

UNSW Council Members – Biographies



Official Member
Chancellor
Mr David Gonski AC (Chairman)
BCom, LLB (UNSW), FAICD (Life), FCPA, Hon. LLD (UOW)

David Gonski is Chancellor of the University of New South Wales.

David is also the President of the Art Gallery of NSW Trust. He is a Non-Executive Chairman of Barrenjoey Capital Partners Group Holdings Pty Limited. He is a Director of Sydney Airport Limited board and a member of the board of the Lowy Institute for International Policy, Member of the Accelerating R&D in NSW Advisory Committee, a Patron of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and Raise Foundation and a Founding Panel Member of Adara Partners.

He was previously Chairman of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd, Chair of the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools for the Commonwealth Government of Australia, a member of the Takeovers Panel, Director of Singapore Airlines Limited, the Westfield Group and Singapore Telecommunications Limited, Chairman of Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd, the Australian Securities Exchange Ltd, the Sydney Theatre Company, the Guardians of the Future Fund, the Australia Council for the Arts, the Board of Trustees of Sydney Grammar School and Investec Bank (Australia) Ltd.

(March 2021)



Official Member
UNSW President and Vice-Chancellor
Professor Ian Jacobs
BA, MA, MBBS, MD, FRCOG, FAHMS

Professor Ian Jacobs has been President and Vice-Chancellor of UNSW Sydney since 2 February 2015. In his first year at UNSW, Ian led extensive consultation with the University community to establish the ambitious *UNSW 2025 Strategy*, a 10-year plan to guide UNSW towards its vision of positive global impact, and to enhance its reputation as a world-leading research- and teaching-intensive university.

Ian has been instrumental in driving an altruistic culture at UNSW, recognising the University's role as a servant of society, and the transformative power of education. He is a vocal advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion; collaborative partnerships; freedom of speech and academic freedom; and our duty to act on the existential threat of climate change.

In 2016, as the lead Vice-Chancellor for Universities Australia on Equity and Diversity, he helped lead the 'Respect. Now. Always.' campaign and launch the national survey to obtain data on the nature, extent and reporting of sexual assault and harassment. In 2017 Ian appointed UNSW's first Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Equity Diversity & Inclusion,

Prof. Eileen Baldry AO, who is also UNSW's first female DVC. In the same year, he appointed UNSW's inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous, Professor Megan Davis.

Ian has championed programs to attract world-class researchers and educators to UNSW, including the Education Focussed career pathway, Strategic Hires and Retention Pathways (SHARP) and Scientia Academic Program. Under Ian's leadership, UNSW's performance in international university benchmarks has improved markedly. UNSW's ranking in the Academic Ranking of Top Universities (ARTU), the aggregate ranking of the three global ranking schemes, was 52nd in the world in 2020, up from 87th in 2013.

Ian serves on the board of Universities Australia; he is a former Chair and Deputy Chair of the Group of Eight; Chair of the Sydney Partnership for Health Education Research and Enterprise (SPHERE); a board member of organisations including Ovarian Cancer Australia and Research Australia; and a member of government advisory panels including the Australian government's Research Sustainability Working Group.

Before joining UNSW, Ian was Vice-President of the University of Manchester, Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences and Director of Manchester Academic Health Science Centre, from 2011 – 2014. His earlier university leadership roles include Dean of the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences at University College London (UCL) (2009 – 2011), Research Director of UCL Partners Academic Health Science Centre (2009 – 2011), Director of the Comprehensive Biomedical Research Centre at UCL Hospital/UCL (2006 – 2010) and founding Director of the UCL Institute for Women's Health (IfWH) (2004 – 2009).

Alongside his leadership roles, Ian is an academic, medical doctor, gynaecologist and oncologist. He is the Principal Investigator for the Cancer Research UK and Eve Appeal-funded PROMISE (Prediction of Risk of Ovarian Malignancy Screening and Early Detection) program, and on several large, multicentre clinical trials including the UK Collaborative Trial of Ovarian Cancer Screening and the UK Familial Ovarian Cancer Screening Study. Ian is founder, non-executive director and consultant to Abcodia, a UCL spin out company involved in biomarker discovery and development. In 2005 he established (and continues to Chair) the Uganda Women's Health Initiative, involving the IfWH, Makerere University, Mulago Hospital and Hospice Africa Uganda. In 1984 he founded (and is now Emeritus Trustee of) the Eve Appeal, a charity with the aim of raising funds for research in gynaecologic cancer.

Ian qualified at Cambridge University and the Middlesex Hospital, completed an MD Thesis at Queen Mary University of London, the McElwain Fellowship at Cambridge University and an MRC Travelling Fellowship at Duke University, North Carolina.

(March 2021)



Official Member
President of the Academic Board
Professor David Cohen
BSc (Hons)(Sydney), MSc (Queen's, Canada), PhD (UNSW)

Professor Cohen has been President of the UNSW Academic Board since 2017, having been Deputy President from 2010 to 2016. He is Chair of the UNSW Academic Board Advisory Committee, and a member of the University's academic governance committees, including Academic Quality, Academic Programs, Program Review, Research and the Higher Degree Research Committees, as well as the University Promotions Committees. He is an ex officio member of the UNSW Council.

David has been working at UNSW since completing his PhD in the Department of Applied Geology of the Faculty of Applied Science in 1990. He has made a significant contribution to the academic governance at UNSW, including serving on a number of Faculty and University academic committees and leading the review of several academic programs.

David was Head of the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences (BEES) in the UNSW Faculty of Science from 2008 to 2016. Under his leadership BEES grew to be one of the most research-productive schools

at UNSW with a doubling in the number of higher degree research students and significant increases in research funding, publications and the number of research fellows.

David is recognised nationally and internationally for his scholarship in exploration and environmental geochemistry. He has led projects in Australia, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North America. He has published over 90 papers, book chapters and major reports, including the Geochemical Atlas of Cyprus. He has secured over \$4M in research grants. He is associate editor of the Journal of Geochemical Exploration.

David is a former President and silver medal winner of the (International) Association of Applied Geochemists, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Geosciences and a Fellow of the Royal Society of New South Wales. He has been the Australasian Institute for Mining and Metallurgy visiting lecturer to New Zealand and a keynote speaker at major conferences, including Goldschmidt and the PDAC Decennial series. He is a member of the Chairs of Academic Boards and Senates of Australia and Chair of the Moore Theological College Academic Board. He is also the UNSW nominee on the New College Board. He is the President of the Australian Geoscience Council.

(February 2020)



Ministerial Appointment
Ms Jennifer Westacott AO
BA (UNSW)

Jennifer Westacott AO has served as Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia since 2011, bringing a unique combination of extensive policy experience in both the public and private sectors. The Business Council of Australia is the nation's premier business organisation, advocating for a stronger and fairer society through a more prosperous Australia. Under her leadership, the Business Council tirelessly champions meaningful policies that strengthen the ability of businesses to grow the economy for the benefit of all Australians.

Jennifer built her career in the public sector, working in senior leadership positions in the NSW and Victorian governments. She has served as the Director General of the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources; the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Education and Training; and the Director of Housing in Victoria. She was also the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Community Services, and the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Housing.

As a senior partner at KPMG, Jennifer advised major corporations on climate change and sustainability and advised governments across Australia on significant reform priorities.

Jennifer has an unrivalled understanding of how the public and private sectors intersect and can work together to achieve the best outcomes in the national interest.

Since 2013, Jennifer has served as a Non-Executive Director of Wesfarmers Limited. She is the Chair of the Western City & Aerotropolis Authority, which is overseeing the design and delivery of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis. The global employment centre and investment hub will surround the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport at Badgerys Creek.

Jennifer is an Adjunct Professor at the City Futures Research Centre of the University of NSW. She is the inaugural Chair of the Board of Studio Schools of Australia, and a patron of Mental Health Australia. Jennifer also serves as the Australian Co-chair of the Australia-Canada Economic Leadership Forum Organising Committee, the Co-Patron of Pride in Diversity, and as a patron of the Pinnacle Foundation.

In 2018, Jennifer was made an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

Jennifer has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of New South Wales and in 2017 received an Honorary Degree (Doctor of Letters) from her alma mater. She was a Chevening Scholar at the London School of Economics.

(February 2020)



Ministerial Appointment

Dr Raji Ambikairajah

BEng (Hons) Eng (UNSW), PhD (UNSW), GAICD

Dr Raji Ambikairajah holds a PhD in electrical engineering from UNSW and has spent most of her career in the technology start-up and venture capital sectors. As the former Chief Executive Officer of the tech start-up, Folo, she led the launch of a new profit-for-purpose ecommerce platform which attracted thousands of users and democratised philanthropy. Prior to this, Raji was the Chief Operating Officer of Women in Banking and Finance where she accelerated the organisation's growth over a 24-month period to span four cities in Australia.

Raji is an Ambassador for Room to Read, a global non-profit organisation that provides children in low-income communities with access to education. Before this, Raji was Room to Read's Sydney Chapter Leader for seven years. Under her leadership, the chapter reached 116,480 children, grew to be the biggest in the world in terms of number of volunteers and was in the top five globally for fundraising.

Raji is an experienced board director and is currently a Non-Executive Director across a range of boards including the NSW State Library Foundation, the Belvoir Theatre and the UNSW Foundation. Raji was awarded the 2018 NSW Woman of the Year Award in the Community Hero category. In 2019, Raji won the Chief Executive Women scholarship to study strategic innovation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.

(April 2020)



Member appointed by Council

Pro-Chancellor

Dr Jennifer Alexander

MCom, MHP, MBBS

Dr Jennifer Alexander is a registered medical practitioner, with degrees in medicine, health administration and commerce and medical specialist qualifications in medical administration (FRACMA) and public health (FAFPHM). She is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), the Australian Institute of Management (AIM), and the Australian College of Health Service Managers.

Jennifer is currently a non-executive director of Mindgardens Neuroscience Network. Her previous and current UNSW appointments include: Council member (2008-2012; 2014 – current), Pro-Chancellor (2011-2012; 2014 - current), Board of Governors of the UNSW Alumni Association, Leaders Forum of the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research and Alumni Leaders Network of the UNSW Business School (2005 – current).

She has served on the boards of Neuroscience Australia (NeuRA), the Health Insurance Commission, Medibank Private, the NSW Medical Board, Health Leaders Network, Health Communication Network, Relationships Australia (NSW), the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators, of which she was President (1994-1996) and the national children's choir, Gondwana Voices, of which she was chairman (2006-2010). From 2014- 2018 she was an independent advisor on clinical governance to the board of Medibank Private. She has served on the Audit and Risk Committees of the NSW State Emergency Service and the Barangaroo Delivery Authority.

Her previous executive roles have included Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (2009-2014), CEO Australian Institute of Management (NSW & ACT) (2004-2009), CEO Health Leaders Network (HLN) (1998-2004), General Superintendent (CEO) of Westmead Hospital and Community Health Services (1989-1995) and Medical Director and Deputy CEO (St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney) (1984-1989). She has also undertaken numerous consulting assignments in the areas of strategy, leadership and organisational development, organisational change and institutional strengthening with experience in Australia, NZ, Asia, UK, Europe and USA.

(February 2020)



Member appointed by Council
Ms Maxine Brenner
BA LLB

Maxine Brenner is a Director of Origin Energy Ltd, Orica Ltd, Qantas Airways Limited and Woolworths Group.

Ms Brenner was formerly a Managing Director of Investment Banking at Investec Bank (Australia) Ltd. She has extensive experience in corporate advisory work, particularly in relation to mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructures and general corporate activity. She practised as a lawyer with Freehill, Hollingdale & Page (now Herbert Smith Freehills) where she specialised in corporate work and spent several years as a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at both UNSW Sydney and the University of Sydney.

Ms Brenner was Deputy Chair of Federal Airports Corporation and a Director of Neverfail Springwater Ltd, Bulmer Australia Ltd, Treasury Corporation of NSW and Growthpoint Properties Australia Ltd. She also served as a Member of the Australian Government's Takeover Panel.

(April 2021)



Member appointed by Council
Mr Mark Johnson
BCom (UNSW), FCA, CPS, FAICD

Mark Johnson is a company director and advisor. He is currently Chairman and a non-executive director of G8 Education and the Hospital Contributions Fund of Australia (HCF) and a non-executive director of Coca-Cola Amatil, The Smith Family and Goodman Limited. Mark is also a director of a number of other private operating businesses.

He is formerly a Director of Westfield Corporation and HSBC Bank Australia. Mark completed his term as CEO and Senior Partner for Australia for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in 2012 after a career spanning more than 30 years with that firm and its predecessors. He was also Deputy Chairman for Asia and a member of its Global leadership team. Mark is a former member of the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and was for a number of years the Deputy Chairman of the Finance and Reporting Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Mark is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. He graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Commerce and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1982.

(April 2021)



Member appointed by Council

Mr Matthew Grounds AM
BCom, LLB (UNSW)

Matthew Grounds is Chairman of Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute and a member of the University of New South Wales Council.

Matthew retired from UBS in December 2019 after 25 years where he was Chief Executive Officer and Country Head of UBS Australasia, a position he held since May 2008. He was also a member of the UBS Foundation, UBS Asia Pacific Management Committee and a Group Managing Director. Until May 2014 he held the position of Head of Corporate Client Solutions, Asia Pacific and was a member of the UBS investment Bank Global Executive Committee. Prior to being appointed as Head of Corporate Client Solutions, Asia Pacific in November 2012, Matthew held the position of Joint Global Head of Investment Banking.

With more than 25 years of investment banking experience, Matthew is one of Australia's leading corporate advisers and has been responsible for a number of landmark transactions for major Australian and international companies.

UBS is one of the world's leading financial firms, serving a discerning global client base. As an organisation, it combines financial strength with an international culture that embraces change. As an integrated firm, UBS creates added value for clients by drawing on the combined resources and expertise of all its businesses.

In Australia and New Zealand, UBS has been the number one Investment Bank for the last decade. UBS offers asset and wealth management services by combining local insight and credentials with the firm's global franchise.

Matthew graduated from the University of New South Wales and holds a degree in Commerce (Finance Major) and Law.

(February 2020)



Member appointed by Council

Deputy Chancellor
Mr Warwick Negus
BBus (UTS), MCom (UNSW), SF Fin

Warwick Negus graduated with a Masters Degree in Commerce from UNSW in 1987. His career in the Finance Industry has encompassed roles in both funds management and investment banking in Australia, Asia and the UK.

Warwick began his working career as a management trainee with BHP in the early '80s but in 1987, upon graduation from UNSW, he moved to Bankers Trust Australia Limited and began work in funds management. Between 1993 and 1999 he worked for Goldman Sachs as a Managing Director in its Asset Management Division

in Hong Kong, Singapore and London. He moved back to Australia as Managing Director in the Firm's Sydney-based Investment Banking Division where he worked until September 2002.

In 2002, Warwick co-founded 452 Capital Pty Limited, an independent fund management company which was later sold to CBA. In June 2005 he was appointed as Chief Executive of Colonial First State Global Asset Management (CFS GAM), Australia's largest fund manager and he retained the role until 2008.

Warwick was a founding member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Commerce and Economics in 2001. It was later to become the UNSW Business School. He was Chairman of the Advisory Board until 2008.

He joined the Council of UNSW in 2008 and has been the Presiding Member of the Finance Committee of Council since 2008. In 2020 he was appointed as Deputy Chancellor. He is a Director of Washington H Soul Pattinson & Co, the Bank of Queensland and Virgin Australia. He is Chairman of Pengana capital and a Director of Terrace Tower Group. Warwick has been Chairman of UNSW Global Limited since 2017 and was a Director of the UNSW Foundation until 2016.

(February 2020)



Elected Member of Academic Staff

Professor Kristy Muir

BA Hons, PhD, GAICD

Professor Kristy Muir is the CEO of the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) and a Professor of Social Policy in the Business School at UNSW Sydney. She is an elected member of UNSW Sydney's Council and a member of the Finance and Business Committee, the Chair of Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropy Australasia, a Non-Executive Director of the Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth, Chair of ARACY's Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Community Director's Council, the NSW Premier's Council on Homelessness and the Gonski Institute for Education Advisory Board.

Kristy has worked for almost three decades with for-purpose organisations. She is driven to better understand and find solutions to complex social problems and measure whether and where we are making a difference. Kristy has undertaken over 80 projects with many government, not-for-profit, corporate, academic and philanthropic organisations. These projects have attracted almost \$28.5 million in funding. Her research spans housing, education, employment, social participation, disability, mental health, financial resilience and wellbeing. She has published widely in policy, sociology, social work, history and public health journals and in publicly accessible and popular media, such as TEDx, The Mandarin, The Guardian and The Conversation.

Kristy is an excellent educator and public speaker. She frequently gives invited keynotes, runs workshops on applied systems thinking, facilitates board strategy planning days, and she founded and teaches the highly regarded Governance for Social Impact course for non-executive directors. Kristy founded CSI's Change Collection series and Amplify Social Impact - one her most innovative and potentially transformational capacity building projects. She is a founding partner and governance member of the Financial Inclusion Action Plan and The Constellation Project.

Kristy was formerly CSI's Research Director (2013-15), the Associate Dean Research (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, 2011-13) and the Director of the Disability Studies and Research Centre (2009-2010) at UNSW Sydney. She has a PhD in social history, is a graduate of the AICD and Sydney Leadership and, prior to joining academia, worked in the not-for-profit sector.

(March 2020)



Elected Member of Academic Staff

Professor Louise Lutze-Mann

BSc (Hons) UNSW, PhD UNSW, SFHEA

Louise Lutze-Mann is the Director of Education Focussed Career Development at the University of NSW, Sydney, Australia. She is also an Associate Professor in the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, where she teaches and conducts research on drug repurposing for the treatment of brain cancer. Louise is a Fellow of the Scientia Education Academy and her teaching has been recognized by the receipt of multiple awards, including a National Award for Teaching Excellence. In her role as Director, Louise is responsible for developing programs that support Education Focussed academic staff to deliver educational excellence for their students, to enhance their career progression and to promote recognition of the value and status of teaching.

(March 2021)



Elected Member of Professional Staff

Mr James Rogers

BA (Monash), MA (Monash), MSc& IT (Carnegie Mellon)

James Rogers began his career within the higher education sector working across Student Services, Faculty Administration and Technology divisions at Monash University. James then left the sector and spent many years in corporate organisations – IBM, General Motors, Elders and NAB - leading the delivery of technology solutions, both within Australia and internationally. Across this time James also worked as an academic with Carnegie Mellon University, as part of the adjunct technology faculty.

In 2018 James joined UNSW as a Director in the Information Technology division and currently leads the technology group that plans and delivers solutions supporting Student Support and Administration, Education Delivery, Research and Faculty Service Delivery functions. This team supports a wide range of technology environments with a broad and varied stakeholder group – from professional customer service staff through to world leading academics and researchers.

(August 2020)



Elected Student Member - Postgraduate Student

Mr Constantine Tsounis

BEng (UNSW)

Constantine Tsounis is a Scientia PhD Scholar in the School of Chemical Engineering, UNSW, working in the Particles and Catalysis Research Group. His research focus is on catalyst development for sustainable energy production (Power-to-X). In 2019, after winning the Peter Farrell Cup, Constantine co-founded a VC-backed startup, switch₂ engineering, a rapid research translation company using catalyst technology to convert organic industrial waste into hydrogen, a clean burning fuel.

Constantine has a passion for entrepreneurship and research translation. As a visiting scholar at CSIRO Manufacturing, he is currently working to develop advanced catalytic materials for energy conversion reactions using industrially scalable synthesis methods. Previously as an Innovation Community Ambassador in the Faculty of Engineering UNSW (2017), Constantine had the opportunity to support the research commercialization lifecycle,

from conceptualization to application. As a presently elected member to the Faculty of Engineering Board, he works to ensure that higher degree research students not only achieve world-class research outcomes but have embedded opportunities for professional skill development and personal growth.

Constantine received his Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical, Hons I) from UNSW in 2018, receiving numerous scholarships and awards including the Royston Award in Chemical Engineering, the Lyceum Club award, and a Tokyo Institute of Technology Research Scholarship. He is a member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, previously acting as the Treasurer for the NSW committee (2019), now focussing on student outreach and STEM advocacy.

(August 2020)



Elected Student Member - Undergraduate Student

Mr Jack Campbell

Jack Campbell is from Curl Curl on Sydney's Northern Beaches and is currently studying his third year of a Bachelor of Medicinal Chemistry at UNSW. He is the Grievance Officer for the Medical Science Society, and was elected Cultural Director at Warrane College, where he has also been appointed as Residential Tutor in 2021, co-responsible for a floor of 24 residents.

Jack spent a year with the Australian Defence Force in 2018 before starting university, and was posted to Darwin as an Artilleryman. In the 2020 summer, Jack spent a week travelling to NSW's north coast, working with other volunteers for BlazeAid in support of fire-damaged communities.

In 2020, Jack was the recipient of Warrane College's prestigious Bevan Corbett Award for Outstanding First Year Collegian. The award recognises attributes such as commitment to university studies, participation in College activities, and a spirit of friendship and service.

Jack is passionate about professional excellence, community and self-improvement. While representing undergraduate students, his aim is to obtain better outcomes for ARC, clubs and societies, the SRC, CAPS, and the on campus medical centre.

(April 2021)
