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Prof V. Ramgopal Rao
Director, IIT Delhi (India)

Prof Jean Chambaz
President, Sorbonne University (France)
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Chancellor, UQ

The Hon. Robert Shenton French AC
Chancellor, University of Western Australia

Dr. Manisha Priyam
Associate Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (India)

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Vice-Chancellor, QUT

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8:30 Welcome Address
Michael Stutchbury, Editor-in-Chief, The Australian Financial Review

AUSTRALIA’S HIGHER EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT
8:40 KEYNOTE | Australia’s Higher Education Outlook
— The state of and influences on university finances
— International student numbers: outlook and implications
— The policy landscape: what can we expect from a Morrison Government?
— A changing economy, a changing society and a changing tertiary education sector
— Sector consolidation: forces and prospects
John O’Mahony, Partner, Deloitte Access Economics

9:00 PANEL | A Macro Look at Australia’s Higher Education Sector – Where are we heading?
Andrew Norton, Higher Education Project Director, Grattan Institute
Peter Varghese, Chancellor, UQ
Rodney Jones, Hopperidge Capital
Colette Rogers, National Leader, Education, Deloitte

THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT
9:40 Addressing the Shift and Decline in Number of Chinese Undergraduates
— Can Australia do better than our competitor study destination countries in providing genuine course related employability options to Chinese undergraduates?
Phil Honeywood, CEO, International Education Association of Australia

10:00 INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE | India’s Higher Education Landscape – The Potential and Pitfalls
— What does India want in higher education
— What potential does India see in Australia and what concessions are needed
— What areas are India most interested in
Professor V. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi (India)

10:30 Refreshments and Networking Break

ACADEMIC FREEDOM
11:00 Review into Freedom of Speech in Australian Higher Education Providers
— Understanding freedom of speech, academic freedom, intellectual inquiry, and freedom of expression
— Strengthening protections through the adoption of a Code of practice – Overseas examples
— Maintaining institutional autonomy
The Hon. Robert Shenton French AC, Chancellor, University of Western Australia

11:20 PANEL | What Price Freedom?
— Are we at a crisis point for academic freedom?
— Do we need a universal code of practice, or should each institution find its own way?
— Is it freedom or tyranny? Where is the middle ground?
— When does free speech become hate speech?
Alison Barnes, National President, National Tertiary Education Union
The Hon. Robert Shenton French AC, Chancellor, University of Western Australia
Professor Jan Thomas, Vice-Chancellor, Massey University (New Zealand)

12:00 Lunch and Networking

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS
13:00 PANEL | What Opportunities exist for Partnership and Collaboration with India
— Improving Diversity, Inclusion and Access to Higher Education
— Mobility
— Research ventures
— Financing
Professor V. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi (India)
Professor Craig Jeffrey, Director, Australia India Institute, Melbourne University

Dr. Manisha Priyam, Associate Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (India)

13:40 PANEL | Successful Partnerships – What We Can Learn From Clever Collaborations
Professor Peter Høj, Vice-Chancellor, UQ
Professor Paul Wellings, Vice-Chancellor, University of Wollongong
Professor Geraldine Mackenzie, Vice-Chancellor, USQ
Michael Edwards, General Manager, Boeing Research & Technology Australia
Sean Wong, Technology and Innovation Manager, Bluescope

14:20 INTERNATIONAL CASE STUDY | The Successful Merger of Two French Universities
Professor Jean Chambaz, President, Sorbonne University (France)
*Via video link

14:50 PANEL | Do Australian Universities Need to Merge in order to Compete Globally?
— Discussion on shared campus space
— Join programs
— Shared facilities
— Greater collaboration
Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor, University of Adelaide
Dr Michael Spence, Vice-Chancellor, Sydney University
Jiewen Gan, Head of Data Team, Shanghai Rankings (China)

15:20 MERGERS & ALIGNMENT
16:00 Equity and University Admissions
Professor Ian Jacobs, Vice-Chancellor and President, UNSW

16:20 VICE-CHANCELLOR ROUND TABLE | Where Do The Opportunities Lie for Australia’s Higher Education Sector Over the Next 10 Years?
Professor Dawn Freshwater, Vice-Chancellor & Chair of the Go8, University of Western Australia
Professor Barney Glover, Vice-Chancellor, Western Sydney University
Professor Deborah Terry, Vice-Chancellor, Curtin University
Professor Margaret Shell, Vice-Chancellor, QUT

17:00 End of Day One

19:00 AFR HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS CEREMONY
The Australian Financial Review is proud to be hosting the fifth annual AFR Higher Education Awards on Tuesday, 27th August 2019 at Hilton Brisbane. Presented by UniSuper, the Awards are an initiative to highlight at a national level the tremendous contribution that the Higher Education sector makes to Australian prosperity and quality of life. The Awards will be judged by an independent panel of eminent Higher Education veterans.

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6. Facilities Innovation Award
7. Industry Engagement Award, sponsored by Deloitte
8. International Education Award
9. Learning Experience Award
10. Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by UniSuper

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**DAY 2: Wednesday, 28 August 2019**

**POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

8:30 **MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE | Delivering Policy for the Future Higher Education Sector**

*Invitation extended to The Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Education*

9:00 **Future Outcomes Across Different Models**

*Presenters will be given 10 minutes each followed by a panel discussion*

- Professor Peter Dawkins, Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University
- Professor Carolyn Evans, Vice-Chancellor, Griffith University

9:50 **Post Bachelor Preferences for Bridging the Future Skills Gap**

— Who do employees think is best placed to address the skills gap?
— What are they prepared to do to bridge this gap?
— What changes could increase participation in accredited postgraduate study?

Colette Rogers, National Leader, Education, Deloitte

10:10 **Population and Participation, Performance and Post-School Pathways**

— How to enhance opportunity for Australians of all backgrounds in higher education
— How do Australian universities perform and what are the risks in performance funding?
— How post-school pathways expand opportunity

Catriona Jackson, CEO, Universities Australia

11:00 **Funding Post-Secondary Education**

— Performance measurement and funding

Craig Robertson, CEO, TAFE Directors Australia
Andrew Norton, Higher Education Program Director, Grattan Institute
Catriona Jackson, CEO, Universities Australia

11:40 **What Happens Next? Understanding the Complexities Around Choice and PSE**

Saxon Phipps, Founder, Year 13

12:00 **Lunch & Networking**

**THE FUTURE OF RESEARCH**

13:00 **INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE | Exploring the Rankings Methodology**

— Understanding why the focus is so heavily placed on research
— What are the plans to extend reach and influence globally

Jiewen Gan, Head of Data Team, Shanghai Rankings (CHINA)

13:30 **Future of Research**

Vicki Thomson, CEO, Group of Eight (Go8)

13:50 **PANEL | Metrics of Research Success**

- Professor Theo Farrell, Treasurer, Australasian Council of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH)
- Professor Brian Yates, Executive Dean, University of Tasmania & President, Australian Council of Deans of Science
- Dr. Cathy Foley, Chief Scientist, CSIRO
- Professor Alex Zelinsky, Vice-Chancellor and President, The University of Newcastle

14:30 **The University Campus of the Future - Structural Changes Require Innovative Solutions**

— How a collaborative approach can deliver transformative education infrastructure across Australia
— Co-locating education and industry to create pathways for the leaders of tomorrow
— Attracting talent through the provision of the best learning environments in the best locations, close to transport and amenity
— Forging successful partnerships to deliver innovative solutions to real estate requirements

Andrew Borger, Head of Office Development Services, Charter Hall

14:50 **Afternoon tea & Networking**

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

15:20 **PANEL | The Future of MBAs**

- Nick Waiels, Director, AGSM
- Professor Julie Cogin, Pro Vice-Chancellor & Vice President, RMIT University
- Paul Wappett, CEO, Australian Institute of Business

16:00 **What’s in a Name? Possible Landing Points for the Review of Provider Category Standards**

Emeritus Professor Peter Coaldrake AO, QUT

16:20 **PANEL | Challenges Facing Private Providers**

- Professor Justin Beilby, Vice-Chancellor, Torrens University
- Professor Paul Oslington, Professor of Economics and Dean of Business, Alphacrucis College
- Professor Tim Brailsford, Vice-Chancellor & President, Bond University
- Professor Margot Kearns, Deputy-Vice Chancellor, Notre Dame University

17:00 **Close of Conference**

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