

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 Juanita Todd (Interim)	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.1.2 Deputy President of Academic Senate responsible for Research (Deputy Chair)	TBC		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 (Acting)	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.1.5 Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry & Engagement)	Mr Warwick Dawson	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 Kylie Shaw	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 Belinda Bennett	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;	Mrs Loren Collyer (Interim)	Academic	N/A

4.4.3 Pro Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, Newcastle Australia Institute of Higher Education (NAIHE), or nominee;	Professor Abhishek Bhati	Vice-Chancellor Division	N/A
4.4.4 Director, Research Grants	Miss Judy Alexander	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.4.5 Director, Research Ethics and Integrity (Acting)	Associate Professor Jodie Marquez	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.4.6 Director, Research Facilities and Infrastructure	Ms Jo Humphris	Research & Innovation	N/A
4.4.7 Director, Strategy, Planning and Performance	Mr Joel Palmer	Resources Division	N/A
4.4.8 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	Associate Professor Kathryn Skelding	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
4.5.7 Director, Central Coast Research Institute	Dr Courtney Molloy	CHMW	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

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

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