lab drug discovery techniques, applying rational drug design strategies to key therapeutic targets.

He has published extensively in related fields in high impact international journals while generating significant grant income, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Professor Margaret Gardner was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of RMIT University in April 2005, having previously held the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Queensland.

Professor Gardner has provided strategic advice on educational pathways, human resource management, equity and employment and industrial relations to governments, industry and a broad range of institutions. She has also served on the boards of a number of bodies, including in the arts and education sectors.

She is currently a member of the Universities Australia Board, the ANZAC Centenary Advisory Board, and Australia in the Asian Century Strategic Advisory Board. Professor Gardner chairs the Museums Board of Victoria, RMIT International University Vietnam Pty Ltd, RMIT Vietnam Holdings Pty Ltd as well as the Strategic

Advisory Board, Office of Learning and Teaching and is a director on the Open Universities Australia, CEDA (Committee for Economic Development) and the Fulbright Commission Advisory Boards.

In 2007, Professor Gardner was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in recognition of service to tertiary education, particularly in the areas of university governance and gender equity, and to industrial relations in Queensland.

Professor Colin J Stirling came to Curtin from the University of Manchester, where he was Vice-President of Teaching and Learning since 2008 and Associate Vice-President (eLearning) from 2007 to 2008. He also served as Professor of Genetics in the Faculty of Life Sciences from 1998 and has been a Royal Society Wolfson Research Fellow since 2006.

Professor Stirling has a distinguished research career in molecular genetics spanning more than 20 years. He has published extensively in a wide range of leading scientific journals including Cell, Science and Nature and his contributions have been recognised in a number of prestigious awards from learned societies. His area of expertise is on the structure and function of the living cell. His work investigates the molecular mechanisms and sorting pathways required to assemble individual cells. Using yeast as the model system, Professor Stirling's work has produced important insights into how our own cells live and grow.

As part of his role, Professor Stirling provides strategic leadership to the faculties in supporting the University directions in research, teaching and learning.

Professor Stirling is currently Acting Vice-Chancellor for Curtin University.

Winthrop Professor Peter van Onselen anchors Showdown, The Contrarians and Australian Agenda on SKY NEWS National. Peter is also the Contributing Editor at The Australian newspaper.

Prior to joining The Australian, Peter wrote a regular column for The Bulletin magazine (2007-08). He also wrote a number of opinion columns for publications including; The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Australian Financial Review, the Canberra Times and The Courier-Mail.

During this time he also appeared on the Nine Network's Sunday program, where he presented cover stories on Australian politics and provided expert commentary in the lead-up to the federal election.

In early 2011, in addition to his journalistic duties Peter became a Winthrop Professor and Foundation Chair of Journalism at the University of Western Australia. Prior to this he was an Associate Professor in politics and Government at Edith Cowan University where he worked from 2004-2011.



Ms Julie Hare
Editor The Australian Higher
Education Section (HES)

Professor Arun Sharma
DVC Research and Commercialisation, QUT
Chair, ATN Research Group

Professor Peter Little
DVC Corporate Programs
and Partnerships, QUT

Peter was raised in Sydney's eastern suburbs and attended The Scots College, Bellevue Hill. On graduating he studied a Bachelor of Arts at the University of New South Wales, graduating with first-class honours in Political Science and a Masters in Policy Studies (with Distinction). He then furthered his academic studies at the University of Western Australia where he was awarded his PhD in Political Science.

Prior to commencing his academic career, and while still studying at university, Peter was a Policy Analyst in the non-government sector (2002). He was also on the staff of Tony Abbott when he was Minister for Workplace Relations in the Howard Government ahead of the 2001 election.

Peter is also an accomplished author and has written and edited four books. His best seller John Winston Howard (with Dr Wayne Errington) was rated by the Wall Street Journal Asia as the best biography of 2007. He is currently working on a biography of Kevin Rudd, to be published by Melbourne University Press.

Julie Hare has been higher education editor at *The Australian* since August 2010, after six years editing the specialist higher education title *Campus Review*. Before that, Julie edited a magazine for the NSW education department.

Her early years in journalism were in magazines as an editor, sub-editor and feature writer. She still occasionally years to write about lipstick and floral arrangements.

Julie collected a Bachelor of Arts from Newcastle University in the 1980s, where she majored in English and drama, apparently giving no thought to a future career. She stumbled into journalism via a mixture persistence, chutzpah and sheer blind luck.

Professor Arun Sharma is the Chair of the Australian Technology Network of Universities Research Group, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Commercialisation) at the Queensland University of Technology. He co-founded National ICT Australia (NICTA) in 2002.

Prior to NICTA, he was the Head of the School of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of New South Wales where he co-founded the Cooperative Research Centre for Smart Internet Technology.

He was a member of the Independent Advisory Council of the Australian Research Council during 2008–2009 and was a member of the interim advisory board of the Manufacturing Centre of the Enterprise Connect Program during 2008–09.

He served as a member of the Queensland Premier's Smart State Council from 2005–11 and a member of the Premier's Business Roundtable 2008–11. He was awarded the 2010 Premier's Special Award for contribution to building the export profile of Queensland.

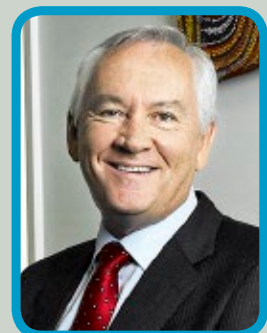
He is currently the Chairman of the Queensland India Council and advisory committee to the Queensland Treasurer and Minister for Trade. From 2005–11 he was the President of the Australia India Business Council (Queensland Chapter) and served as the National Chairman during 2011/2012. He is on the Board of Adani Abbot Point Terminal Pty Ltd.

He received a PhD in Computer Science from the State university of New York at Buffalo in 1990, his postdoctoral training in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1990–91) and his undergraduate degree in computer Science from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani in 1985. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Professor Peter Little is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Programs and Partnerships) at QUT and formerly Executive Dean of the QUT Business School.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws and a PhD, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, a Fellow of CPA Australia and a Fellow of the Queensland Academy of the Arts and Sciences.

Professor Little was recently appointed as Chair of Screen Queensland, is a board member of the European Foundation for Management Development, a Councillor and Member of the Executive Committee of the RNA, a director of the RACQ Foundation, a director of Ormiston College Ltd, a co-founder of the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame and a Consultant to McCullough Robertson Lawyers.



Mr Chris Leptos AM

Partner KPMG,
ATN Research Impact
Industry Advisory Board

Dr Ross Smith

Project Director, Hydrobiology
President, Science and Technology Australia

Mr Greg Stone

Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft
Chair, ATN Industry Doctoral Training Centre Advisory Board
ATN Research Impact Industry Advisory Board

Chris Leptos AM is a Partner in the Melbourne office of KPMG. His earlier management roles include Head of Corporate Development for Western Mining Corporation and Chief of Staff to Senator John Button. He has undertaken numerous government reviews for both State and Federal governments; he is a Governor of The Smith Family; a Director of the Asia Society/Asialink; and a volunteer CFA fire-fighter. Mr Leptos graduated from the University of Melbourne with a BCom (1980) and an MBA (1990), and is a Fellow of both the Institute of Chartered Accountants and of CPA Australia. In 1997 he was designated a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" at the World Economic Forum in Davos, and in the June 2000 Queen's Birthday Honours Mr Leptos was designated a Member of the Order of Australia for his work on the sustainability of the global mining sector.

Dr Ross Smith is the President of Science and Technology Australia, the peak group representing over 68,000 scientists and technologists across all sectors in Australia. He is also active in other science bodies, currently being vice president for Asia Pacific of the global Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, and on that organisations World Science Committee and with active membership of several other scientific societies. In these roles Ross is an advocate for good science policy with all levels of government in Australia, and for environmental science policy with other regional governments.

Professionally, Ross has worked for private industry since 1987, initially in the resources industry and for over 20 years as a consultant. He is currently a company director for an environmental consultancy, Hydrobiology, that is based in Brisbane, Perth and Papua New Guinea.

His consultancy practice has been based on providing scientific investigation and advice services to the resource industries, agricultural industries, manufacturing and processing industries, shipping and other transport infrastructure sectors, and governments in Australia, the south Pacific, southeast Asia, the Americas and Africa. He has also served on a number of government science advisory panels, particularly related to environmental regulation. This has provided him with broad experience of the application of science to achieve business and government outcomes in Australia and globally in the tropics.

Greg Stone is Chief Technology Officer for Microsoft Australia, and supports Microsoft's technology policy and strategy initiatives working across Public and Private sectors as well as contributing to Microsoft's long term technology blueprints – particularly in the areas of identity, collaboration, human-machine design.

Greg also maintains a deep interest and expertise in the interplay of technology and the built environment having qualified in and practiced architecture for some years earlier in his career.

Greg joined Microsoft Australia in 2001 with over 20 years of executive business and IT experience across a broad range of industry sectors.



Professor Nicky Solomon
Dean of Graduate Research, UTS

Dr Peter Burn
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Mr Michael Clark
Director Research and
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Mr Philip Clark AM
Chairman, Education Investment Fund,
Chair, ATN Research Impact
Industry Advisory Board

Professor Nicky Solomon is Dean of the University Graduate School, Professor Solomon has overall leadership and management of research degree students across the university. Her role focuses on improving the quality of doctoral education so that research graduates make significant contributions to knowledge in their disciplinary areas, but also so that graduates have well developed research skills to help them with their career choices.

Professor Solomon's research spans workplace learning, interdisciplinary research, as well as on changing professional and pedagogical practices through the ongoing influence of digital information and communication developments. Her current research project focuses on the changing practices of health professionals in primary health care settings.

She has published books, chapters in edited books, journal articles and refereed conference papers.

Peter Burn is the Director – Public Policy, Australian Industry Group. The role of Director – Public Policy involves the development and dissemination of policy advice on a wide range of issues relevant to Ai Group's members. This embraces economic, industrial, regulatory, social and environmental policy areas as they affect business.

Prior to joining Ai Group in 2002, Peter was Director – Policy at the Business Council of Australia and previously held academic positions in Economics Departments at the University of Queensland and the University of Newcastle. Peter began his professional career at the Commonwealth Treasury.

Michael Clark was born and educated in Auckland, New Zealand. In 1982 he graduated from the University of Auckland with a Master of Science degree specialising in Electronic Physics.

For the past 26 years Michael has worked in the Australian Defence businesses of Thales Australia and its predecessor companies, including a two year mission to Sophia Antipolis, France, where he worked as Corporate Technology Co-ordinator responsible for the company's global investment in self-funded research and development activities in the underwater systems sector.

Michael has extensive experience in the sonar engineering business of Thales Underwater Systems based in Rydalmere Sydney, and today he fulfils the role of Director Research & Technology within the Thales Australia corporate organisation.

Michael has been a regular presenter at the BMT submarine design course, where he delivered the submarine sonar module as one component of a week long course.

Michael has participated as delegate, author and session chairman at a number of regional conferences and has been a member of the Technical Programme Committee for the Undersea Defence Technology (UDT) Asia & Pacific events.

Michael is a member of the Institute of Engineers Australia (IEAust), a member of the IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society (OES), and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

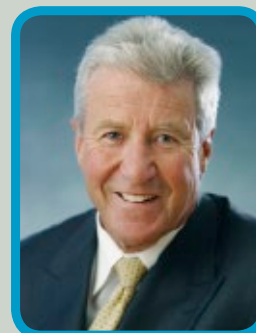
Philip Clark AM is a member of the J P Morgan Advisory Council. He was Managing Partner and CEO of Minter Ellison and worked with that firm from 1995 until June 2005. Prior to joining Minter Ellison, Phil was Director and Head of Corporate with ABN Amro Australia and prior to that he was Managing Partner of Mallesons Stephen Jaques for 16 years. Earlier in his career he worked with a Pratt Industries subsidiary and with Shell Australia.

Phil now serves on a number of boards and advisory boards.

His work in the not-for profit sector includes positions as a Director of High Resolves Foundation, Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience Corporation (AIME) and Karen Lynch Foundation. Phil also served as a Director of the Garvan Foundation from 2005 to 2008.

Phil has Bachelors degrees in Arts and Law from Sydney University and an MBA from Columbia University.

He was appointed as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2007 for his contribution to the development of national law firms and encouraging corporate involvement in community programs.



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Professor Scott Sheppard is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor International and Development at QUT. He took up this role in 2008 and previously held positions as Minister-Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Beijing, Consul Economic in Hong Kong and Queensland Commissioner to China.

Scott has held a range of positions in Commonwealth and state governments and established the Queensland Education and Training International program in the Queensland Government.

Scott's academic background is in Asian studies, Chinese language and international law.

Steve Somogyi was appointed as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President Resources at RMIT University in 2006. Steve contributes to operational efficiency and effectiveness and helps ensure the people, financial and infrastructure needs of the Group are met. He leads corporate services and ensures it has sufficient capability and an effective service orientation.

Steve has extensive experience in the financial services and health care industries, including 27 years with National Mutual and as Executive Member of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority for 3 years to June 2006.

He holds a Master of Science from the University of Melbourne in Physics and a Master of Science from the Massachusetts Institution of Technology in Management. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia, of the Australian Institute of Company directors and of the Financial Services Institute of Australia. Steve is a Commissioner of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, a Director of ANZ Wealth Companies, Guild Group companies, Spatial Vision Innovations, and a Trustee of RMIT Foundation.

Chris Becker is a private trader and independent investment strategist with an extensive background in portfolio management, asset allocation, superannuation strategy. He was previously the investment manager for Empire Investing, focusing on value in the Australian small and mid-cap sector. Before this, Chris was a senior financial advisor and portfolio manager for a boutique financial services company in Brisbane, specializing in Gen X/Y superannuation. He has appeared on ABCs The Business, written for The Age and Sydney Morning Herald and blogged extensively at MacroBusiness.

Pamela Young is a globally experienced executive director and strategic change consultant. She has lived and worked in many cultures including Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, the UK, continental Europe and the USA. Her cross-cultural and international experience with global businesses adds richness to her insights and vision for the future of business and society.

Pamela has led major transformation, post-merger integration and culture change programs in four corners of the world. She has worked with global leaders including Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank, Prudential Bache, Winterthur Life, Zurich Financial Services, KPMG Europe Freshfield Bruckhaus Derringer, Fletcher Challenge, Sun Alliance, Macquarie Bank, AGSM, Fairfax Media, ACP Magazines, Russell McVeagh, Mallesons, Beca Group and PricewaterhouseCoopers. Pamela has held a number of executive roles including: Executive Director, Shook Lin & Bok, Singapore; Principal Consultant Kinsley Lord Towers Perrin, UK; and Transformation Director, Coffey International Australia.

Pamela has recently authored and published a book about the need for culture change in Australia to boost diversity and productivity, stimulate growth and support our advancement into the Asia region. Its title is *Stepping Up: Lead culture change for diversity and growth in the Asian century*. Pamela interviewed 100 leaders from 16 cities and 26 industries across Australia and Asia for this work. You can review or purchase *Stepping Up* on www.stepsingupaustralia.com.au



Professor Graeme Hugo AO
Director Australian Population and Migration
Research Centre, University of Adelaide

Mr Bill Kett
Managing Partner, Heidrick & Struggles

Ms G'deona Soeharyo
ATN IDTC PhD student

Professor Graeme Hugo AO is ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, Professor of the Discipline of Geography, Environment and Population and Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre at the University of Adelaide. His research interests are in population issues in Australia and South East Asia, especially migration. He is the author of over three hundred books, articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books, as well as a large number of conference papers and reports. In 2002 he secured an ARC Federation Fellowship and in 2009 an ARC Australian Professorial Fellowship. In 2012 he was named an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to population research, particularly the study of international migration, population geography and mobility, and through leadership roles with national and international organisations.

Bill Kett is Regional Practice Managing Partner (Asia Pacific and the Middle East) for the Education, Nonprofit and Social Enterprise practice of Heidrick & Struggles. He is also Partner-in-Charge of the Melbourne office. Bill has a wide network and significant experience in international search, having commenced in the search industry in 1995.

Bill has undertaken numerous searches at the Vice-Chancellor, Chief Executive and Director level for a wide range of institutions and organisations in the education, health, research and scientific sectors, as well as government.

Prior to joining Heidrick and Struggles Bill was a Partner with KPMG. During his twelve years with the firm he held a number of senior roles, most recently as Partner-in-Charge of a national executive search and selection practice for KPMG Australia.

His early career included senior operational and functional roles in the public sector. Bill has a long standing interest in global education, health, scientific/research and government markets and has a deep understanding of the operational and cultural challenges faced by clients in these areas.

Bill has a Master of Business Administration from Monash University and a Diploma of Applied Science from the University of Melbourne.

G'deona Soeharyo is a PhD student at the University of South Australia in the ATN Industry Doctoral Training Centre in Mathematics and Statistics (IDTC) where her research is in robust decision-making, especially in counter-terrorism applications and also modelling intelligent adversaries. G'deona completed a Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Adelaide with an Honours project in Fluid Mechanics.

In the future G'deona would like to continue doing research in academia or industry; live and experience life overseas, relearn a language, learn at least one new language and perhaps squeeze in a couple of years teaching secondary level maths and physics.





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