

# Senior Staff Forum

Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 July 2011

## Research, Research Engagement & Commercialisation

Hosted by the University of Newcastle

### FORUM PROGRAM – Day 1

Wednesday 6 July 2011		University of Newcastle, Callaghan	
CAMPUS TOUR			
2.30pm		Coach departs from the Crowne Plaza Hotel for Callaghan Campus. <i>Please meet in the hotel foyer. Those attending the tours will go directly to the Cocktail Function from the tour.</i>	
3.00 – 6.00pm		<b>CAMPUS TOUR</b> Professor Mike Calford, DVC(Research) to provide tour of research facilities at The University of Newcastle	
3.00 – 3.45pm		Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources (NIER) – <b>Dr Alan Broadfoot, Director</b>	
4.00 – 5.30pm		Following NIER, the group will be divided into three and concurrently visit the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reproductive Science Group Laboratory – <b>Laureate Professor John Aitken</b> <i>Laureate Professor John Aitken is a Professor of Biological Sciences and the Director of the University's Priority Research Centre in Reproductive Science. He has recently been elected as a Fellow to the Australian Academy of Science</i></li><li>• Life Sciences Teaching Laboratory – <b>Associate Professor Phil Dickson</b>, School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy</li><li>• Information Commons and Flowers Reading Room, Auchmuty Library – <b>Mr Greg Anderson</b>, University Librarian</li></ul>	
5.45pm		The coach leaves from outside the library for the Cocktail function.	
COCKTAIL FUNCTION – The Wollotuka Institute – Birabahn Building			
5.30pm		Coach departs from the Crowne Plaza Hotel for the Wollotuka Institute <i>For those who have not attended the campus tour. Please meet in the hotel foyer.</i>	
6.00 – 8.30pm		<b>COCKTAIL FUNCTION</b>	
6.20pm		<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Aunty Sandra</b>, Elder in residence.</li></ul>	
6.30pm		<b>Welcome to Newcastle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Professor Nick Saunders</b>, Vice-Chancellor and President, The University of Newcastle</li></ul>	
7.30pm		<b>Ngurra bu dancers</b>	
8.30pm		Coach departs for the Crowne Plaza Hotel	

**DRESS CODE** - The dress code for the Forum is smart casual.

In July, the temperature in Newcastle ranges from 8-18°C

## FORUM PROGRAM – Day 2

Thursday 7 July 2011		Newcastle City Hall, Hunter Room
<p><i>The Newcastle City Hall is a five minute walk from the Crowne Plaza Hotel.</i></p> <p><i>All locations for day 2 are within walking distance – Newcastle City Hall, the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Il Grifone restaurant - a map is enclosed in the forum folder in the general information section.</i></p>		
8.40 – 9.00am	<b>Registration</b> (Tea and Coffee on Arrival)	
9.00 – 9.10am	<b>OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE IRU CHAIR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Ian O'Connor</b>, IRU Chair, Vice-Chancellor and President Griffith University</li> </ul>	
9.10 – 9.30am	<b>OPENING FOR MORNING SESSION CHAIR DVC(R)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Chris Cocklin</b>, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, James Cook University</li> </ul>	
9:30 – 10.45am	<b>THE RESEARCH LANDSCAPE 2020 AND BEYOND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition for grant funds</li> <li>• Workforce: replacing retiring researchers</li> <li>• Impact of ERA on access to research funds</li> </ul> <b>Panel discussion.</b> <b>[10 minute comments then open discussion with attendees]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Warwick Anderson</b>, Chief Executive Officer National Health and Medical Research Council</li> <li>• <b>Professor Margaret Sheil</b>, Chief Executive Officer Australian Research Council</li> <li>• <b>Professor Michael Barber</b>, Vice-Chancellor, Flinders University</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> <i>Professor Chris Cocklin - James Cook University</i>
10.45 – 11.15am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11.15am - 12.30pm	<b>ERA: THE IRU AGENDA – GROUP DISCUSSION</b> <p><b>Where we stand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Tony Sheil</b> Deputy Director, Office of Research, Griffith</li> </ul> <p><b>Use of ERA (funding; status; capacity for research training etc)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Scott Holmes</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research), the University of Newcastle</li> </ul> <p><b>Methodology for 2012 round</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Jasper Taylor</b> Director, Research Services, James Cook University</li> </ul> <p><b>IRU action areas</b></p>	<b>Chair:</b> <i>Professor Mike Calford - University of Newcastle</i>
12.30 -1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	

## FORUM PROGRAM – Day 2 continued...

Thursday 7 July 2011		Newcastle City Hall, Hunter Room
1.30 – 2.15pm	<b>RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT AND CONSEQUENTIAL PRODUCTIVITY IMPACTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professor Mary O’Kane, NSW Chief Scientist and Scientific Engineer</li></ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Professor Sandra Harding - James Cook University
2.15 – 3.30pm	<b>HOW CAN THE IRU COLLABORATE TO ADVANCE RESEARCH OUTCOMES, ENGAGEMENT AND COMMERCIALISATION.</b>  <b>Group session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professor Tim Brown and Deputy Vice-Chancellors Research</li></ul> Update on existing IRU collaborative efforts including, Ecosystems Tipping Points and identifying areas for collaboration.	
3.30 - 4.00pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00 – 4.55pm	<b>DEVELOPMENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr Glenn Withers AO Chief Executive Officer Universities Australia</li></ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Professor Paul Johnson- La Trobe University
4.55 – 5.00pm	<b>CLOSE OF DAY 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professor Ian O’Connor, Chair IRU</li></ul>	
NEWCASTLE CHAMBER CHOIR		
5.10 – 5.30pm	<b>NEWCASTLE CHAMBER CHOIR</b> Introduced by <b>Professor Kevin McConkey</b> DVC (Academic and Global Relations) The University of Newcastle	
DINNER – IL GRIFONE		
7.00pm	Pre-dinner drinks	
7.30 - 10.30pm	Dinner	

## FORUM PROGRAM – Day 3

Friday 8 July 2011		Newcastle City Hall, Hunter Room
8.10 - 8.30am	Tea and Coffee on Arrival	
8.30 - 9.30am	<b>PROMOTING INDIGENOUS RESEARCH IN IRU UNIVERSITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor John Maynard</b>, ARC, Australian Research Fellow (Indigenous), Former Director Wollotuka Institute of Aboriginal Studies, University of Newcastle.</li> <li>• <b>Professor John Lester</b>, Chair Aboriginal Studies, University of Newcastle</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Professor Nick Saunders - University of Newcastle
9.30 – 10.30am	<b>INTERNATIONALISATION OF RESEARCH STUDENTS – RECRUITING PHDS</b> <b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Barney Glover</b>, Vice-Chancellor Charles Darwin University</li> <li>• <b>Professor Paul Johnson</b>, Vice-Chancellor and President, La Trobe University</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Professor Michael Barber - Flinders University
10.30 – 11.00am	Morning Tea	
11.00 – 11.45am	<b>IRU BENCHMARKING PROJECT: PROGRESS REPORT AND DEMONSTRATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Julie Jackson</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor (Educational Partnerships and Quality), La Trobe University</li> <li>• <b>Mr Alonso Matta</b>, Benchmarking Software Developer, La Trobe University</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Professor David Doepel - Murdoch University
11.45am - 12.15pm	<b>HIGHLY EFFECTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM: IMPACT AND FUTURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Hugh Kearns</b> Thinkwell</li> <li>• <b>Dr Gayle Morris</b> Director, Research Services Flinders University</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Professor David Day - Flinders University
12.15 – 12.30pm	<b>OUTCOMES OF FORUM – THEMES, ISSUES, SPECIFIC ACTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Conor King</b>, Executive Director, IRU</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Professor Ian O'Connor - Griffith University
12.30 - 2.00pm	<b>Lunch - Professor Ian Chubb AC, Chief Scientist for Australia</b> Lunch will be held in the Banquet Room, ground floor.	
2.00 - 2.15pm	<b>FORUM CLOSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Ian O'Connor</b>, Chair IRU</li> </ul>	
2.30pm	Coaches depart from Crowne Plaza for Williamstown Airport Recommended for participants whose flight departs after 4pm.	