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President's Welcome

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Australasian Council of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (DASSH) conference in the vibrant city of Perth. As President, I am thrilled to host this gathering, where the finest minds from across our diverse disciplines come together to share insights, forge connections, and chart the course for the future of education and research in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.



With the current Accord negotiations, a review of Western Australian universities currently under way, and the recently completed review of the ARC, this year more than any other demonstrates the need for strong advocacy and leadership in our disciplines. For this reason, our conference program has focused on how our organisations and universities can have influence and achieve impact.

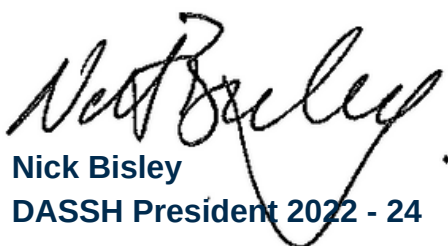
We'll hear from leading change-makers from whose experience we can learn, particularly working with government and the private sector. I hope you'll enjoy hearing from such colleagues as David Ritter (CEO of Greenpeace Australia Pacific), Alec Coles (CEO of the WA Museum) and Rhonda Marriott (PVC of Ngangk Yira Institute for Change).

I'm particularly delighted to have the Hon Dr Anne Aly join us for our conference, the Federal Minister for Early Childhood and Youth. Dr Aly will spend some time with us, considering how universities can have change the lives of young people—and how we can help shape the future leaders of our disciplines. And, also, we are very pleased to be joined by Christina Twomey, Chief Research Officer of the ARC, with whom we'll discuss the future of HASS funding opportunities.

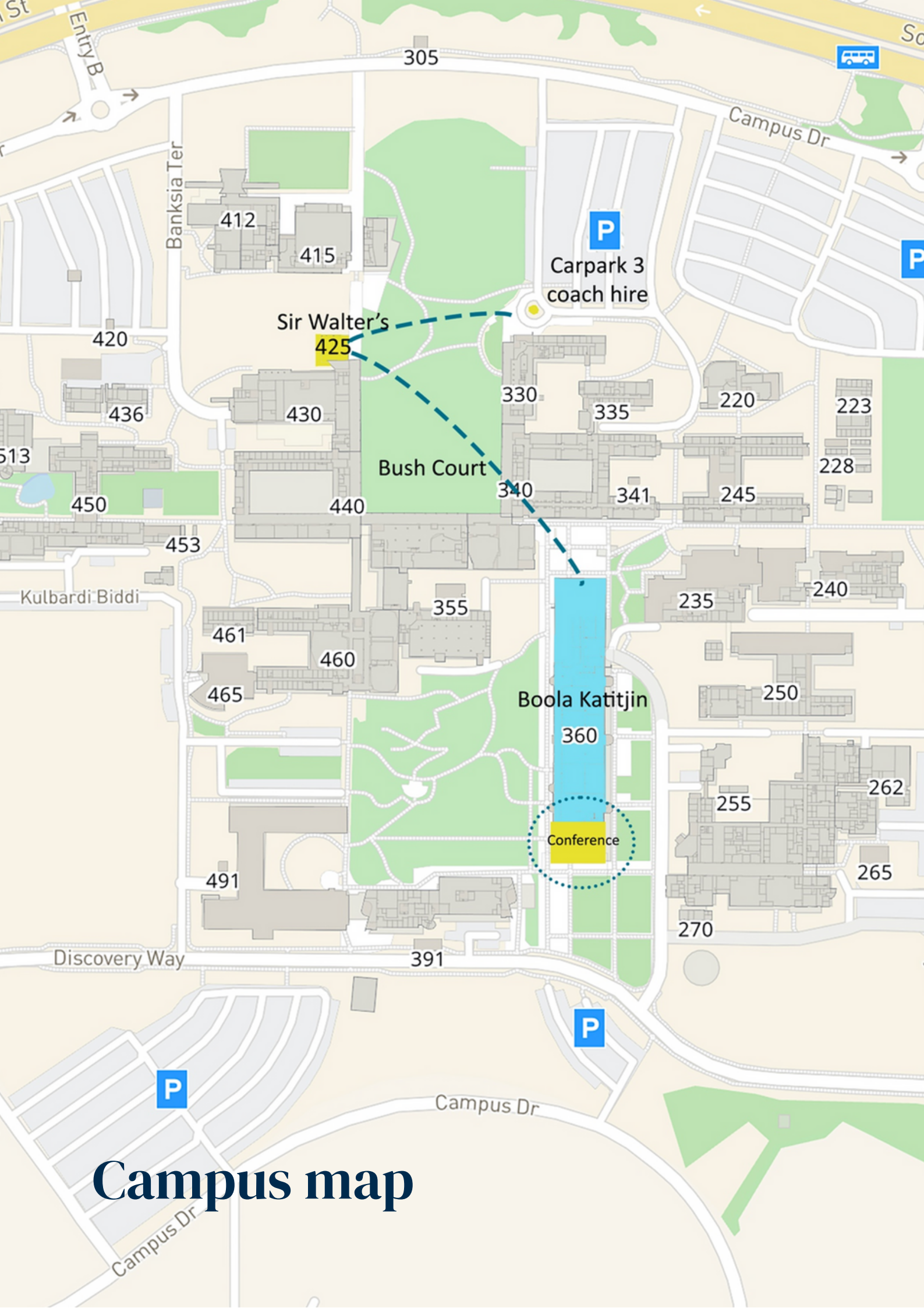
It is a pleasure to welcome international delegates and guests to our conference in 2023. As always, our colleagues from Aotearoa New Zealand are with us, and on this occasion Dr Dolores Guerrero and Amber Cox from the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences have travelled from the United States.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our colleagues in Perth who have coordinated this outstanding conference program. The 2023 event is a collaborative effort of Murdoch University, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, The University of Notre Dame Australia and The University of Western Australia.

I eagerly await the collaborative energy and ideas that will undoubtedly emerge during our time together. I trust you will enjoy a stimulating conference that propels us towards excellence in research, teaching, and community engagement.



Nick Bisley
DASSH President 2022 - 24



Campus map

Acknowledgement of First Nations

The Australasian Council of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities proudly acknowledges the Noongar people as the First Peoples and Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and water on which we host our 2023 conference.

We acknowledge and respect that Aboriginal communities are steeped in traditions and customs built on a disciplined social and cultural order.

This social and cultural order has sustained up to 50,000 years of existence. In particular, we acknowledge the powerful opportunity our sector has to embrace, learn from and improve through better understanding and integration of Indigenous Knowledges.



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Welcome to
**Building
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Boola Katitjin

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Wednesday

Day One, 27 September

8:30am

REGISTRATIONS

Boola Katitjin
Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

9:00am

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

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Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

[Prof Andrew Deeks](#)

Vice Chancellor, Murdoch University

9:30am

KEYNOTE

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On Advocacy...Being Change Leaders and Achieving Impact

[David Ritter](#)

CEO, Greenpeace Australia Pacific

David Ritter knows a thing or two about achieving impact and leading change. As the CEO of Greenpeace Australia Pacific, David is a leading international advocate for environmental and human security. He was previously a lecturer in History and Law at The University of Western Australia and a legal officer for the Yamatji Marlpa Land and Sea Council, becoming one of Australia's leading commenters on native title.

This important keynote address considers how DASSH and other leaders of our disciplines can achieve influence by drawing on the strategies, insights, and lessons of change-agents such as Greenpeace. David will share how the organisation has influenced policy change, corporate practice and public perception through ethical leadership, targeted and creative messaging, and the communication of an urgent vision. His message will suggest how our organisation can do the same.

Chair: [Prof Nick Bisley](#)

President, DASSH, and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University

10:30am

MORNING TEA

11:00am

PANEL DISCUSSION

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Engaging Government Effectively

This engaging session will ask the provocative question: what does government seek from universities, and especially from the Humanities and Social Sciences? With this in mind, we'll draw on expert professional advice to consider how we can engage government, industry and other disciplines most effectively.

[Alec Coles OBE FRSA](#)

CEO, Western Australian Museum

[Dr Kristiann Allen](#)

Associate Director, Policy and International Engagement, and Executive Secretary, International Network for Governmental Science Advice, University of Auckland

[Prof John Phillimore](#)

Executive Director, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University

Chair: [Prof Martin Drum](#)

Executive Dean of Arts, Sciences, Law and Business, University of Notre Dame Australia

12:30pm

LUNCH

1:30pm

DEANS MEETING and AGM

Including Afternoon Tea

Boola Katitjin
Building 360, Level 3, Room 2

The Deans' meeting is one of the most valuable opportunities of the annual DASSH conference—a chance to identify the most pressing issues faced by the Humanities and Social Sciences in Australian and New Zealand universities. Working together we will consider meaningful strategies to address key challenges, build powerful networks, support colleagues and establish priorities for DASSH advocacy in 2023-2024.

This session will be followed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

NETWORK OF ASSOCIATE DEANS

The Loft (above Sir Walter's Restaurant and Club Murdoch)
Building 425, Level 3 (top floor). Enter off Bush Court.

Session 1 - Governance of Indigenous Data Framework

The global Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDSov) movement focuses on upholding the rights of Indigenous communities in terms of ownership, control, access, and possession of their data. This concept is put into action through the implementation of Indigenous Data Governance (IDGov). As a response to this, the Australian Public Service has introduced the Governance of Indigenous Data Framework, which spans all sixteen federal government departments. This marks a crucial first step by the Federal Government in assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in realising IDSov. This session provides a comprehensive overview of the development of the federal government framework, along with its four core guidelines. Additionally, it delves into other significant endeavours within this domain.

[Dr Jacob Prehn](#)

Associate Dean Indigenous, College of Arts, Law, and Education, University of Tasmania

[Jenny Fewster](#)

HASS and Indigenous Research Data Commons Director, Australian Research Data Commons

Session 2 - Up and downs: On being a good Associate or Deputy Dean, Chair or Head of School

This practical session explores some key challenges around being deputy or associate leaders in HASS Faculty. In particular, the session explores the following questions:

- How should Universities and their communities nurture future leaders?
- How are the deputy, associate, and heads of School/department leadership roles changing?
- What is good leadership?

Both international and national perspectives will be offered by speakers and the audience.

[Amber Cox](#)

Executive Director, Council of Colleges of Fine Arts (US)

[Assoc Prof Sarah Midford](#)

Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), La Trobe University, and Deputy-Chair of the Australian SHAPE Futures Early and Mid-Career Researchers Network

Chair: [Prof Andrea Rizzi](#)

Convenor, NOADD, and Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Arts, The University of Melbourne

4:30 – 6:00pm

RECEPTION

Sir Walter's Restaurant, tree-lined balcony
Building 425 (ground floor). Enter off Bush Court.

Including a lounge jazz performance from WAAPA (ECU) musicians, Arvis Mena Lescaj, Vincent Choy and Flavio Colonetti.

6:00pm

COACH TRANSFER TO FREMANTLE

Carpark 3, north-east corner of Bush Court (next to Building 330)

This one-way transfer to Fremantle will drop guests near the Esplanade Park, ready to grab dinner in one of Fremantle's vibrant food precincts. See our eating out recommendations on the next page.

6:30 – 8:30pm

NOADD CASUAL DINNER

Members and friends of the Associate Deans network are invited to gather for a casual dinner at the **Norfolk Hotel, 47 South Tce, Fremantle.**

Where to eat

Perth and Fremantle have many vibrant food precincts that offer wonderful dining experiences. Following our evening reception, we recommend grabbing old and new friends and sharing great food at venues such as the following.

Bread in Common, Packerham Street, Fremantle
Long-table dining and an open kitchen in a heritage-listed former warehouse. One of Fremantle's favourites. Bookings available, but not essential.

National Hotel, corner of High and Market Streets, Fremantle
Relaxed pub food with balcony dining in a heritage icon of Fremantle's West End. Bookings available, but walk-ins usually easily find a table.

Vin Populi, High Street, Fremantle
Fremantle's coolest new wine bar and Italian restaurant. Classy wines and fresh pasta. Walk-ins welcome, but highly advised to book a table in advance.

Authentic Bites Dumpling House, Newcastle Street, Northbridge
This cheap and cheerful dumpling house serves some of the best dumplings you'll find anywhere. If you don't fancy waiting in line, try their sister kitchen, Juicy Bao Bao, round the corner at 344 William Street.

No Mafia, William Street, Northbridge
The original creation that launched Fremantle's Vin Populi: ranked by diners as some of the world's best Italian food. Table and bar seats available. Bookings advised, but walk-ins welcome.

Petition, corner of Barrack Street and St George's Tce, Perth
Set in the food mecca in the former Treasury Building, now the Como Hotel, the Post serves a vibrant and seasonal menu of shared plates in a busy bar and restaurant. Bookings advised.

Thursday

Day Two, 28 September

8:30am

REGISTRATIONS

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Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

9:30am

KEYNOTE

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Blue Skies and Impact: Universities and Young Australians

[Hon Dr Anne Aly](#)

Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth

In the age of the Accord, how can universities walk with young people to help them achieve extraordinary things? What do young change-makers and future leaders need from higher education in order to achieve lasting impact?

Dr Anne Aly was, herself, a young change-maker. As a single mother in her 20s, Dr Aly raised two young boys and transformed her family's future through education. Completing a PhD at Edith Cowan University, Dr Aly became a leading academic and practitioner in counter terrorism. In 2015 she was the only Australian to speak at President Obama's White House summit on countering violent extremism. She entered federal parliament in 2016 as the Member for Cowan. In 2021 she was awarded the McKinnon Prize for Emerging Political Leader of the Year, in recognition of her Parliamentary work against both right-wing extremism and family & domestic violence.

Dr Aly is now the Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth. In this important address to DASSH members, she will consider how universities can impact our future through the shaping of our youth.

Chair: [Prof Richard Holden](#)

President, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

10:30am

MORNING TEA

11:00am

PANEL

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Australia's Knowledge Economy

For nations such as Australia and New Zealand, the future hinges on a robust knowledge economy, wherein intellectual capital drives innovation, economic growth, social progress and human security. Universities should play a pivotal role in shaping this vision by fostering a culture of research, critical thinking, and knowledge creation. Through cutting-edge research and education, universities produce a skilled workforce equipped to tackle complex challenges across industries. Additionally, universities can engage in a transfer of ideas and skills that will drive our knowledge economies—but only if we are truly future-facing organisations. In this provocative session, innovative thought-leaders from technology, health, commerce and education will consider how universities can rise to this challenge.

[Prof Matt McGuire](#)

Dean of Humanities, Communications and Arts, Western Sydney University

[Prof Rhonda Marriott AM](#)

Pro Vice Chancellor, Ngangk Yira Institute for Change, Murdoch University

[Tom Goerke](#)

Trestle Digital and Curtin University

Chair: [Prof Matt McGuire](#)

Western Sydney University

12:30pm

LUNCH

1:30pm

PANEL

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First-Nations Futures

In ideal universities of the future, First Nations peoples will thrive as integral contributors to the academy. Indigenous students will experience a supportive and culturally inclusive learning environment, undertaking programs that respect their heritage and aspirations. Aboriginal academics will play a vital role in shaping curriculum and research across all disciplines, offering unique perspectives and insights. Through meaningful collaborations and knowledge-sharing, universities will bridge the gap between Indigenous and Western knowledge systems, empowering First Nations communities and enriching the global academic landscape with diverse perspectives. In this thoughtful session, leading Indigenous academics will share their vision for First Nations' futures that will both inspire and challenge us all.

[Prof Braden Hill](#)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students, Equity and Indigenous), Edith Cowan University

[Assoc Prof Steve Kinnane](#)

Co-Chair of Indigenous Studies, Nulungu Research Centre, University of Notre Dame Australia

[Mandy Downing](#)

Dean of Indigenous Futures, Curtin University

Chair: [Prof Chanelle van den Berg](#)

Pro Vice Chancellor (First Nations), Murdoch University

3:00pm

AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 – 5:00pm

WORKSHOP

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Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

Building future leaders

One of the challenges of leadership is finding the time to look beyond the immediate pressures to see what's coming next. This panel brings together local and international experience to consider how we can prepare for our futures, and how to prepare our future leaders. Sarah Midford will reveal current findings on the working experiences of early and mid-career academics in our disciplines. Dolores Guerrero will share her experience of the challenges facing humanities, arts and social sciences in the United States. Together, we will discuss the challenges and opportunities that may be headed our way.

[Prof Dolores Guerrero](#)

President, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (USA), and Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University

[Assoc Prof Sarah Midford](#)

Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), La Trobe University, and Deputy-Chair of the Australian SHAPE Futures Early and Mid-Career Researchers Network

Chair: [Prof Heather Zwicker](#)

Executive Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Queensland

5:30pm

COACH TRANSFER

Carpark 3, north-east corner of Bush Court (next to Building 330)

As the bus departs for our conference dinner at 5:30pm, please arrive at the carpark departure point no later than 5:20pm.

This transfer is **one-way only** and delegates will independently make their way home at the conclusion of dinner.

6:00 – 9:30pm

CONFERENCE DINNER

Matilda Bay Restaurant, Crawley

Join us for a special, riverside dinner in one of Perth's premier waterfront dining venues. Matilda Bay is a favoured venue for special events, priding itself on outstanding food experiences.

Conference dinner

Matilda Bay Restaurant
Thursday 27 September

Nestled between the waters of the Swan River (Derbal Yerrigan) and The University of Western Australia, Matilda Bay is rich in history.

The restaurant overlooks the waters known to Noongar people as Godroo or Goodamiorup. It sits on waterfront land south of what were once Noongar camping grounds, and north of Goordandalup, the meeting place of betrothed couples.

In the Twentieth Century, Matilda Bay was the site of Perth's first international airport—a convenient landing zone for Catalina flying boats. In the 1940s it was the location for an air base used by the RAAF and the US and Dutch navies, as well as by Qantas for international flights from Ceylon—then the world's longest air route. The restaurant was designed by the architect, John White, in 1968.

Our meal this evening will commence with refreshments by the beautiful waterfront followed by a sit-down, three-course meal. All of which will be made special by sharing time with old and new DASSH friends.



Friday

Day Three, 29 September

8:30am **REGISTRATIONS**
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Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

8:45am **BOARD MEETING (for board members)**
Boola Katitjin
Building 360, Level 3, Room 2

9:30am **PLENARY**
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Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

Industry, HASS and Research

[Prof James Arvanitakis](#)

Director, Forrest Research Foundation

While STEM is often the focus of industry engagement, much research, innovation and impact is driven by the intersection of the HASS disciplines. Industry benefits in many ways from HASS research insight, which informs strategic decision-making about human behaviour, social needs, and wicked problems. Simultaneously, HASS disciplines and researchers are enriched through practical application when engaging with industry projects. This dynamic intersection fosters a mutually beneficial relationship, where cutting-edge research informs industry practices, and industry engagement empowers HASS disciplines to address contemporary challenges effectively. In this important discussion, James Arvanitakis, Director of the Forrest Research Foundation, opens Friday's research forum by considering key initiatives our disciplines can take to advance industry partnerships and linkages.

Chair: [Prof Matthew Allen](#)

Executive Dean, Arts and Humanities, Edith Cowan University

10:00am

TOWN HALL

Including Morning Tea

Boola Katitjin

Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

Myth busting: HASS and the future of ARC-funded research

[Prof Christina Twomey](#)

Chief Research Officer, Australian Research Council

Following the 'call to arms' issued by James Arvanitakis in the preceding session, the ARC's newly appointed Chief Research Officer, Prof Christina Twomey, will outline how the HASS disciplines and DASSH members can position themselves for successful relationships with the ARC and its important grant programs.

[Prof Anika Gauja](#)

Executive Director for the Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences, Australian Research Council

[Prof Alison Ross](#)

Executive Director, Humanities and Creative Arts, Australian Research Council

Chair: [Prof Matthew Allen](#)

Executive Dean, Arts and Humanities, Edith Cowan University

11:30am

CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS

Boola Katitjin

Building 360, Level 4, Room 3

[Prof Nick Bisley](#)

President, DASSH, and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University

12:00pm

CONFERENCE ENDS



Speakers



Professor Andrew Deeks

Professor Andrew Deeks is the Vice Chancellor and President of Murdoch University. He was appointed as Vice Chancellor in 2022 having previously served as the President of University College Dublin from 2014 to 2022.



David Ritter

David came back to Australia to take up the role as CEO of Greenpeace Australia Pacific in 2012 after five years working in a senior campaigns position with Greenpeace in London. He is an honorary fellow of the Faculty of Law at the University of Western Australia; and a Research Affiliate of the Sydney Environment Institute (SEI), an Associate at the Sydney Policy Lab and an Adjunct Professor in the Sydney Democracy Network (SDN), all at Sydney University.



Professor Nick Bisley

Nick Bisley is the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations at La Trobe University. His research focuses primarily on Asia's international relations, great power politics and Australian foreign and defence policy. Between 2013 and 2018 Nick was the Editor-in-Chief of the Australian Journal of International Affairs and is a member of the advisory board of China Matters and a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. [Read more here.](#)



Alec Coles OBE FRSA

Alec Coles is CEO of the Western Australian Museum which has branches in Perth, Fremantle, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Albany and Carnarvon, and also works in communities throughout WA. He was, previously, Director of Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums, in North East England and before that, the CEO of the Northumberland Wildlife Trust, and environmental charity. [Read more here.](#)



Dr Kristiann Allen

Kristiann Allen is a senior policy practitioner-turned-researcher, with specialisation in both 'science for policy' and 'policy for science' processes. Her research interests include science policy processes in small research systems, particularly how policy discourses are created and embedded; as well as agile policy making processes that can better engage with the social and ethical implications of new technologies. [Read more here.](#)



Professor John Phillimore

John Phillimore joined Curtin in July 2007 as the Executive Director of The John Curtin Institute of Public Policy. A Rhodes Scholar, he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of WA and a first class honours in Politics and Economics at Oxford University. He then worked from 1984 to 1987 as an adviser to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Technology in the Western Australian Government. [Read more here.](#)



Professor Martin Drum

Professor Drum is the Executive Dean for the Faculty of Arts, Sciences, Business and Law and Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Notre Dame Australia. He has taught and researched on a range of issues including public policy, voting, elections, and Australian politics. He has also supervised Higher Degree by Research students in these areas. He has previously held senior roles at the University, including Chief-of-Staff and Director of Public Policy.



Dr Jacob Prehn

Dr Jacob Prehn is a proud Worimi man, born and raised on Palawa Country. He is the Associate Dean Indigenous for the College of Arts, Law, and Education at the University of Tasmania. Jacob is a mixed-method Sociologist and Social Work academic. He is also a qualified Social Worker and Aboriginal Health Worker interested in empowering others to achieve their hopes and aspirations.



Jenny Fewster

Jenny Fewster is HASS RDC Program Manager with the Australian Research Data Commons where she is working with key stakeholders to plan, manage and coordinate all activities relating to the HASS and Indigenous RDC program.



Amber Cox

Amber Elaine Cox, MSW became Executive Director in July, 2016. Prior to joining CCAS, Cox served as Associate Director for the Big Ten Academic Alliance (previously known as the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, CIC). During her ten years at the CIC, Cox developed several key initiatives including a Mellon Fellows partnership between the CIC and the Associate Colleges of the Midwest and the development of CourseShare, the CIC's signature program for delivering Less Commonly Taught Languages. [Read more here.](#)



Associate Professor Sarah Midford

Sarah Midford is the Associate Dean, Learning and Teaching, and an Associate Professor of Classics and Ancient History in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University. Sarah is also the Deputy Chairperson of the SHAPE Futures Early and Mid Career Researchers Network. [Read more here.](#)



Professor Andrea Rizzi

Born in Italy and raised bilingually, Andrea has a BA in Arts from the University of Pavia (Italy) and a PhD in Renaissance Studies from the University of Kent at Canterbury (UK). He is currently Cassamarca Associate Professor of Italian Studies at the University of Melbourne and Associate Dean Research in the Faculty of Arts at Melbourne. He has served in this role for two years. [Read more here.](#)



Hon Dr Anne Aly

In 2016, the Hon Dr Anne Aly entered federal parliament as the Member for Cowan. In 2021 she was awarded the McKinnon Prize for Emerging Political Leader of the Year, in recognition of her Parliamentary work against both right-wing extremism and family & domestic violence. Dr Aly is now the Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth. Completing a PhD at Edith Cowan University, Dr Aly has also become a leading academic and practitioner in counter terrorism.



Professor Richard Holden

Richard Holden is Professor of Economics at UNSW Business School, Director of the Economics of Education Knowledge Hub @UNSWBusiness, co-Director of the New Economic Policy Initiative, and President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. His research focuses on contract theory, organizational economics, law and economics, and political economy. [Read more here.](#)



Professor Matt McGuire

Professor Matt McGuire is the Dean of School of Humanities and Communication Arts and Provost of Bankstown Campus, Milperra. He is a Professor of English Literature. Professor McGuire has 20 years' of work experience in the tertiary education sector in the UK and Australia. The first part of his career was spent at the University of Glasgow. The second part has been at Western Sydney University. [Read more here.](#)



Professor Rhonda Marriott AM

As Murdoch University's inaugural Director of the Ngangk Yira Institute for Change (Ngangk Yira), has 30+ years academic experience, 50+ years in the nursing profession and 30+ years in midwifery, Rhonda brings strong cultural and scientific leadership to the Ngangk Yira's translational research that is leading to practical changes to positively influence the life course of future Aboriginal generations. [Read more here.](#)



Tom Goerke

Tom is a leading technology and innovation specialist and Fellow of the Institute of Engineers Australia. He is an accomplished Director, Chair and Senior Manager, with extensive experience in governing membership organisations, activating innovation, setting, and documenting strategy, business development and digital disruption. [Read more here.](#)



Professor Braden Hill

Professor Braden Hill is a Nyungar (Wardandi) man from the south-west of Western Australia and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students, Equity and Indigenous). Professor Hill previously held the role of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous) and Head of Kurongkurl Katitjin, Edith Cowan University's (ECU) Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research. [Read more here.](#)



Associate Professor Steve Kinnane

Steve Kinnane has been an active researcher and writer for more than 20 years as well as lecturing and working on community cultural heritage and development projects. His interests are diverse encompassing Aboriginal history, creative documentary (both visual and literary), and tensions surrounding the ideals of sustainability and the relationships between individuality, community, country, economy and human development. [Read more here.](#)



Mandy Downing

Mandy is a Yindjibarndi woman who descends from the Lockyer family of the Pilbara region. Mandy is the Dean of Indigenous Futures at Curtin University which is responsible for ensuring Australia's Indigenous futures across the nation's culture and economy are supported and considered in the learning, research and partnership activities of the Faculty of Humanities. [Read more here.](#)



Professor Chanelle van den Berg

Professor Chanelle van den Berg is Pro Vice Chancellor (First Nations) at Murdoch University. The PVC (First Nations) supports the Vice Chancellor in delivering Murdoch University's ambition to increase the participation and achievement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the University, both as students and staff.



Professor Dolores Guerrero

Professor Dolores Guerrero is the President of the US-based Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences. She is also Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M University–Kingsville.



Professor Heather Zwicker

Heather Zwicker is Executive Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at The University of Queensland. She moved to UQ in October 2018 from the University of Alberta, where she served as Vice-Provost and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (2015-2018). She also co-founded BRiC, the Banff Research in Culture residency, in which advanced graduate students, postdocs, and junior professors in the humanities work alongside visual artists and curators at the world-renowned Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. [Read more here.](#)



Professor James Arvanitakis

Professor James Arvanitakis is the Director of the Forrest Research Foundation which brings together the five Western Australian-based universities to attract world class early career researchers to the state, link with government and industry and confront the world's grand challenges. He is an award-winning educator, cultural researcher, and media commentator. [Read more here.](#)



Professor Matthew Allen

Professor Matthew Allen is Executive Dean of Arts & Humanities at Edith Cowan University. Prior to joining ECU, Matthew led the School of Communication and Creative Arts at Deakin University (2013-2019), having worked in the schools of Social Sciences, and Media at Curtin University since 1994.

[Read more here.](#)



Professor Christina Twomey

Professor Christina Twomey joined the ARC as its inaugural Chief Research Officer in January 2023. An experienced academic leader, Christina is former Vice-President of Monash University's Academic Board and was also Head of the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies in the Faculty of Arts (2017-21). [Read more here.](#)



Professor Anika Gauja

Professor Anika Gauja joined the ARC as Executive Director for the Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences in January 2023. Prior to this, Anika was Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney, and previously Director of Research Development (Social Sciences). [Read more here.](#)



Professor Alison Ross

Professor Alison Ross joined the ARC as Executive Director, Humanities and Creative Arts in February 2023. Prior to her appointment to the ARC, Professor Alison Ross had senior leadership experience on research matters through her time as Deputy Dean of Research in the Faculty of Arts at Monash University. [Read more here.](#)

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