

HILARY WINCHESTER ANNOUNCED AS NEW CHAIR OF AIB ACADEMIC BOARD

Australian Institute of Business (AIB) today announces the appointment of a new Chair of their Academic Board, Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester M.A., D.Phil (Oxon.), FAICD.

It follows on from a year of growth and transformation for AIB, with the appointment of new CEO Paul Wappett in February from Open Universities Australia, and the recent news that Australia's largest MBA programme has transitioned to a 100% online delivery. Last year also saw Daren McKennay appointed as Chairman of the Board, and key academic leaders from around the world joining AIB as Heads of Discipline.

Professor Winchester said she was thrilled to be appointed to the position, which for the past eight years was held by Professor Rod Oxenberry, who has since retired.

"It's an exciting time to join AIB with the recent developments in programme delivery and interactive online learning advancements. I thank Professor Rod Oxenberry for his leadership and commitment over the past eight years. I look forward to leading the Academic Board into the next stage of growth for AIB."

Professor Winchester brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from her previous positions as Pro-Vice Chancellor with the University of South Australia, and Provost of Central Queensland University. She is a higher education consultant, specialising in Quality Assurance and has also chaired the Academic Boards of two Australian Universities. In 2011, she won the Australian Higher Education Quality Award and is a member of TEQSA's Register of Experts.

AIB CEO Paul Wappett said, "We're thrilled to have Hilary on board with us at AIB. Her extensive knowledge of the higher education sector and regulatory environment is a perfect fit for Australia's largest and fastest-growing provider of MBAs. Her commitment to and deep experience with innovation in teaching and learning will propel us towards being the most contemporary, student-centric and best value-for-money MBA in the country."

Professor Winchester will begin her new role at AIB in April 2018.

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About AIB: Australian Institute of Business is a 32-year-old Higher Education Institution offering the full suite of business degrees, exclusively serving the needs of working adults. AIB is the largest MBA provider in Australia, delivering fully accredited postgraduate programmes that are globally recognised. AIB has more than 16,000 students and graduates across 90 countries, employing more 200 staff.

About AIB's Academic Board: The Academic Board of AIB is the principal educational advisory body to the Board of Directors. It oversees the academic governance of AIB's educational activities and advises the Board of Directors on all developments and initiatives, including quality, relating to AIB's teaching and research activities.