

2025 ACDS Annual Conference



DAY 1 | TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

8:30-9:30	Arrive for tea/coffee & networking
9:30-9:45	Setting The Stage <i>Dr Tony Willis, ACDS Executive Director</i>
9:45-10:00	Welcome Remarks <i>Professor Jacqui Ramagge, ACDS President</i>
10:00-10:30	Opening Address: Opportunities and challenges for science <i>Professor Tony Haymet, Chief Scientist of Australia</i>
10:30-11:10	<i>Dr Catherine de Fontenay, The Productivity Commission</i>
11:10-11:30	Morning Tea
11:30-12:10	<i>Mr Luke Sheehy, CEO Universities Australia</i>
12:10-13:00	Strategic Communications & Engagement - <i>Professor Brian Yates, Director, ACDS Strategic Communications and Engagement</i> - <i>Adjunct Professor Natalie Chapman</i> - <i>Dr Laura McKemmish</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:40	<i>Professor Tanya Monro, Chief Defence Scientist of Australia</i>
14:40-15:20	<i>Professor Ute Roessner, CEO Australian Research Council</i>
15:20-15:35	Afternoon Tea
15:35-16:30	<i>Three Dean's Perspectives: Key Issues in University Science Institutionally and Nationally</i>
16:30-16:45	<i>Wrap of Day 1 - Tony Willis</i>
18:30	ACDS 30th Anniversary Gala Conference Dinner, The Shine Dome <i>Professor Chennupati Jagadish, President Australian Academy of Science</i>

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

8:30-9:30	Arrive for tea/coffee & networking
9:30-10:30	Science education: past, present and future - <i>Professor Susan Howitt, Director ACDS Teaching & Learning Centre</i> - <i>Professor Liz Johnson, Deakin University</i>
10:30-11:10	<i>Professor Mary O'Kane, Interim Chief Commissioner, Australian Tertiary Education Commission</i>



11:10-11:30	Morning Tea
11:30-12:00	Re-capping the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan <i>Professor Melissa Brown, ACDS Immediate Past President</i>
12:00-13:00	Working lunch: Workshopping the Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan
13:00-13:30	Working Lunch - Report back
13:30-14:30	Celebration and Implementation of Indigenous Knowledge and IP in Australian University Science Research - <i>Professor John Bartlett, Director ACDS National Research Network</i> - <i>Professor Kelly Menzel, Federation University</i> - <i>Dr Kate Mueller, Bond University</i>



14:30-14:50	Afternoon Tea
14:50-15:10	Conference Insights: Key Takeaways, including summary of emerging priorities <i>Jacqui Ramagge</i>
15:10-15:15	Conference close <i>Tony Willis</i>

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