



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Australian Computer Society (ACS) and Australian Council of Deans of ICT (ACDICT)

This Memorandum of Understanding is dated 06 February 2015 between the Australian Computer Society (ABN 40 235 732 081) ("ACS") and the Australian Council of Deans of ICT (ABN 33 804 931 933) ("ACDICT")

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- 1.1 Both ACS and ACDICT consider a collaborative partnership between the two entities to be the means by which they can pursue their shared objectives, particularly:
- a. to facilitate the strong recognition of a skilled ICT professional workforce as a key driver for national productivity, innovation and well-being;
 - b. to promote and develop the ICT profession and professionalism;
 - c. to improve the perceived quality of ICT education and training;
 - d. to achieve wide-based recognition of the ICT professions as a rewarding and exciting career and through that increase the participation in the pathways into the ICT professions.

- 1.2 In order to progress the collaboration between ACS and ACDICT the parties share a desire to partner in projects potentially with other relevant collaborators in order to pursue the shared objectives; an initial but not exclusive list of activities is provided in Attachment A of this MOU. In general, the partners aim to work collaboratively and openly to:
- a. jointly develop initiatives and projects that encourage reciprocity and mutual benefit;
 - b. jointly facilitate data collection and analysis in order to provide the necessary evidence to underpin the initiatives; and,
 - c. consult each other regularly on proposed policy activity with a bias to identifying joint policy activity.

In doing this, the partners aim to demonstrate what can be achieved through collaboration and cooperation between major organisations within the ICT ecosystem.

2.1 This MOU will take effect on the date it is signed and will continue for a period of 24 months. At the end of this period both parties will review the outcomes of arrangements that have been implemented. Following this review, determination will be made in regard to renewal.

This Agreement does not affect other projects funded by ACS and ACDICT or any other funding organisation.

2.2 In the spirit of co-operation and mutual respect, the parties agree to adhere to the following conditions:

- a) The parties agree that any initiatives and/or projects that the parties wish to pursue arising out of this MOU must be the subject of separate written agreements that clearly articulate the rights and obligations of each party. No initiative or project will be commenced until the parties have signed such an agreement.

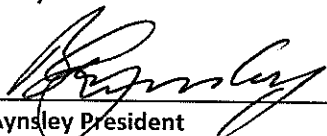
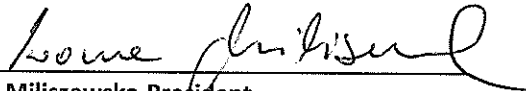

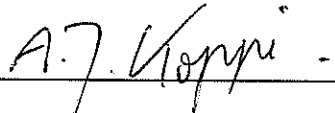


- b) This MOU does not create any legally binding relationship between the parties. This MOU is an expression of interest and intention only and is not intended to govern the rights and obligations or any initiative or project that may arise out of this MOU.
- c) Neither party shall use the name or logo, or any variation thereof, of the other party without first obtaining its written consent.
- d) The parties agree that all initiatives arising from this MOU shall be performed in a manner protective of, and consistent with, both parties' reputation for excellence and integrity in education, research and scholarship.
- e) Both parties agree to jointly review initiatives and/or projects arising from this MOU annually.
- f) Both parties agree to recognise and respect the distinct missions and governance structures of the separate organisations and adhere to the protocols for each accordingly.
- g) Subject to the term set out below, this MOU may be terminated by either party by providing a minimum of twelve (12) weeks written notice to the other party. Termination will not affect any ongoing or existing obligations of either party under this or any addendums, which shall be fully performed.
- h) Correspondence and notice under this MOU shall be in writing and sent to:

ACS
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Computer Society Inc
PO Box Q534
QVB NSW 1230

ACDICT
The Executive Officer
Australian Council of Deans of ICT
PO Box 482
Chatswood NSW 2057

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<p>SIGNED on behalf of the Australian Computer Society:</p>  _____ B Aynsley President	<p>SIGNED on behalf of the Australian Council of Deans of ICT:</p>  _____ I Miliszewska President
<p>Witness: </p> _____ Date: 06/02/2015	<p>Witness: </p> _____ Date: 06/02/2015



Attachment A

Schedule of Activities for 2015/16

- a. Share between the parties updates, issues and changes to ICT professional accreditation.
- b. Jointly examine the issue of student retention, attrition and progression in ICT courses and prepare a position paper.
- c. Foster collaboration between industry and academia to improve WIL opportunities for students.
- d. Progress policy and planning work to address the community standing of ICT professions including the perception of ICT professionalism and the professional readiness of graduates.
- e. Support the development of professional skills in ICT students.
- f. Identify government inquiries to which the parties can make joint submissions.

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