

Creating Effective Innovation Ecosystems Two Bold Ideas to Shape the Future

Part of a series of workshops on innovation ecosystems

1pm – 5pm, Tuesday, 21 March 2017
Woodward Conference Centre, University of Melbourne

- 12:45pm – 1:15pm *Light lunch on arrival and registration*
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm **Welcome and introduction**
Professor Leo Goedegebuure, Director, LH Martin Institute
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm **Australian Maritime Innovation Centre – proposing and creating a new innovation ecosystem**
Professor Ian Young, Honorary Senior Fellow of the LH Martin Institute
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm **The New Norm - Innovation Districts**
Mr Haydn Wright, Project Lead for the Australian Education City, Werribee, Victoria
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm **Closing panel discussion**
Professor Ian Young, Honorary Senior Fellow of the LH Martin Institute
Mr Haydn Wright, Project Lead for the Australian Education City, Werribee, Victoria
Mr Chris Vein, Price Waterhouse Coopers
Mr John Lawrence, Chairman and Director, Sustainable Manufacturing Futures Ltd
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm *Networking reception*

Presenters



Hadyn Wright, Project Lead, Australian Education City

Haydn has spent the past 30 years working in the Investment Banking sector with investment banks such as Kleinwort Benson, CIBC and Citibank. He is a responsible manager on AFS licenses and is an Independent Compliance Committee member for a number of public trusts. Haydn has more recently had a venture capital and advisory role, consulting to major research institutes and universities on commercialisation of intellectual property including strategic research direction and private, public and government funding. This venture capital role will often lead to establishing start-ups such as Ozone Panel which manages the importation and distribution of a new building technology.

Haydn currently works tightly with the Australian Education City team to help establish new opportunities throughout Australia and is passionate about the success of the Australian Education City vision. One of Haydn's specialties is taking major project concepts through design, consultation and implementation. Examples include design and implementation of leveraged funding structures for property developments, development of tax effective film trusts using reinsurance structures, initiation of agricultural ventures (Pyrethrum and Biodiesel), project leadership and strategic review for a private consortium on relocation of Australian Navy etc. Haydn has also held the role of CEO for one of the largest property development companies in Eastern Europe and was the past Head of Credit for Affinity Funds Management Limited.



Professor Ian Young, Honorary Professorial Fellow, LH Martin Institute

Professor Ian Young AO was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of The Australian National University in March 2011, a position held until February 2016. Previously he was Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne University of Technology from 2003 until taking up his role at ANU. In 2014 he was elected Chair of the Group of Eight (G08) Board of Directors. He is presently the Kernot Professor of Engineering at the University of Melbourne and Chief Executive of Conviro Pty Ltd.

His research interests are in Coastal and Ocean Engineering and Physical Oceanography as well as Higher Education policy. He has a distinguished academic career, having published extensively and received sustained competitive research funding. Consultancies include to the US Navy and the offshore oil and gas industry in Australia, Asia and North America.

Professor Young has numerous awards including the C.N.Barton Medal and Lorenz G. Straub Medal. In 2003 he was awarded the Centenary Medal for services to the Australian Society. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Engineers, Australia and a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. In 2012 he was named an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia.



Chris Vein, Partner, PwC Australia

Described by FedInsider as “innovating innovation itself,” Mr. Chris Vein is a Partner at PwC Australia where he is developing a new global consulting practice in Digital Government Transformation. He also is Chief Advisor to the Start-up Policy Lab and adjunct professor at Universities in the U.S. and abroad.

He is passionate about using science, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship to solve some of the biggest challenges facing humankind. Chris has worked to make organizations in any sector more open, entrepreneurial, and lean; creating new and innovative opportunities for delivering products, services and processes; and incubating innovation capacity in the global workforce.

That passion evolved over the past three award-winning decades, when he was:

- Founder of Dome Advisory Services, an organization that helped the public, private, and citizen sectors gain foresight and insight into the future, develop transformation strategies, and minimize operational risk.
- Chief Innovation Officer for Global Technology Development at the World Bank
- Deputy U.S. Chief Technology Officer for Government Innovation in the White House. Office of Science and Technology Policy.
- Chief Information Officer for the City and County of San Francisco.

Chris has had the honour of serving four Presidents of the United States, thousands of professional association practitioners around the world, for-profit consulting organizations, and local government organizations.

An avid cook and traveller, Chris is based in California where he is still renovating his geodesic dome house and being a mentor. Chris is a sought-after commentator and speaker, quoted in a wide range of news sources from the Economist to Inc. Magazine.