

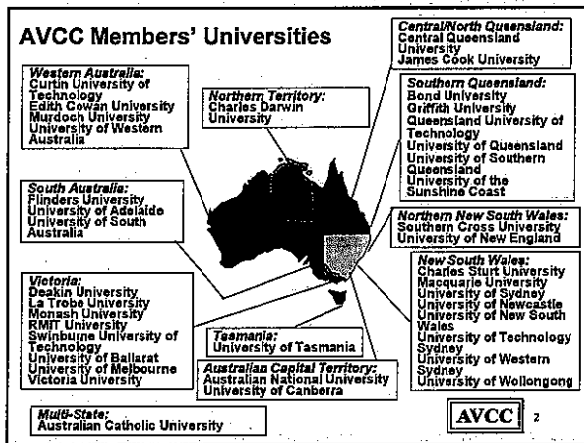


Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee
the council of Australia's university presidents

The AVCC and its Members' Universities

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The AVCC: *the council of Australia's university presidents*

- The peak body representing AVCC members' universities nationally and internationally
- Established in 1920
 - by Vice-Chancellors of then six Australian universities
- Membership now 38
 - executive heads of Australia's 37 public universities & one of its two private universities
- Funded by subscriptions from its members



The AVCC Board of Directors

- The AVCC elects its Board of Director from its membership
- The Board is comprised of:
 - > *President*
 - > *Vice-President*
 - > *seven Members*
 - including the Immediate Past President if still a serving Vice-Chancellor
- Each Board member usually serves a two year term
- Terms of the General Members overlap to assure some continuity from year to year

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The AVCC: main functions

- Advocacy
- Assist Vice-Chancellors in their leadership roles
- Provide a forum to discuss university issues
- Promote needs of Australian universities
- Encourage international cooperation
- Provide information about universities
- Provide services and programs to universities

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AVCC Vision 2020
Our Goals For Australia

1. At least 60% of Australians to access higher education during their lifetimes
2. World class research to be underpinned by investment of 3% of GDP (public & private) on R&D by 2020 – currently 1.6% (2005)
3. Secure Australia's pre-eminent place in global education & expand the international experience of students – target 20% of students to have international experience
4. Australian investment in higher education to reach 2% of GDP – currently 1.5%
5. A fair go for Indigenous Australians – through university education, research & outreach*

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(*Fifth goal added in 2004)

The AVCC's long-term priorities

- Regular adjustments of Government funding
 - *ensuring the future quality of university learning, teaching and research, and community support*
- Reducing regulation & reporting (& the cost)
 - *achieving a workable balance between university autonomy & proper accountability*
- Student places and student income support
 - *ensuring opportunity & fair access, including international study experience*
- A national innovation strategy
 - *including targets for public and private investment in research & innovation*



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AVCC Priorities for 2006

1. Sector relationships with the Government and Opposition Parties
2. The Research Quality Framework
3. Quality issues for Australian universities
4. The AVCC Election and Budget Statements for 2007



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AVCC 2006 International Engagement

- AVCC consultation with Government on Australia's international education policies & strategies, e.g.
 - *The Bologna Process*
 - *The Brisbane Communique (Asia-Pacific Education Ministers)*
 - *Ongoing development of UMAP*
- Ongoing meetings with counterpart organisations
 - *University Presidents delegations to and from Australia*



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AVCC 2006 International activities

- Shadowing Programs in Australia
 - *China Australia Middle Managers (10-14 July)*
 - *Latin America Executive Leadership Shadowing (17-24 August)*
 - *Thai Executive Leadership Program (September - tbc)*
- Shadowing Program to China
 - *Chinese University Administrators Shadowing Program (CHUAS 06) (15-24 June)*



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Other key issues on the AVCC's short to medium term agenda (i)

- Monitoring the impact of the Government's workplace relations reforms
- Learning and Teaching Performance Fund – future directions
- Providing input on proposed changes to the National Protocols relating to Federal:State responsibilities for higher education



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Other key issues on the AVCC's short to medium term agenda (ii)

- Making the case for:
 - *regular adjustments ("indexation") to Government funding*
 - *additional funding for "Community Engagement" as a core function of universities*
 - *reduced regulation & reporting (and the cost)*
 - *better student income support – update of AVCC's "Paying Their Way" report*



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