



COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 30 June 2025

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including:

- the Law Alumni Dinner which was seeking to raise funds to endow a Chair in Evidence and Procedure to honour the achievements of Emeritus Fellow Andrew Ligertwood and the Hon. John Doyle AC KC;
- Graduation Ceremonies in May, including the awarding of Honorary Doctorates on Ms Carolyn Hewson AO, Prof John O'Neil AO, and Ms Danielle Wood;
- the Hugh Stretton Oration and dinner with Mr Adam Liaw as the keynote speaker; and
- the opening of the University's Wise and Wonderful Women exhibition.

She also addressed oversight of the disestablishment of the University.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on:

- the appointment of Prof Nicola Phillips by the Adelaide University Transition Council as Vice-Chancellor of the new Adelaide University with anticipated start on 12 January 2026;
- Adelaide University's inaugural QS World University Ranking of 82;

- enrolment numbers of international and domestic students in Semester 1;
- 2024 Research income achieved by the University;
- the award of Honorary University Fellow to Mr Keith Conlon OAM;
- the progress of the various pillars of the 2024-2025 strategic plan; and
- the University's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Other Reports

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board including various program reviews, the updated Student Code of Conduct, and an update on Adelaide University's Transition Academic Board;
- the Finance Committee including the Q1 March 2025 financial results, the Q2 forecast, the merger financial report, and endowment fund investments and reporting;
- the People and Culture Committee, including updates on the merger and strategic objectives, and regular reports on the Integrity Unit, workplace relations, enterprise bargaining and the bi-annual pay equity report;
- the Risk Committee including regular reports on enterprise and merger risks, the internal audit status report on current review programs, and the Q1 2025 health, safety and wellbeing performance report, and
- the Integration Management Office on merger progress.

Other items

Council received and discussed:

- the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) annual presentation;
- the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology annual presentation; and
- regular reporting relating to the establishment of Adelaide University;

Council considered and approved:

- the Variation Agreement to the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Grant Agreement;
- the award of four honorary doctorates; and
- the Rules for the Arthur Hardwicke Abney Walker Bequest.