

OZCAB Annual Meeting Programme

School of Business and Law



Please note that this program remains subject to change as speakers and session details are finalise.

Thursday, 12 November 2026

9.15am

Welcome and Opening Address

Professor Clare Pollock, Vice-Chancellor, Edith Cowan University

9.30am - 10.15am

Regulatory Update

Insights from TEQSA on current priorities and developments affecting the sector.

10.15am - 10.45am

International Perspectives on Transnational Education Governance

A panel discussion exploring emerging governance challenges and opportunities in TNE partnerships.

10.45am - 11.15am

Morning Tea and Networking

11.15am - 12.15pm

The Australian Tertiary Education Commission *(invited)*

Understanding the role and implications of ATEC for Australian higher education.

12.15pm - 12.30pm

Conference Updates and Housekeeping

12.30pm - 1.15pm

Lunch

1.15pm - 2.15pm

The National Student Ombudsman *(invited)*

An overview of the new framework and its implications for universities and governance bodies.

2.15pm - 3.30pm

Best Practice in Academic Governance: Session A

Showcasing innovative approaches and practical lessons from across the sector.

3.30pm - 3.45pm

Afternoon Refreshments

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3.45pm - 4.45pm

Sector Benchmarking and Emerging Trends

Sharing approaches to monitoring performance, quality and governance effectiveness.

6.30pm - 9.00pm

OZCAB Annual Dinner

An opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the sector in an informal setting.

Friday, 13 November 2026

8.45am - 9.30am

Effective Induction and Development for Academic Board Members

Exploring contemporary approaches to preparing members for effective governance.

9.30am - 10.30am

Chancellors' Panel

Reflections on governance, leadership and the future of Australian higher education.

10.30am - 10.50am

Morning Tea

10.50am - 11.30am

Best Practice in Academic Governance: Session B

Case studies and lessons learned from across the university sector.

11.30am - 12.30pm

Future Directions for Australian Higher Education (*invited keynote*)

A discussion on the changing policy, economic and social context shaping the sector.

12.30pm - 1.00pm

Lunch

1.00pm - 1.30pm

Campus Tour

Explore Edith Cowan University's new City Campus.

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Towards Greater Harmonisation in Higher Education

Examining current initiatives, challenges and opportunities for sector-wide alignment.

2.30pm - 3.00pm

Conference Close and Handover to James Cook University

Key Themes for 2026

- Academic governance in a changing regulatory environment
- The establishment of ATEC and the National Student Ombudsman
- Transnational education governance
- Best practice in Academic Boards and Senates
- Governance benchmarking and sector insights
- Board induction and capability development
- Future directions for Australian higher education
- Harmonisation and sector reform