

## Membership of the Research Committee 2026

POSITION	NAME	COLLEGE/ DIVISION	TERM OF OFFICE
<b>4.1 Ex-Officio Members</b>			
<b>4.1.1</b> Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Chair)	Professor Juanita Todd (Interim)	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.1.2</b> Deputy President of Academic Senate responsible for Research (Deputy Chair)	Associate Professor Geoffry De luliis	CESE	N/A
<b>4.1.3</b> President of Academic Senate	Associate Professor Marcus Rodriqs	Vice-Chancellor Division	N/A
<b>4.1.4</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)	Professor Rohan Walker (Acting)	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.1.5</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry & Engagement)	Mr Warwick Dawson	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.2 Appointed Members</b>			
<b>4.2.1</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor (College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing) or nominee	Professor Coralie English (nominee)	CHMW	N/A
<b>4.2.1</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor (College of Human and Social Futures) or nominee	Professor Kate Senior (nominee)	CHSF	N/A
<b>4.2.1</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor (College of Engineering, Science and Environment) or nominee	Associate Professor Karl Hassan (nominee)	CESE	N/A
<b>4.2.2</b> Chair, Research Training Sub-Committee	Professor Kylie Shaw	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.2.3</b> Director of Indigenous Research	Professor Kath Butler	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.2.4</b> Two Higher Degree Research students	Ms Emily Green Mr Simon Dwyer	CESE CHSF	31/12/2026 31/12/2026
<b>4.2.5</b> Up to five additional expert members	Professor Matt Hayward Associate Professor Nicole Nathan Dr Julia Coffey Associate Professor Heather Lee Professor Belinda Bennett	CESE* CHMW* CHSF* CHMW CHSF	31/12/2026 31/12/2026 31/12/2026 31/12/2026 31/12/2026
<b>4.3</b>	<a href="#">Terms of Office for Members</a>		
<b>4.4 Rights of Audience and Debate</b>			
<b>4.4.1</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) or nominee	Professor Susan Ledger	Academic	N/A
<b>4.4.2</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Leadership) or nominee;	Mrs Loren Collyer (Interim)	Academic	N/A

<b>4.4.3</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, Newcastle Australia Institute of Higher Education (NAIHE), or nominee;	Professor Abhishek Bhati	Vice-Chancellor Division	N/A
<b>4.4.4</b> Director, Research Grants	Miss Judy Alexander	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.4.5</b> Director, Research Ethics and Integrity (Acting)	Associate Professor Jodie Marquez	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.4.6</b> Director, Research Facilities and Infrastructure	Ms Jo Humphris	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.4.7</b> Director, Strategy, Planning and Performance	Mr Joel Palmer	Resources Division	N/A
<b>4.4.8</b> General Manager, Research & Innovation Division	Dr Paula Jones	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>Standing Invitees</b>			
<b>4.5.1</b> Director, Hunter Medical Research Institute	Professor Frances Kay	External to Uni	N/A
<b>4.5.2</b> Director, Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources	Dr Paul Ebert	NIER	N/A
<b>4.5.3</b> Chair, Animal Care and Ethics Committee	Dr Christopher Paul McCarthy	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.5.4</b> Chair, Human Research Ethics Committee	Associate Professor Kathryn Skelding	Research & Innovation	N/A
<b>4.5.5</b> 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
<b>4.5.6</b> Director, Institute for Regional Futures	Ms Laura Eadie	IRF	N/A
<b>Observers (as requested by the Chair) [ONGOING STATUS TBC/CHAIR]</b>			
<b>4.6.1</b> 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
<b>4.6.2</b> Senior Manager Research and Innovation	Dr Katrina King	CESE	31 Dec 2026
<b>4.6.3</b> Senior Manager Research and Innovation	Ms Shirley Savy	CHMW	31 Dec 2026
<b>4.6.4</b> Director, Central Coast Research Centre	Dr Courtney Molloy	CHMW	31 Dec 2026
<b>4.6.5</b> University Librarian	Mr Matthew Davis	Resources Division	31 Dec 2026

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

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