

Membership of the Research Committee 2026

POSITION	NAME	COLLEGE/ DIVISION	TERM OF OFFICE
4.1 Ex-Officio Members			
4.1.1 Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Chair)	Professor Craig Simmons	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.1.2 Deputy President of Academic Senate responsible for Research (Deputy Chair)	Associate Professor Geoffry De Iuliis	CESE	N/A
4.1.3 President of Academic Senate	Associate Professor Marcus Rodrigs	Vice-Chancellor Division	N/A
4.1.4 Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)	Professor Rohan Walker (Interim)	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.1.5 Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry & Engagement)	Professor Alan Broadfoot	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.2 Appointed Members			
4.2.1 Pro Vice-Chancellor (College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing) or nominee	Professor Coralie English (nominee)	CHMW	N/A
4.2.1 Pro Vice-Chancellor (College of Human and Social Futures) or nominee	Professor Kate Senior (nominee)	CHSF	N/A
4.2.1 Pro Vice-Chancellor (College of Engineering, Science and Environment) or nominee	Associate Professor Karl Hassan (nominee)	CESE	N/A
4.2.2 Chair, Research Training Sub-Committee	Professor Rohan Walker (Interim)	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.2.3 Director of Indigenous Research	Professor Kath Butler	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.2.4 Two Higher Degree Research students	Ms Emily Green Mr Simon Dwyer	CESE CHSF	31/12/2026 31/12/2026
4.2.5 Up to five additional expert members	Professor Matt Hayward Associate Professor Nicole Nathan Dr Julia Coffey Associate Professor Heather Lee Professor John Anderson	CESE* CHMW* CHSF* CHMW CHSF	31/12/2026 31/12/2026 31/12/2026 31/12/2026 31/12/2026
4.3	Terms of Office for Members		
4.4 Rights of Audience and Debate			
4.4.1 Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) or nominee	Professor Susan Ledger	Academic	N/A
4.4.2 Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Leadership) or nominee;	Dr Stacey McMullen (nominee)	Academic	N/A
4.4.3 Pro Vice-Chancellor Global	Dr Alek Vninski	Academic	N/A

4.4.4 Pro Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, Newcastle Australia Institute of Higher Education (NAIHE), or nominee;	Professor Abhishek Bhati	Vice-Chancellor Division	N/A
4.4.5 Director, Research Grants	Miss Judy Alexander	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.4.6 Director, Research Ethics and Integrity (Acting)	Associate Professor Jodie Marquez	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.4.7 Director, Research Facilities and Infrastructure	Ms Jo Humphris	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.4.8 Director, Strategy, Planning and Performance	Mr Joel Palmer	Resources Division	N/A
4.4.9 General Manager, Research & Innovation Division	Dr Paula Jones	Research & Innovation	N/A
Standing Invitees			
4.5.1 Director, Hunter Medical Research Institute	Professor Frances Kay	External to Uni	N/A
4.5.2 Director, Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources	Dr Paul Ebert	NIER	N/A
4.5.3 Chair, Animal Care and Ethics Committee	Dr Christopher Paul McCarthy	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.5.4 Chair, Human Research Ethics Committee	Professor Christine Paul	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.5.5 Executive Director of Research and Innovation at HNELHD, and the Chief Clinical Information Officer and Director of the John Hunter Health & Innovation Precinct	Conjoint Professor Chris Levi	External to Uni	N/A
4.5.6 Director, Institute for Regional Futures	Ms Laura Eadie	IRF	N/A
Observers (as requested by the Chair) [ONGOING STATUS TBC/CHAIR]			
4.6.1 Senior Manager Research and Innovation	Ms Catherine Oddie (<i>on six-months LSL from April and Wendy Taggart will be acting</i>)	CHSF	31 Dec 2026
4.6.2 Senior Manager Research and Innovation	Dr Katrina King	CESE	31 Dec 2026
4.6.3 Senior Manager Research and Innovation	Ms Shirley Savy	CHMW	31 Dec 2026
4.6.4 Director, Central Coast Research Centre	Dr Courtney Molloy	CHMW	31 Dec 2026
4.6.5 University Librarian	Mr Matthew Davis (<i>on six-month LSL from September. Alison Jordan, then Lisa Ogle will be acting</i>)	Resources Division	31 Dec 2026

* Eligible for a possible extension of an additional year (maximum of two years).

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