On behalf of the board of the Australasian Council of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH), I welcome you to our 2013 annual conference.

As always, the DASSH Board has worked hard on your behalf during the past 12 months. We have represented you in a variety of forums and in the last days before the election we worked hard for the sector to keep the issue of research funding on the media’s agenda.

I want to thank John Simons and his team at Macquarie University for putting on such a wonderful conference. And I want to thank John in particular for taking on the job of conference convenor at such late notice.

As at all conferences there are guest speakers including Vice Chancellors presenting at this conference and of course we are all looking forward to hearing their ideas. The conference is a little different this year. We are less focused on regulatory frameworks and more focused on community. Most of us became academics because we believed in the importance of our disciplines in shaping communities and responding to community needs. We have returned this year to those ‘grass roots’ concerns.

There is also a greater emphasis on panels and discussions, in response to your feedback from previous years. I hope you will enjoy the chance to discuss, network and share ideas with colleagues while you are at this conference.

I look forward to meeting with you while in Sydney. And I look forward to watching from the sidelines as DASSH grows from strength to strength over the next year or two.

Professor Krishna Sen
President
(and Dean, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Western Australia)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Wednesday 18th September - Macquarie University Art Gallery

5.00pm – 6.00pm
REGISTRATION
Location: Macquarie University Art Gallery, Building E11A

6.30pm – 7.30pm
RECEPTION
Hosted by Professor S Bruce Dowton, Vice Chancellor, Macquarie University
Location: Macquarie University Art Gallery, Building E11A
Thursday 19th September - Building C10A (Campus Hub), Level 3

9.00am – 10.00am  
CONFERENCE OPENING  
The Hon. Victor Dominello, Minister for Citizenship and Communities  
Professor Gail Whiteford, Pro Vice Chancellor (Social Inclusion), Macquarie University

10.00am – 11.30am  
Universities in the Virtual Global Community  
Panel discussion led by Associate Professor Sherman Young, Associate Dean Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University  
with Dean Groom, Manager of Educational Development, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, University of New South Wales and  
Kate Roth, Business Development Manager, Macquarie University

11.30am – 1.00pm  
Meeting Local Needs  
Panel discussion led by Professor Richie Howitt, Director of Macquarie-Ryde Futures Partnership, Macquarie University  
with Professor Michael Cuthill, Chair of Regional Community Development, University of Southern Queensland and  
Professor Hilary Winchester, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Research), Central Queensland University

1.00pm – 1.45pm  
LUNCH

1.45pm – 2.00pm  
The ACHRC Centres Project  
Presentation by Associate Professor Robert Phiddian, Deputy Dean, School of Humanities, Flinders University

2.00pm – 3.30pm  
The University Community – a learning space  
Panel discussion led by Professor Kenn Fisher, Learning Environments, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne  
with Associate Professor Robert Ellis, Director, eLearning and Learning Space, University of Sydney

3.30pm – 4.00pm  
AFTERNOON TEA

4.00pm – 5.30pm  
The NZ Perspective  
Panel discussion led by Associate Professor Paul Warren, Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research), Victoria University of Wellington  
with Dr Dan Hikuroa, Research Director, Nga Pae o te Maramatanga/NZ’s Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence, The University of Auckland and  
Associate Professor Rawinia Higgins, Te Kawa a Māui, Victoria University of Wellington

ADLT Network Break-out Session  
Room: Drysdale

7.00pm  
CONFERENCE DINNER  
Keynote: Mr Paul Vittles, Chairman, RSA Australia + New Zealand  
Location: Macquarie Room, Macquarie Graduate School of Management
9.00am – 10.30am  BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Dean’s Business Meeting and AGM
Room: Zofrea

ADLT Network Break-out Session
Room: McKenzie

ADR Network Break-out Session
Room: Lyndsay

10.30am – 11.00am  MORNING TEA

11.00am – 11.30am  Universities and Refugees
Presentation by Professor John Simons, Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University
This is a short presentation to introduce colleagues to a scheme which runs in the UK and the USA and to gauge interest in how we might introduce something similar in Australia and New Zealand.

11.30am – 1.00pm  Universities, Communities and Languages
Panel discussion led by Professor Martina Mollering, Head, Department of International Studies, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University
with Professor Jane Simpson, Head, School of Language Studies, ANU and Associate Professor Angela Scarino, Director, Research Centre for Languages and Cultures, University of South Australia

1.00pm – 2.00pm  LUNCH

2.00pm – 3.30pm  Students in the Community – the PACE experiment
Panel discussion led by Dr Kate Lloyd, Academic Director, Professional and Community Engagement, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University
This session is an opportunity to consider how Universities can develop and accredit volunteering programs. Participants will include convenors of such programs, representatives of agencies that take volunteers and students who have taken part.

3.30pm  CONFERENCE CLOSE