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ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 2015



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# COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS IN THE DIGITAL AGE.



In the FY2014/15, the ACS has been on a journey of continuing change and transformation. We have seen a change of leadership, with Alan Patterson stepping down as CEO late in 2014. Alan's legacy can be seen in the continued strong performance of the ACS in both the financial and the professional space. I pay tribute to his great work, and on behalf of the Society, I thank him for his tireless efforts towards improvement.

That journey of change has been continued by Alan's successor, Andrew Johnson. It is a testament to the organisation that we have been able to fill the role of CEO with an internal appointment. Andrew has wasted no time in driving an understanding of the organisation's meaning in the context of a digital future among our staff and elected members.

Having a strong product offering is one of the factors that will make us more attractive to the more than five hundred thousand people who work in the digital economy in Australia. With our membership accounting for fewer than 10% of them, we need to better propagate our message.

I believe we are on the way to doing that with the foundations we have laid this financial year.

In October we saw an incredibly successful Young IT Conference, YITCON14. With a theme of "Change Minds, Change Futures, Change Worlds," over one thousand students and young IT professionals gathered in Melbourne to hear from a world-class panel of speakers. It was heartening to see so many future digital leaders coming together to share ideas and knowledge.

In February we saw the relaunch of Information Age. This publication has always been popular among our members; however, the bimonthly publication schedule saw us being left behind. We all know how quickly things change and evolve in the digital space, and we need our publication to be able to match that pace.

To that end, Information Age became a responsive, agile web presence. A collection of stories is now sent to members weekly, delivering 52 issues annually instead of 6. Members can now interact with articles using the comments feature and reach out to the editorial staff like never before.

Towards the end of the financial year, we also saw the release of our first major policy publication, Australia's Digital Pulse. This publication was an evolution of the ICT Statistical Compendium, and I want to make mention of the wonderful work done by Professor Ian Dennis over many years to drive the Compendium.

Australia's Digital Pulse was produced by Deloitte Access Economics, one of Australia's leading economic consulting firms. It was launched by the then Communications Minister, now the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Malcolm Turnbull, at the National Press Club in Canberra. The launch and content was covered extensively in the press and was a great boost to the public profile and credibility of the Society.

As my term as President comes to an end, I want to assure you that I will not go quietly into this good night. My passion for the promotion of trustworthy computing is no secret. I believe it is a critical part of our profession, and one that is too often overlooked. More of our lives are being handed over to technology, so the trust element must be stronger than ever before.

We need ethical consummate professionals to drive this change and make sure digital technology delivers a world that is better for all of us to live in, not just a chosen few. I believe that the ACS is made up of ethical consummate professionals, and I look forward to seeing our members be an integral part of the digital future.

To those elected officials, volunteers, and staff who have assisted me in my term, I sincerely thank you. The presidency of the ACS is not a one-person job—it requires the support of so many, and I simply could not have done it without you.

**Ms Brenda Aynsley OAM**  
**FACS CP**  
**President**



The overall result for the FY2014/15 was a surplus of \$3.2M compared to a surplus of \$3.4M in the FY2013/14. It is pleasing to see a continued surplus delivered over the financial year as a testament to the continued execution of sound financial planning over the course of the past three years.

During the past financial year, we invested extensively in our ICT systems and tools, which enabled us to hold more of our meetings virtually, reducing the travel spend for meetings and leveraging new and ongoing technology opportunities for our members. We also made significant investments to build ACS's capability and capacity. These included increasing resourcing through our branch network in order to provide additional support for our members and through our National Office to provide increased support to our branches and increased development of products and services for our members.

I would like to thank the Management Committee; the Branch Executive Committees, especially the branch treasurers; the National Audit and Risk Committee; and the National Secretariat Finance Team for their support in delivering this strong financial performance during a period of significant change.

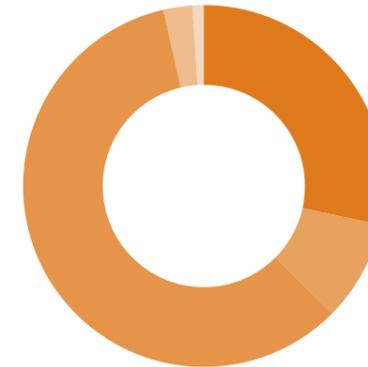
While this is a positive result for our second consecutive year, we must be careful not to rest on our laurels. We must continue to focus on efficient service delivery which benefits our members first and foremost. I am confident that the investments we have made over the past financial year will provide a solid platform for the ACS to achieve this in the FY2015/16.

I look forward to a continued spirit of collaboration as we build an even stronger ACS for the future.

**Mr Yohan Ramasundara**  
**MACS CP, MAICD**  
**National Treasurer**

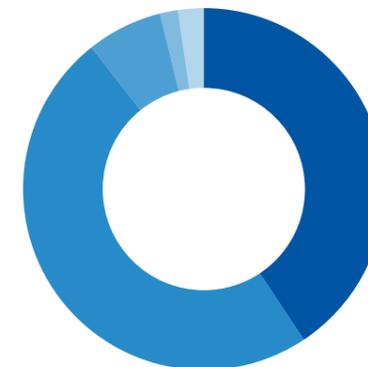
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5 Year Summary	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s
Total Income	20,518	18,663	14,299	14,007	12,828
Total Expenses	17,276	15,260	14,638	14,410	12,765
Net Surplus (deficit)	3,242	3,403	(339)	(403)	63
Total Assets	18,449	15,849	12,193	11,606	11,711
Total Liabilities	5,242	5,885	5,632	4,706	4,408
Total Member Funds	13,207	9,965	6,561	6,900	7,303



**2015 Assets (Thousands \$000s)**

- Cash and cash equivalents \$5,238
- Current receivables \$1,686
- Current other assets \$10,871
- Property, plant & equipment \$486
- Intangible assets \$168



**2015 Liabilities (Thousands \$000s)**

- Current payables \$2,133
- Current other liabilities \$2,541
- Current provisions \$366
- Non-current other liabilities \$79
- Non-current provisions \$123



The last year provided a strong opportunity for ACS to lead by example when it comes to implementing professional benchmarks.

ACS holds the honour of being the first professional body to achieve IP3 accreditation for our Certified Professional program. During the early part of the year, we fell due for our first reaccreditation assessment.

The assessment panel comprised of Adrian Schofield from the Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa and Peter Cole from the School of Engineering and Information Technology at Murdoch University. Peter had also formed part of the panel when ACS first achieved accreditation.

Pleasingly our Certified Professional program was successfully reaccredited, and for the first time we also had accredited our Certified Technologist program. The Certified Professional program is aligned to level 5 under the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA), while Certified Technologist is aligned to SFIA level 3.

I would like to thank Adrian and Peter for their professionalism and approach to our reaccreditation assessment, with many continuous improvement ideas stemming from their visit. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Professor Michael Johnson as Director of our Professional Standards Board and Professor Graham Low as Principal Advisor on Professional Standards to support the IP3 assessment.

Michael and Graham's hard work did not stop there as ACS also fell due for reaccreditation under the Seoul Accord where signatories are committed to the development and recognition of good practice in IT education, and apply a mutual recognition framework for undergraduate IT degrees.

The year also required much of the ground work to be completed in support of:

- Renewing ACS' Professional Standard Scheme; the legal instrument to protect consumers of professional services in IT through monitoring and improving professional standards. The current ACS Scheme expires at the end of December 2015.
- An updated ACS Quality Management System in preparation for ISO9001 certification.
- Re-registration of ACS as a Registered Training Organisation delivering nationally recognised qualifications such as the Diploma of IT. Re-registration is required by November 2015.

From the 1st of July 2015, Commonwealth agencies were required to have a majority of independent members participate on their audit committees. The Department of Finance implemented a centrally coordinated non-mandatory, non-exclusive list of independent audit committee members to assist Commonwealth entities to meet this requirement.

ACS is performing the role of conduit to access suitably qualified IT professionals to participate on these audit committees.

A national advertising campaign was rolled out for the Certified Professional program that included television commercials on Sky Business and SBS, newspaper advertising, and Qantas magazine advertising.

This was the first time ACS had taken an awareness campaign to purchasers of IT services as opposed to seeking IT professionals to undertake a certification assessment. Feedback from members was strong and overwhelmingly positive.

There were 14,000+ visitors to the Find Your CP web page, and 15,000+ views of the commercial on the ACS YouTube Channel. Total Certified Professionals grew over 8% for the year.

Information Age, our flagship magazine, was refreshed in February 2015, going fully digital along with a new approach to unique content development. It is very encouraging to see the level of member engagement commenting on articles and contesting ideas.

With over 81,000 page views and 21,000 users in just the first five months, the results have highlighted where we can improve the connections between members in other areas of our operations.

Other key highlights elaborated on elsewhere in this report include the launch of Australia's Digital Pulse, expansion of MySFIA offerings and YITCON2014 with over 700 attendees in Melbourne and a live stream across 12 satellite events including four overseas locations.

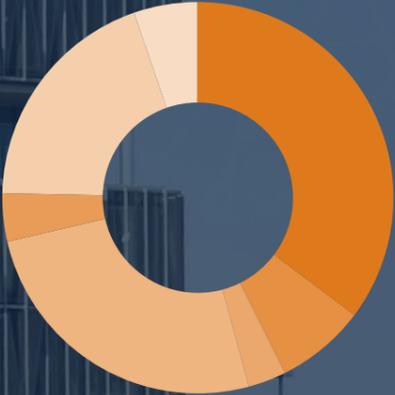
I would like to thank the Management Committee, and in particular our President Brenda Aynsley, for their support during the year, and also our members whose voice and actions are helping drive the profession as it takes its place as a powerhouse of the digital economy.

**Mr Andrew Johnson**  
**MACS CP**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

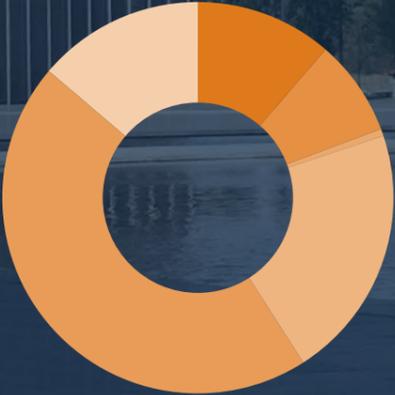
**Our membership transforms with the next wave of ICT professionals engaging with our brand.**

ACS is the professional association for Australia’s information and communications technology (ICT) sector. We are committed to creating an environment that provides opportunities for our members and partners to be recognised and to succeed. We are passionate about the ICT profession being recognised as a driver of innovation and business – able to deliver real, tangible outcomes.

During the FY2014/15, overall membership underwent a modest transformation, with numbers remaining similar to those of the previous financial year. With the purchase of the proprietary rights of MySFIA the previous financial year, membership figures indicate that this strategic differentiator bundled with access to the ACS Digital Library for ongoing professional development and other ACS member products and services contributed to 7,014 first-time new members of the ACS. As an example of this, digital subscribers increased from 734 in the FY2013/14 to 1,115, with 967 of those being first-time members of the ACS.



Membership	
Full Fee	7452
Graduate	1558
Other	653
PPP	5429
Retired	838
Student	4089
Subscriber	1115
<b>Total</b>	<b>21134</b>



First time new members	
Full Fee	789
Graduate	569
Other	26
PPP	1492
Student	3171
Subscriber	967
<b>Total</b>	<b>7014</b>





### Investing in the fabric of education for our future

Designed to assist educational institutions providing students the appropriate preparation for professional practice in ICT, the accreditation process evaluates both the programs and the educational institutions themselves, ensuring quality assurance processes are in place to cover physical resources, library resources, technical support, research activity, and education technology. Accreditation panels evaluate the adequacy of staff resources and the ability of the ICT industry and practitioners to have ongoing input to course design and delivery.

Accreditation is usually undertaken every five years by a panel of academics and practitioners with a report made available to the ACS Professional Standards Board with a recommendation. ACS accreditation utilises three main devices to benchmark program development, including the ICT Profession Core Body of Knowledge (CBOK), the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA), and the Seoul Accord Graduate Attributes. The requirements of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) are also incorporated to ensure regulatory compliance, along with other educational methodologies, such as Bloom's Taxonomy, as part of the overall process.

In the FY2014/15, accreditation review activities were conducted for a total of 22 universities:

- Australian National University (ANU College of Business and Economics)
- Australian Catholic University
- Deakin University (School of Information Technology)
- Central Queensland University
- Curtin University (School of Computing)
- Edith Cowan University (Information Systems)
- Federation University
- Flinders University
- James Cook University
- La Trobe (School of Management)
- Murdoch University
- RMIT (including an offshore visit)
- University of Adelaide
- University of Canberra
- University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of Sydney (joint board visit with Engineers Australia)
- University of Tasmania
- University of Western Australia
- University of Western Sydney
- University of Wollongong (to include off-shore visits)
- Victoria University



**Baselining and assessing the current and emerging jobs and skills for the future.**

With the rate of rapid technological change combined with countries around the world repositioning their economies to take advantage of the opportunities that may arise from the digital age, there is a clear need for Australia to transform to remain competitive in global markets.

Australia has experienced a period of uninterrupted growth for over two decades, relying heavily on the minerals and resources sector in recent times. Together with strong service and financial sectors, our nation has managed to navigate through difficult international events, such as the global financial crisis.

Having said this, with changing global economic conditions, it now appears that the Australian economy must be less reliant on the minerals and resources sector, and ACS believes that ICT is a critical enabler to assist with the development of solutions that could address future national challenges.

For our nation to remain competitive and continue to thrive in the globally connected ecosystem of the future, more needs to be done to ensure that our workforce has the skills, knowledge, and expertise to take advantage of future opportunities.

As a leading Australian SFIA Foundation Accredited Partner, ACS uses the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA) to help members assess their skills through our purpose-built online MySFIA tool. During the FY2014/15, there was a 37% increase in members undertaking self-assessments of their skills through the MySFIA tool.

In addition to this, ACS also had a significant increase in collaborative projects with government and industry partners, which resulted in a 46% increase in users undertaking self-assessments in the bespoke corporate version of MySFIA.

## Raising the profile of ACS Certification

Between March and June 2015, a high-visibility national media campaign was delivered to raise awareness and to lift the public profile of ACS Certification.

This campaign was intended to publicly increase our efforts to advocate for professionalism across the ICT sector. It was also a way to demonstrate practical leadership from the ACS for our members and to highlight to non-members how the ACS supports its certified members as ICT professionals who are recognised experts.

Television commercials were aired on Channel 9, the SBS, and Foxtel's Sky News and Sky Business Channels. This was the first time the ACS has embarked on mainstream television advertising since 2005/06.

Additionally, print advertisements were undertaken with The Australian, and print advertisements were displayed in the Qantas inflight magazine for three months and in Business Acumen magazine for two months. As well, digital advertising was undertaken throughout the campaign, as was social media advertising.

To support growing demand and to ensure the integrity of assessments for ACS Certifications was being undertaken to a high standard, all certification administrative and assessment processes and systems were reviewed and refined in the FY2014/15. From this, a robust face-to-face and remote assessment model was developed, adopting methods and lessons learnt through the development of similar administrative and assessment processes used in our accreditation and skills assessment areas.

At the end of the FY2014/15, Certified Professionals grew 8.4%, rising to 1,565. Of these, 956 members held a Certified Technologist status.

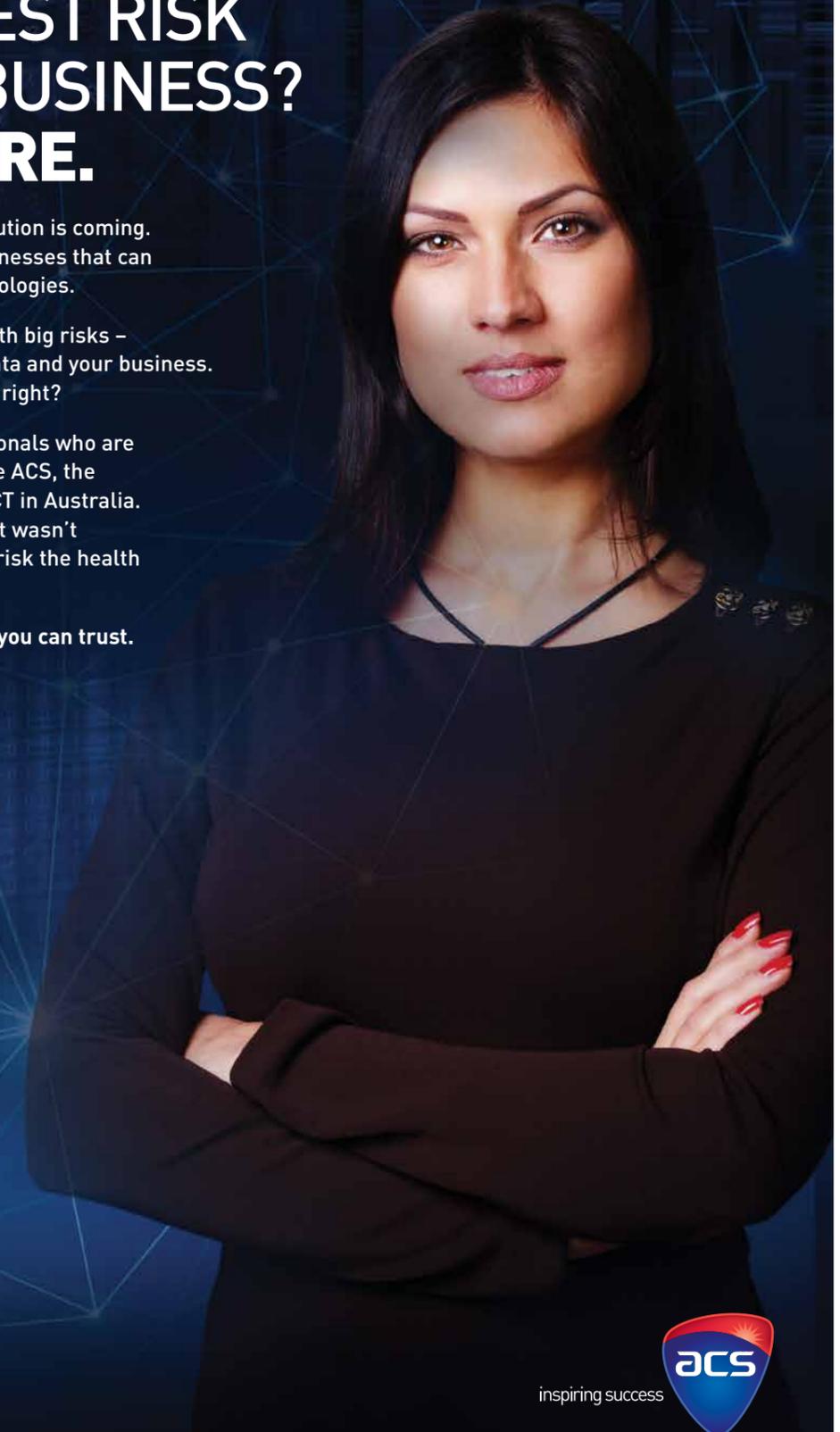
## THE BIGGEST RISK TO YOUR BUSINESS? THE FUTURE.

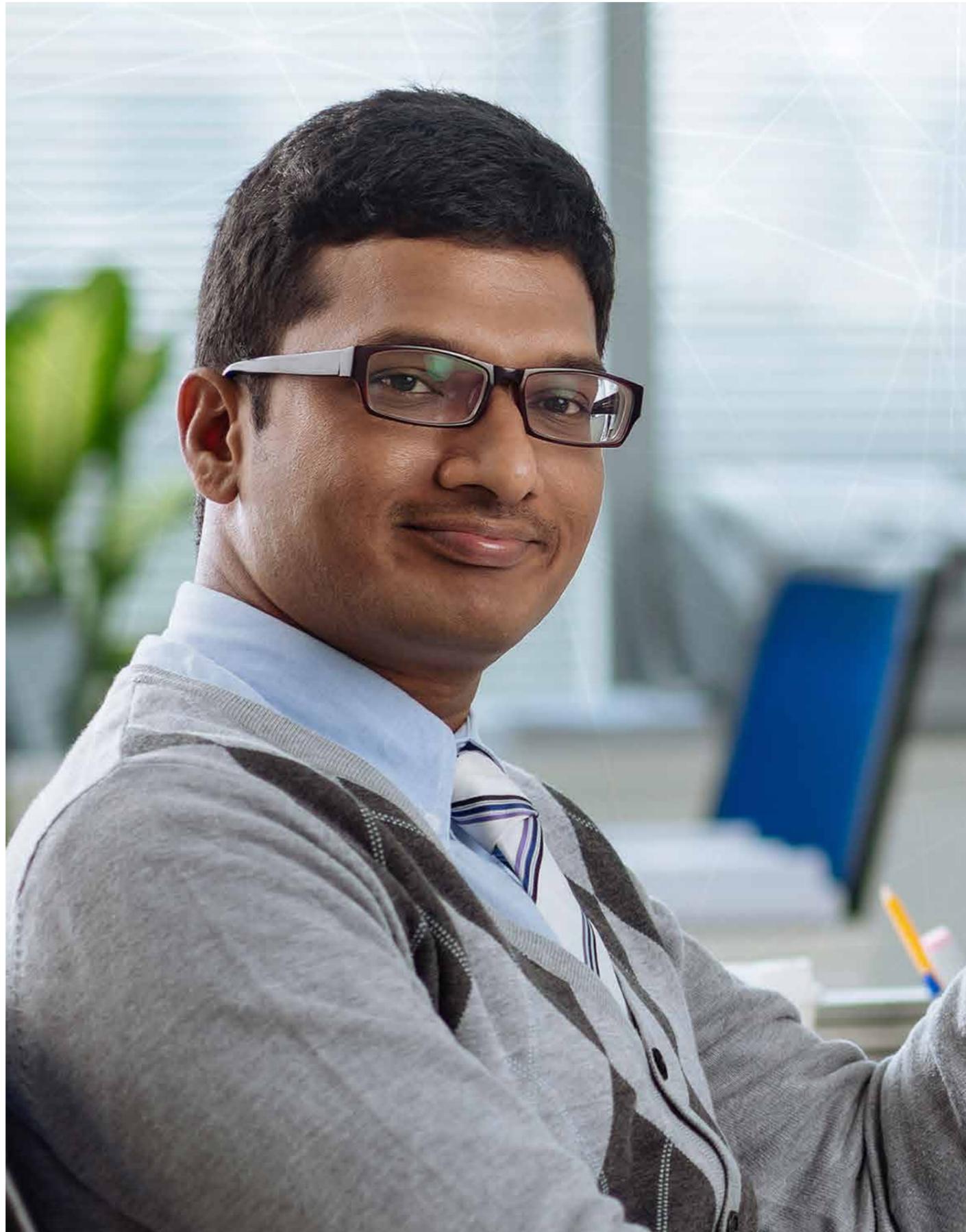
Ready or not, the digital revolution is coming. And success will come to businesses that can best leverage emerging technologies.

But big opportunities come with big risks – to your infrastructure, your data and your business. So who do you turn to to get it right?

CP's are certified ICT professionals who are independently assessed by the ACS, the professional association for ICT in Australia. You wouldn't visit a doctor that wasn't registered, so why would you risk the health of your business?

**Demand the ICT professional you can trust.**





### **Record numbers using ACS for continuing professional development and education**

The FY2014/15 saw increased engagement from our members in relation to using the ACS for their continuing professional development.

Our members submitted 130,824 hours with a total of 25,645 entries. Of the total entries, 17,583 were from ACS products and services incorporating the use of our digital library assets, attendance at events, participation in short courses or workshops, or the undertaking of other skills and knowledge development training. The annual growth of ACS resources being utilised by our members rose by 33%, and the growth in entries rose by 40% from the previous financial year.

The ACS has experienced continued growth in our Professional Year program, which works with former international students who have graduated from a university within Australia that supports them with endeavours to seek permanent residency. The ACS Professional Year Program in Computing provides an additional pathway from university to employment within Australia, offering a job readiness program to equip students with the professional skills needed for a successful career in the Australian workforce.

The program is scheduled for a minimum of 44 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks and consists of 44 to 52 weeks' practical training, face-to-face study and workshops, and a 12-week hands-on internship with a host company.



**In June 2015, the current Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, launched 'Australia's Digital Pulse', a report which the ACS commissioned Deloitte Access Economics to produce.**

**Throughout 2014/15 the ACS was actively engaged with Federal, State and Territory Governments building good working relationships and advocating strongly on issues important to ACS and its members.**

At the federal level, we made submissions to the government and the broader parliament on the issues of online copyright infringement, Australia's innovation system, the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill of 2014, electronic health records and healthcare identifiers, and digital television regulation. We also conducted a strong campaign, alongside a significant number of other employer and industry lobby groups, to Federal, State, and Territory governments on the need to include a mandatory digital technologies course in the school curriculum.

This campaign is starting to see genuine movement towards achieving that outcome. In June 2015, the current Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, launched "Australia's Digital Pulse", a report which the ACS commissioned Deloitte Access Economics to produce. This report received wide acclaim and support from political stakeholders at the state and federal levels and has proven to be a powerful platform for further engagement with ministers and shadow ministers on issues related

to the digital economy. As we move into a federal election year in 2016, the Digital Pulse report together with our active and ongoing engagement on key policy issues has the ACS well placed to actively participate in and hopefully have some influence on policy commitments going into the election.

At the state and territory levels, the ACS National Office has been working closely with a number of the branches on their engagement with government. Of particular note is the work we have done jointly with our Northern Territory Branch to lodge a submission in December 2014 to the Northern Territory Government on their Northern Territory Economic Development Strategy.

Additionally, in December 2014, the ACS National Office worked with the South Australia Branch to lodge a submission for a parliamentary inquiry into the National Broadband Network. In both instances, these submissions significantly lifted the ACS's profile and engagement with the respective governments and parliaments.

**Our migration skills assessment activities create best practice and raise the standard for the industry.**

The Skills Assessment Team raised the standard to a new level from their impressive results in the FY2013/14.

Striving to continually improve and refine their processes, systems and approaches, the team reduced turnaround times from an average of 5.4 weeks at the end of the FY2013/14 to an average of 2.4 weeks in the first half of the FY2014/15 and even further to an average of 1.9 weeks in the second half of the FY2014/15. This represented an average reduction of 3 weeks in the first half and 3.5 weeks in the second half of the financial year.

The ACS continues to be recognised as a leading assessing authority for skilled migration purposes in ICT occupations. The role of an assessing authority is one the ACS treats seriously and performs in Australia's national interest, ensuring that the accurate assessment of applicants' skills against those identified by government as being in shortage in the domestic landscape is undertaken correctly and to the highest standards.

As the first assessing authority to provide an online assessing system in January 2012, with continuous improvements made to the core system throughout the financial year and with high-quality industry-leading processing times, at the request of the Migration Institute of Australia, the ACS presented at the Migration Skills Assessment Conference in Canberra in October 2014 to share our experience and expertise in this area.

This presentation was delivered to over two hundred migration agents and delegates, including representatives and assessing authorities from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and a number of government ministers and directors of government departments.



The Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, Minister for Technology, delivers the ministerial address during the official opening of YITCON14 on 9 October 2014.

# CHANGEMINDS CHANGE FUTURES CHANGE WORLDS

The youth of today are acutely aware that the job market they will enter is vastly different to the environment their parents were raised in. Traditional career pathways may in fact disappear. They acknowledge the fact that they will need to stay flexible in their career development and stay up to date with technology.

YITCON 14 demonstrated interest in cutting edge thinking, disruptive technologies and emerging trends. The Youth Festival for ICT was held at the Forum in Melbourne on 9 and 10 October 2014. Over 850 people attended the first day, which included for the first time, a dedicated program for secondary schools that attracted 330 students and teachers.

The social media presence created for the event attracted 551,415 impressions across the four major Social Channels, 222,303 interactions and 1,544 new followers that extended the reach and brand of ACS and provided a significant platform for the event to leverage from. As part of the activities on the first day ACS also navigated uncharted territory with a dedicated session streamed live to satellite events across Australia as well as to four satellite events internationally.

The 11 satellite events across Australia included University campuses in Western Australia and the Northern Territory as well as key corporate partners such as Woolworths and the Department of Immigration.

The 4 international satellite events included the Sri Lanka Institute of IT, Ganpat University India, Graphic Era University India and University of Malaysia.

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**Yitcon 14 – clockwise**

A delegate is guided through virtual reality at the Samsung exhibit in the Adappt powered by FYA & Samsung Technology Showcase hall.



Delegate tests the racing car simulator.



Michael Woods, Co-Founder and Creative Director of Media Saints, presents to the audience about 'How to Eat Buzzword Soup.'



Delegates strike a pose in their YITCON 14 t-shirts.



NAO Robot is a hit with the crowd.

A delegate reacts to the interactive, hands-on tech displays.

**Opposite**

Jodie Fox, Founder and Chief Creative Officer of Shoes of Prey, speaks to the audience about using technology to enable success.





**Yitcon 14 – clockwise**

Bajo and Hex from ABC's 'Good Game' television show as masters of ceremony for YITCON14 featuring more than 41 keynote speakers.

ACS staff member Ksenija Catic is surrounded by smiling delegates at YITCON14.

A delegate reacts to displays in the Adappt Powered by FYA & Samsung Technology Showcase hall.

Media personality and tech commentator Adam Spencer interviews Jan Skubiszewski, a producer, songwriter and musician who shared insights into how technology influences his work.

Engaged delegates at YITCON14 listen in as world-class speakers and industry experts present on leading edge technological change and how to prosper in the digital future.

Ben Heyes, General Manager of Cyber Security, Privacy & Operational Risk at Commonwealth Bank of Australia, interacts with delegates.

**Opposite**

Brad Krauskopf, CEO of Hub Australia, speaks to the audience about entrepreneurship and collaboration resulting in innovation.



**Future Leaders Institute**

On February 23 to 27, 2015, 28 future CIOs from a cross section of industry and government organisations attended the annual ACS Future Leaders Institute, held at Kingscliff in NSW. The program connects ICT leaders and subject matter experts in an environment where they are able to share their knowledge, teachings and experience.

This intensive leadership program challenged participants to acquire contemporary ICT leadership skills and knowledge from a range of leading experts, such as Terry Davis, former Managing Director of Coca-Cola Amatil, who spoke about the role of CIOs and boards, and Dr Stefan Hajkovicz, Head of Futures at CSIRO, who spoke about megatrends shaping Australia’s business and social landscape.

Some of the other topics covered through the program included business leadership, decision making, speaking with impact, career management, leading and managing change, and developing effective teams (incorporating Belbin).

Delegates noted there were not many courses available in the market specific to upcoming CIOs. Delegates felt their main goal was to network and to meet potential senior management/CIOs from other organisations, gaining clear insight into the skills and attributes required for leadership.

**Telecommunications Society of Australia – Charles Todd Oration**

Telsoc and the ACS presented this address on November 5, 2014, with the keynote delivered by Professor Graeme Samuel, a professorial fellow in the Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University and chairman of the ACCC from 2003 to 2011.

250 people filled Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, to listen to an entertaining presentation titled ‘The Future of Competition in the Telecommunications Industry’.

**Australia’s Digital Pulse**

The ACS commissioned and partnered with leading economic consultants Deloitte Access Economics to prepare Australia’s Digital Pulse (Digital Pulse). The Digital Pulse report found its origin from the ACS ICT Statistical Compendium, which was produced between 2010 and 2013. From this important work, the revised Digital Pulse was expanded to include a narrative that spoke to key challenges for our nation in the areas of digital skills, jobs and education.

On June 16, 2015, Australia’s Digital Pulse was launched at the National Press Club. As part of this, a panel was convened to discuss the report and its key focus areas. This panel consisted of the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, then Minister for Communications; Dr Ric Simes, Partner at Deloitte Access Economics and policy and strategy expert; and Brenda Aynsley OAM, ACS President.

This event was a great success, and immediately following the launch event in Canberra, the ACS conducted a national roadshow of events in every state and territory. These events were exceptionally well attended by state and territory government ministers, opposition leaders, leaders from industry, academic representatives, and importantly ACS members.

Opposite: The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, then Minister for Communications, launched Australia’s Digital Pulse at the National Press Club in Canberra on 16 June 2015.



# BRANCH REPORTS

## **Canberra Branch**

### **By Branch Chair Tim Turner**

The Canberra Branch celebrated its 50-year milestone in 2014/15. Commencing life as the Canberra Computer Society, the branch was the catalyst for the creation of the national federated body and remains the address of the registered head office to this day. The branch marked its fiftieth birthday with a special breakfast function at the National Museum. Chief Minister Andrew Barr, the patron of the Canberra Branch, addressed an important audience including founding committee members of the fledgling society.

A busy year of over 90 events included another successful annual conference held in September at the Hotel Realm. We hosted 130 delegates and heard from 40+ speakers, including leading government CIOs, ACT entrepreneurs and a range of experts on the future of IT. Chief Minister Andrew Barr spoke at the dinner and presented the Leoni Warne Medal to Kate Muir in recognition of her huge contribution to promoting women in ICT.

Through the very successful work of Branch Manager Adrian Armitage, along with the ACS National Office, branch membership rose sharply as we signed several new-style professional partner organisations. Canberra is leading Australia in engaging with ICT employers in the new program and is reaping benefits for itself and other branches because of the national nature of many of the new partners. The Canberra Branch also led the way nationally with the expansion

of education and professional development services to members and partner associations. Our success here was facilitated by the employment of Learning and Development Consultant Lisa Syrek.

Several new Branch Executive Committee members were elected at the annual election. The election also saw Branch Chairman (2013–2015) Jeff Mitchell hand the reins over to the new team. Jeff has been a huge contributor to our branch and to the Society at a national level over several years and certainly during his chairmanship.

## **New South Wales Branch**

### **By Branch Chair Richard Baecher**

The NSW Branch Executive Committee (BEC) continued focussing on developing specific initiatives to 'Keep Members' and 'Get Members', by driving initiatives to maximise ACS's value proposition for NSW members.

Branch membership of 7,242 represented 34% of all membership. Events increased by 16 to 137, with attendance of over 6,000.

Two new chapters and Special Interest Groups were formed, Central Coast and Newcastle, and Quantum Computing and Web Technologies. Monthly Branch Forum attendance increased by 9% to 1,333, highlighting member popularity of networking and presentations of interest.

Recording of events was introduced providing members the opportunity to view events they missed or would like to hear again.

The Mentoring Program Round 2 was held. Industry leaders, experts and ICT professionals joined Mentees in the program to gain insight and guidance from Mentors who have already achieved their goals.

The Jobs Link initiative was introduced with NSW Government ICT jobs advertised on the ACS website.

I'd like to thank the BEC, our volunteers and NSW Branch staff for their commitment, support and high-standard delivery of our initiatives.

## **Northern Territory Branch**

### **By Branch Chair Peter McGill**

The Northern Territory Branch Executive Committee continued to focus on adding value to ACS membership for current members and promoting this to potential members. As a result, there was a 26% increase in the total number of NT Branch members and a new high retention rate of 89%.

The number of student members grew from 145 to 207 thanks to the continued support of Charles Darwin University. The branch will continue to foster the good relationship that has been built with the university. A major focus for the coming year will be the conversion of student members into full fee-paying members to further enhance the retention rate.

This year saw an increase of 33% in the number of CP members, and the branch will continue to promote the value of MACS CP both to members and within the local ICT industry.

During the year, there were a number of changes to the support and services provided by the National Office. The Branch Executive Committee and branch manager readily adopted them and used them to best advantage. The ACS NT Branch thanks ACS Congress, the Management Committee, the ACS National Office staff and other branches for their continued support.

The ACS NT Branch continued to receive much appreciated support from its existing local professional program partners (PPP) and welcomed the addition of a new major PPP this year, NEC. NEC has the potential to grow its number of ACS members in the Northern Territory, and with its local success there will be a positive flow on effect for other branches through NEC offices around Australia. The total number of branch members who belong to a professional partner grew by 16%.

The NT Branch of the ACS started in 1984, and one founding member, George Loch, remains an active and regular attendee at our events after 31 years of membership.

There has been a steady increase in the number of member events. Events include regular forums (Tech Talk), ACS/Gartner breakfast presentations, national EdXN presentations and specialist events for ACS students. The BEC recognises the importance of face-to-face events for networking and promoting the value of membership.

The events attracted increased numbers of both members and non-members, with strategic guests being invited to all events.

The annual golf day was sold out, with 110 "players" enjoying a relaxing day out in the warm July dry season. This year, the event was again a financial success. The golf day remains a priority event for members of the local ICT industry, and planning is underway for next year's event.

This year saw a full and committed complement of BEC members, and there was an increase in the activity of the branch as a direct result. Committee members came from a broad cross-section of the community, which helped raise the visibility of the branch across the membership base, industry, and government.

The chair had a seat on the newly created Ministerial ICT Advisory Council and represented the interests of the ACS in the Northern Territory. Membership of this body is ongoing. The branch manager represented the ACS on the NT Business Council. This is also an ongoing engagement.

The branch successfully launched Australia's Digital Pulse with a focus on the territory and its future. This launch was well received by both industry and government and formed the basis for further discussions.

Current members of the Branch Executive Committee finish their duties on December 31, 2015. For the first time, ACS NT Branch members will need to vote.

### Queensland Branch

#### By Branch Chair Dr Nick Tate

One of the focusses for the Queensland Branch this year has been industry and government engagement. ACS Queensland has played a leading role in the formation and leadership of the Council of ICT Associations (CICTA). The CICTA comprises the ten major ICT professional and industry associations in Queensland and, in conjunction with the Queensland branch, ran a major seminar on open data in Brisbane prior to the main G20 conference. Recently, a number of members of the CICTA, including the ACS, have helped establish the Queensland government's ICT Industry Engagement Group.

The branch has also run a very successful leaders' breakfast series with strong attendance and continues to run a strong program of events through its special interest groups (SIGs) and its three very active chapters in Townsville, the Gold Coast and Toowoomba. Many of these events are now routinely extended to members at home or in the workplace through the use of videoconferencing. Plans for 2016 include both a conference in October and a comprehensive professional development program based around the themes of "getting an IT job" and "advancing in your IT career".

A new and enlarged Branch Executive Committee for 2016/2017 has now been elected and includes members from as far apart as Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns, a spread of 1,800km which reflects the size and diversity of Queensland.

### South Australia Branch

#### By Branch Chair Jo Stewart-Rattray

The past twelve months have been a busy period, with continued strong growth in membership locally, an increase in the profile of the ACS at both government and business levels, and a continuing strong relationship with the national organisation.

Membership growth in SA has defied our state's declining economy and continues to climb. Indeed, we can proudly claim to be one of the most successful branches across the country in both growth in numbers and retention of our membership this financial year! This should ensure a strong, stable and supportive community of ICT practitioners in SA over the coming years.

A highlight for me was being invited to present to the South Australian Economic and Finance Committee Inquiry into the National Broadband Network. With the support of Athol Chalmers, ACS Director, Policy & Public Affairs, we presented to a panel of seven local members of parliament on the impact of the National Broadband Network on the South Australian economy. Topics covered included the education and training system, workforce development and planning, digital literacy of SMEs, ICT professionalism and improved public and private sector engagement. That we were invited to participate enabled the ACS to better represent our membership at the government level and highlights the ACS as thought leaders locally.

The SA Branch has initiated and supported a number of major events this year, and of particular note was our Leaders' Lunch, where we

welcomed the Honourable Theresa Grafenstine, Inspector General of the US House of Representatives, to South Australia. Ms Grafenstine addressed a large gathering of government and industry leaders and discussed focusing on organizational health and building teams committed to positive improvement. This was an inspirational presentation delivered with great insight and humour.

Ms Grafenstine and I were invited to meet with the governor of South Australia at Government House after the Leaders' Lunch—a great honour for us both and a delight to realise that the governor is a proponent of the use of technology.

In support of the publication of Australia's Digital Pulse, the SA Branch worked together with the National Office to officially launch the publication in Adelaide. MP for Kurna, Chris Picton, opened the event for us and delivered a speech about the importance of ICT for the SA economy.

Christmas in July was another successful branch event, where our members, with encouragement from bouncing Santa and his elves, managed to raise more than \$300 to donate to Zonta. This money will potentially save two hundred lives, so well done to all!

Special thanks must go to our local volunteers, the SIG coordinators, the Fellows Committee and our BEC members for their continued support of the branch. Thank you also to our wonderful branch staff. We all look forward to working with you in 2016.

### Tasmania Branch

#### By Branch Chair Steven Cambridge

The ACS Tasmania Branch is actively involved with government, business, education, academia, research and development and the wider community to ensure ICT benefits for all Tasmanians. The Tasmanian ACS Board has representatives across all the above groups, therefore satisfying a role unlike any other organisation in the state.

The ACS in Tasmania plays a unique function in being the premier enabler across the economy and society to progress the digital economy and is at the forefront of strategic policy formulation not only in ICT but in the whole of the economy.

It is extremely pleasing to see many of the policies and strategies advanced by the ACS TAS-BEC in 2014/15 being adopted by government and organisations across the state, including the concepts of whole-of-economy planning focusing on ICT. The connections between academia, government and business have certainly seen a major improvement thanks in a major part to the ACS.

The Tasmanian Branch continues to foster connections with all sectors of the economy and community and to promote professionalism in ICT. With this in mind, it was pleasing to see ACS Tasmania maintain a strong member base, and indications are member participation and growth are set to improve in 2016/17.

As with all organisations, at times we need to renew and rethink our strategic objectives.

**With the release of the ACS national white paper, the crucial issues of capability in the ICT workforce will be a major focus for some years to come.**

To this end, the coming 2016/17 year will see a recharged BEC with strategic planning sessions planned for the new year.

The ACS Tasmania again was at the forefront of discussions regarding disruptive technologies and their effects on the economy and society in general and the obvious issues for the ICT profession. With the release of the ACS national white paper, the crucial issues of capability in the ICT workforce will be a major focus for some years to come. ACS Tasmania plans to work with all sectors to ensure Tasmania has a professional ICT workforce.

As chair, I would like to thank the members of the TAS BEC for their ongoing commitment to achieve the goals set out by the ACS Management Committee and the TAS BEC.

**Victoria Branch  
By Branch Chair Craig Horne**

The year commenced with new chair of ACS Victoria, Craig Horne, declaring that his tenure as chair would primarily focus on strengthening the ACS's visibility and developing strong value propositions to cater to all segments of the ICT sector in Victoria. Those plans were conveyed at the strategic planning day in January this year, when strategic directions were developed and agreed upon by the entire ACS Victoria branch executive and staff.

This year we continued to attend, sponsor, and create events that were relevant to members. The event calendar started with the celebratory dinner for fellows and honorary life members, held in February at

the RACV City Club, followed by the International Women's Day breakfast in March. Other events throughout the year included Boldmoves, the ASC Victoria fellows dinner and the young IT and fellows networking event, as well as monthly branch forums and special interest group events.

Our presence at university events started with two "Big Day In" events at RMIT and Federation University, promoting ACS member benefits and services to more than 300 high school students. We also attended the Big Meet Careers Fair hosted at the Crown Palladium, Melbourne, where over three thousand students attended and were assisted with employment opportunities, voluntary work, guidance and further education.

Throughout the year, we participated in a number of university events and conferences. These included UNIHACK, a hackathon competition designed for ICT university students to build a networking prototype within 24 hours.

There was significant progress throughout the year in relation to a number of key strategic initiatives, including our social media and communications. Our aim is to increase our visibility in the marketplace and ensure that the sector understands the benefits and importance of ACS membership.

We also established the Victorian Policy Committee and participated in various government steering committees in order to develop local policy and work with the local government.

Our stakeholders played an enormous role in our success this year. We have built strong alliances and supported the iAwards 2015, ACS Digital Disruptors Awards 2015 and ITNews CIO Awards 2015. We see this as a major part of recognising the great work being done by individuals and organisations in the ICT sector.

We are constantly looking for new ways to improve our membership offering, so this year we committed to pilot the video recording of our branch forums to make them more accessible for all members, particularly those in regional areas. We also ran the second round of our mentoring program.

Our focus for the next 12 months will be to continue to work with all our stakeholders to ensure that the ICT sector prospers.

**Western Australia Branch  
By Branch Chair David Cook**

Following a year of consolidation the WA Branch is progressing toward providing the ACS members with a strong list of events and services to meet individual member needs. This has included further strengthening and professionalism of and an increasing involvement in the ICT Community.

The participation of the WA Branch in national activities saw two very successful breakfasts at Fraser's restaurant where the ACS was showcased at its professional best. The events saw the participation of the Minister and Shadow Minister along with senior people from the ICT community. Events such as this are catering for an audience

that will influence the activity of the ICT sector – as a result the ACS is setting the trends in the profession and ICT industry.

The recent Dennis Moore Oration is another event that has demonstrated the WA Branch capability to provide a world-class event that is very well received. The speaker challenged the audience to consider their world and the implication of the use of data in new and interesting ways.

While we have had very successful formal events, there has been increasing levels of activity in the different segments of the ACS membership. Young IT and ACS Women have held events to cater to students and aspiring professionals. The ACS Women's Dinner was a well-attended event that was enjoyed by all who attended.

There have been workshops for resume writing and career advancement as well as a presentation on mentoring, which is all helping to grow and inspire our profession. Overall the WA Branch has provided a broad selection of events for members this year.

The activity of the WA Branch through the Branch Executive Committee has seen the member services increase with further exciting projects planned. The event of note is the planned Young IT Leadership camp to be held in February 2016. The WA Branch BEC is looking forward to the coming year and continuing to provide members with a range of events and programs that meet the needs of our members.

**Ms Brenda Aynsley OAM**  
FACS CP  
President



**Dr Nick Tate**  
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CITP, FRAS, FACS CP  
Immediate Past President



**Mr Yohan Ramasundara**  
MACS CP  
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**Mr Andrew Johnson**  
MACS CP  
Chief Executive Officer



**Mr Arnold Wong**  
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**Mr Anthony Wong**  
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**Prof Paul Bailes**  
FACS  
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**Ms Jo Dalvean**  
MACS (Snr) CP  
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**Mr Richard Baecher**  
FACS  
Congressional Representative (NSW)



**Mr Mike Driver**  
FACS  
Congressional Representative (QLD)



**Mr Michael Hawkins**  
MACS CP  
Congressional Representative (CANB)



**Ms Brenda Aynsley OAM**  
**FACS CP**  
**President**  
Brenda Aynsley has two passions in this life: to promote the value of professionalism as a necessary condition for all practitioners of ICT and to promote the Internet as a communications medium that can enable and empower citizens and communities.

Brenda is the managing director of a consultancy business in technology to the SME sector. Brenda is an advocate of lifelong learning and has a bachelor of arts in politics and sociology, a diploma in social sciences, a graduate diploma in applied science (computing), a Certificate IV in security risk management, and a Certificate IV in assessment and workplace training.

She was made a fellow of the ACS in 2003 and was awarded an ACS honorary life membership in 2006. In 2014 she was admitted to the Order of Australia and awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her service to the information and communications technology sector.

**Dr Nick Tate**  
**BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD, CEng,**  
**CITP, FRAS, FACS CP**  
**Immediate Past President**  
Nick Tate is director of the Australian government's Research Data Storage Infrastructure (RDSI), based at the University of Queensland (UQ). RDSI is a \$50M project aiming to transform the storage of research data throughout Australian universities and research institutions through the implementation of a multi-petabyte storage cloud.

He is also an adjunct professor in IT and electrical engineering at UQ and has written and presented widely on both cloud computing and big data. Nick worked on the development of antimissile systems and real-time air traffic control systems before spending twenty years working for investment banks in both London and Australia.

Nick is the immediate past president of the ACS, current chair of the Queensland Branch, and former president of SEARCC. He holds a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, a master's degree in computer science, and a PhD in IT security. He is both a fellow and an honorary life member of the ACS.

**Mr Yohan Ramasundara**  
**MACS CP**  
**National Treasurer**  
Yohan pursued his passion for technology by enrolling in a bachelor of IT course at the University of Canberra in 1999. After graduating with ICT, accounting, and finance qualifications, he currently focuses on his passion for business improvement and risk management.

In recognising how vital ICT education and collaboration are to the prosperity of communities, Yohan has volunteered thousands of hours implementing various national and international initiatives, including conferences, workshops, and networking sessions for ICT professionals. He has served the last two years as national treasurer on the Management Committee.

**Mr Andrew Johnson**  
**MACS CP**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
Andrew Johnson has extensive senior management experience serving both the higher education and vocational education and training sectors, including membership-based professional associations.

His career has seen him work in a diverse range of markets across the Asia Pacific region and includes developing accreditation and certification frameworks. In his time at the ACS, he has delivered significant growth results in the workforce planning and development, SFIA, and education markets, all while improving member engagement, particularly among professional partners. Andrew holds a master of arts in technology policy and management.

**Mr Arnold Wong**  
**FACS CP**  
**Congressional Representative (WA)**  
 Arnold Wong has enjoyed a long and successful professional career in the ever-evolving ICT services industry for almost 30 years.

He has developed extensive strategic leadership, general management, customer service, and business development skills in diverse industries, including technology, education, healthcare, and resources in public and private sectors across Australia, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

A fellow of the ACS, he serves as vice president (elect), community boards, and is a member of the BEC in WA.

**Mr Anthony Wong**  
**FACS CP**  
**Vice President (Membership Boards)**  
 Anthony is the principal of a multidisciplinary law and consulting firm, AGW Lawyers & Consultants, specialising in IT and the digital economy.

He held senior management positions in multinational corporations and government, including as CIO of the Australian Tourist Commission during the Sydney 2000 Olympics, and led the development of digital publishing for Thomson (now Thomson Reuters) in the Asia Pacific.

Anthony is past president of the ACS and chairs the NSW ICT Advisory Panel.

**Prof Paul Bailes**  
**FACS**  
**Vice President (Academic Boards)**  
 Paul Bailes, FACS FIEAust, is a professor of computer science at the University of Queensland, from which he obtained his PhD in 1984. He has served UQ as head of the School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering and as deputy president of the Academic Board. He has served the software engineering community as chair of the steering committees for the Australian and Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conferences and is currently the Australian delegate to IFIP TC2, Software: Theory and Practice.

**Ms Jo Dalvean**  
**MACS (Snr) CP**  
**Congressional Representative (VIC)**  
 Jo Dalvean has spent 12 years in the tertiary sector in roles including eResearch, marketing, and eLearning at Victoria and Deakin universities and at the University of Melbourne. Jo specialises in collecting and presenting information online, with her most recent experience in web and business analytics.

She is currently the research analysis and reporting manager at Deakin University. Jo is the ACS Victoria branch treasurer and the Victorian representative on the ACS National Management Committee. She chairs the ACS National Policy and Government Relations committee.

Jo holds an undergraduate degree in mathematics and a master's of multimedia.

**Mr Richard Baecher**  
**FACS**  
**Congressional Representative (NSW)**  
 Richard Baecher is the chair of the ACS NSW Branch. Richard is passionate to continue the expansion of ACS services to all NSW members and the growth of professional standards development in the NSW Branch. Richard is a fellow of the ACS and of AIM, and he has a bachelor of economics from Monash University. He has an extensive background in information technology systems management as a CIO in the public and private sectors, ICT strategic consulting, application systems development, ICT service delivery, and data facility operations in Australia and overseas.

**Mr Mike Driver**  
**FACS**  
**Congressional Representative (QLD)**  
 Mike Driver is currently the director, technology solutions, for the Public Safety Business Agency, providing ICT and other corporate services to the frontline operations of Queensland Police, Queensland Fire, and Emergency Services and providing IT services to Queensland Ambulance Services.

Mike is a fellow of the ACS, has chaired the National Audit and Risk Committee, and remains on that committee as a member. Mike has also been a member of the Queensland Branch of the ACS for over six years in roles of vice chair, honorary secretary, and general committee member. He has represented QLD on the Professional Development Board for the past four years.

**Mr Michael Hawkins**  
**MACS CP**  
**Congressional Representative (CANB)**  
 Michael Hawkins has brought his experience and knowledge built from over 30 years working in ICT to support the growth and change of the ACS for the future.

He has been involved at the branch level in Canberra, as chair and secretary, and led the branch through change to support its growth to becoming the third largest branch of the society.

He has been the director of the Membership Lifecycle and Marketing Board for the past four years and helped drive the modernisation of the society through projects such as rebranding and the creation of a new website. He continues to be involved at the highest level of the society to ensure it continues to meet and support the needs of its members.

**Congress is an advisory body to ACS Management Committee and consists of the National Office Bearers, the Directors, the Congressional Representatives, the Chief Executive Officer and, if any, the Co-opted Congress Members.**

**Congress performs a vital role in strategic planning, and informing the directions and policies of ACS, while also electing the National Office Bearers and Board Directors.**

**Congress members as at 30 June 2015:**

President	Ms Brenda Aynsley, OAM FACS CP
Immediate Past President	Dr Nick Tate, FACS CP
National Treasurer	Mr Yohan Ramasundara, MACS CP
CEO	Mr Andrew Johnson, MACS (Snr)
Vice President (Community Boards)	Mr Arnold Wong, MACS CP
Vice President (Membership Boards)	Mr Anthony Wong, MACS CP
Vice President (Academic Boards)	Prof Paul Bailes, FACS
Board Director Community Engagement	Mr Rod Dilnutt, FACS (Snr) CP
Board Director Young IT Professionals	Ms Fiona Teakle, MACS CT
Board Director Prof Development	Mr Tony Errington, FACS CP
Board Director Professional Standards	Prof Michael Johnson, FACS CP
Board Director Professional Education Governance	Assoc Prof Richard Buckland
Board Director ACS-Women	Ms Alison Orr, MACS (Snr) CP
Board Director Telecommunications	Dr Ian Oppermann, MACS (Snr) CP
Board Director Computer Systems and Software Engineering	Ms Chris Cornish, FACS
Congressional Representative (TAS)	Mr Christopher Baker, MACS CT
Congressional Representative (TAS)	Mr Robbie Batten, MACS CP
Congressional Representative (WA)	Mr David Cook, MACS (Snr) CP
Congressional Representative (WA)	Mr George Coldham
Congressional Representative (VIC)	Ms Jo Dalvean, MACS (Snr) CP
Congressional Representative (VIC)	Mr Craig Horne, MACS (Snr)
Congressional Representative (NSW)	Mr Richard Baeche,r FACS CP
Congressional Representative (NSW)	Ms Helen McHugh
Congressional Representative (QLD)	Dr Paul Campbell, FACS
Congressional Representative (QLD)	Mr Mike Driver, FACS CP
Congressional Representative (SA)	Ms Jo Stewart-Rattray FACS CP
Congressional Representative (SA)	Mr Chris Radbone, MACS (Snr) CP
Congressional Representative (CANB)	Mr Michael Hawkins, MACS CP
Congressional Representative (CANB)	Dr Tim Turner, FACS
Congressional Representative (NT)	Mr Peter McGill, MACS CP
Congressional Representative (NT)	Dr Susan Bandias, FACS CP
Congressional Coach (NSW)	Mr Philip Argy

**ACS Women**

ACS Women is a national board to empower women and ACS members by influencing government policies, providing educational and networking opportunities, and setting a strategic direction for state and territory branches and chapters to support women engaged in the ICT sector.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

- Alison Orr
- Susan Bandias
- Mehrnoush Salehpour
- Helen McHugh
- Enid Hughes
- Jacky Hartnett
- Arnold Wong

**Young IT Professionals**

The purpose of the Young IT Professionals Board is to provide strategy, oversight, and advice on the views and issues of younger ACS members (roughly defined as up to 35 years of age), the recruitment and retention of these younger members, and the provision of services and events to these members.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

- Fiona Teakle
- Brendan Holland
- George Coldham
- Yohan De Silva
- Charles Tarel
- Lily Pan
- Anastasia Li
- Robert Estherby

**Professional Standards**

The Professional Standards Board provides strategy, oversight, and advice on those matters that set and maintain standards appropriate to a professional society.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

- Michael Johnson
- Adrian Porteous
- Aileen Cater-Steele
- Bob Hart
- Chris Pilgrim
- Keith Besgrove
- Leo Darby
- Paul Fitzpatrick
- Steve Godbee
- Brenda Aynsley
- Graham Low
- Anthony Wong

**Professional Development**

The Professional Development Board provides strategy, oversight, and advice on those matters primarily concerned with professional development activities supporting certification and other continuing professional development objectives of members.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

- Tony Errington
- Wayne Knack
- Mike Driver
- Michael Tuite
- Rod Dilnutt
- Rachel Capetanakis
- George Koulakis
- Richard Host
- Danny Toohey
- Prosun Ghosh
- Anthony Wong

**Membership Lifecycle**

The Membership Lifecycle Board provides strategy, oversight, and advice on those matters primarily concerned with growing and retaining membership in the ACS.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

- Rod Dilnutt
- Nick Tate
- Steve Cambridge
- Craig Horne
- Jo Stewart-Rattray
- David Cook
- Peter McGill
- Richard Baecher
- Tim Turner
- Arnold Wong

**Computer Systems and Software Engineering**

The Computer Systems and Software Engineering Board provides strategy, oversight, and advice on issues relating to computer systems and software engineering.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

- Christine Cornish
- Prof. Paul Bailes
- Toby Myers
- Kelvin Ross
- Andrzej Goscinski
- Karl Reed
- Jennifer Murray
- Clive Boughton

**Telecommunications**

The Telecommunications Board provides strategy, oversight and advice on all issues relating to Telecommunications.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

Ian Oppermann  
Rowan Gilmore  
Alex Grant  
Kate Cornick  
Peter Elford  
Brendan Jones  
Geoff Heydon  
Tim Herring

**ICT Education**

The ICT Education Board is intended to develop professionalism in ICT teachers in schools, working with other ACS portfolios as appropriate.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

Iwona Mileszewska  
Katrina Falkner  
Karsten Schulz  
Michael Johnson  
Therese Keane  
Ken Price  
Nick Reynolds  
Jason Zagami  
Paul Bailes

**Professional Education Governance**

The Professional Education Governance Board provides strategy for the professionalism, standards, and quality of ACS formal education programs.

Members as at 30 June 2015:

Richard Buckland  
Wayne Knack  
Michael Johnson  
John Hurst  
Robert Hillard  
Stephen Seidman  
Stuart McIntyre

**Branch Executive Committees  
As at 30 June 2015****Canberra**

Chair: Tim Turner  
Vice Chairman: Michael Tuite  
Immediate Past Chair:  
Jeffery Mitchell  
Hon. Treasurer: Kevin Landale  
Hon. Treasurer: Douglas Hill

Committee Members:

Michael Hawkins  
Peter O'Halloran  
Richard Lucas  
Mira Daoud  
Steve Lu  
Sujith Mysore Shivkumar  
Lingli Pan  
Tom McCoy  
Anant Vima  
Martin Comans

**New South Wales**

Chair: Richard Baecher  
Vice Chair: Alexander Nicholson  
Vice Chair: Helen McHugh  
Hon. Secretary: Alan McLeod  
Hon. Treasurer: Simon Foster

Committee Members:

Benni Pagdanganan  
Grant Hopcroft  
Conni Marais  
Cindy Chung  
Brendan Holland  
Philip Takken  
Robert Estherby  
Tim Larcos  
John Krebs  
Patrick Wilson

**Northern Territory**

Chair: Peter McGill  
Vice Chairman: Rajiv Tarafdar  
Immediate Past Chair:  
George Koulakis  
Hon. Secretary: Benjamin Smith  
Hon. Treasurer: Praveen Gopinath

Committee Members:

Alison Brown  
Susan Bandias  
David Mathew  
Charles Yeo  
Penny Szybiak  
Dhan Malla

**Queensland**

Chair: Dr Nick Tate  
Vice Chair: Michael Driver  
Vice Chair: Hayden Delaney  
Hon. Secretary: Dr Paul Campbell  
Hon. Treasurer: Bevine Irvine

Committee Members:

Enid Hughes  
Nicholas Brant  
Neil Wood  
Wilfred Brimblecombe  
Dr Marilyn Wells  
Peter Stott

**South Australia**

Chair: Jo Stewart-Rattray  
Vice Chair: Yohan De Silva  
Immediate Past Chair: Peter Fowler  
Hon. Treasurer: Chris Radbone  
Hon. Secretary: David Bryce

Committee Members:

Peter Griffith  
Glen Heinrich  
Ralph Leonard  
Philip Totman  
Rachel Capetanakis  
Brenda Aynsley  
Emily Rich  
Mark Hoolboom  
Jodie Rugless

**Tasmania**

Chair: Steven Cambridge  
Vice Chairman: Christopher Baker  
Vice Chair: Jon Ettershank  
Vice Chair: Karen Murfett  
Immediate Past Chair:  
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Hon. Treasurer: Genn Hadolt

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Johnathon McComb  
Jacky Hartnett  
Henry Duh  
Kenneth Price  
Paris Buttfield-Addison  
Jon Manning  
Shaun Hervey  
Dean Knowles

**Victoria**

Chair: Craig Horne  
Vice Chair: Rod Dilnutt  
Immediate Past Chair:  
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Honorary Secretary: John Graham  
Honorary Treasurer: Jo Dalvean

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Greg Boalch  
Ian Dennis  
Ian Wells  
Josephine Too  
Ernest Stabek  
Fiona Teakle  
Andrew Parbury  
Anastasia Li  
Nick Reynolds  
Mehrnoush Salehpour  
Mark Toomey

**Western Australia**

Chair: David Cook  
Vice Chairman: Arnold Wong  
Vice Chair: Michelle Sandford  
Vice Chair: George Coldham  
Immediate Past Chair: David Clark  
Honorary Secretary: Jim Owens  
Honorary Treasurer: John O'Sullivan

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Tony Errington  
Bob Cross  
Alison Orr  
Chris Bolan  
Valerie Maxville  
Daniel Toohey  
Katrina Chapman  
Kevin Vinsen  
Tony Watson



**Honorary Life Members**

To be eligible for classification as an honorary life member, a member must have rendered exceptional and distinguished service to the Society and/or long and valued service to the Society by playing an active and commendable part in the affairs of the Society for at least 10 years.

**Fellows**

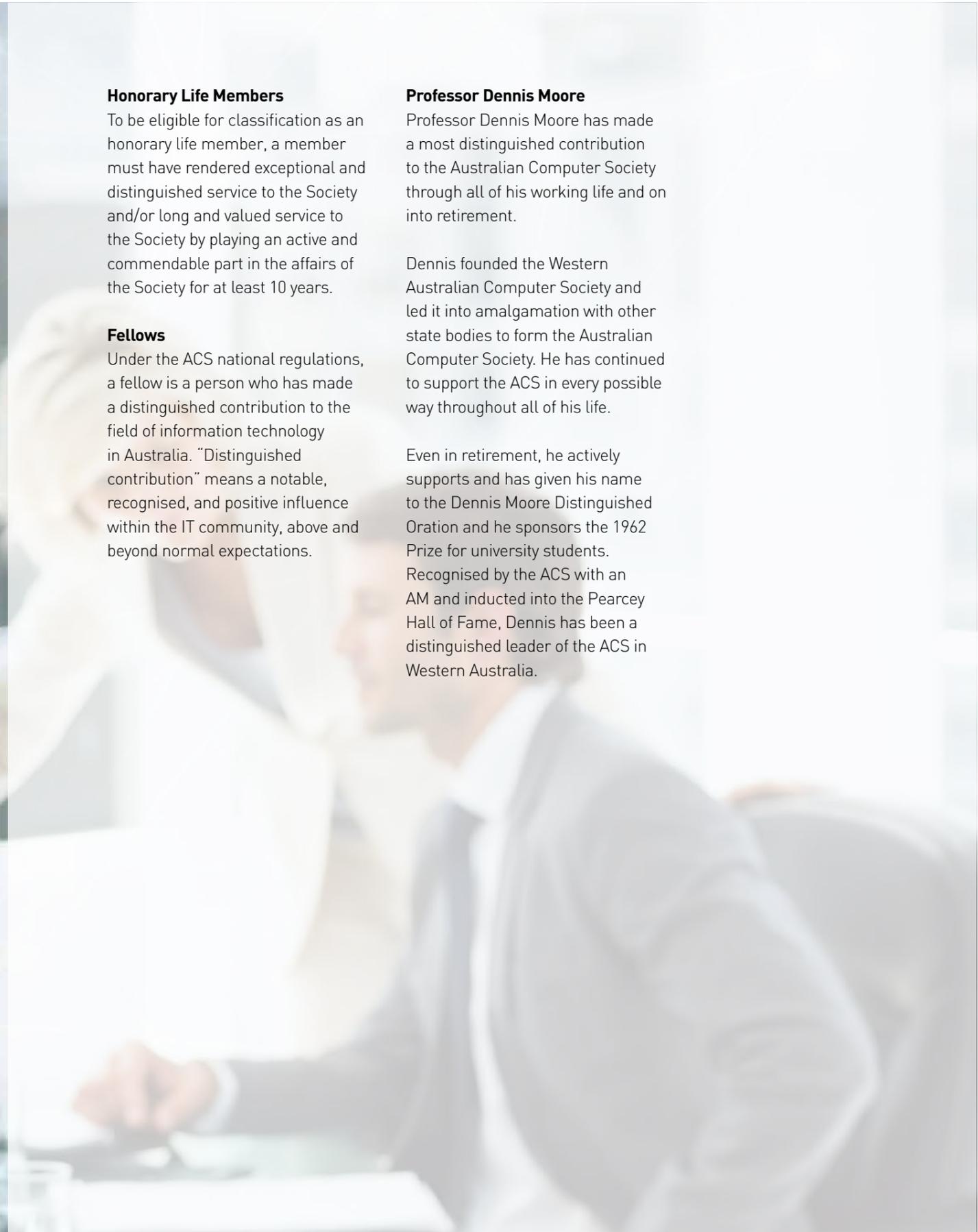
Under the ACS national regulations, a fellow is a person who has made a distinguished contribution to the field of information technology in Australia. "Distinguished contribution" means a notable, recognised, and positive influence within the IT community, above and beyond normal expectations.

**Professor Dennis Moore**

Professor Dennis Moore has made a most distinguished contribution to the Australian Computer Society through all of his working life and on into retirement.

Dennis founded the Western Australian Computer Society and led it into amalgamation with other state bodies to form the Australian Computer Society. He has continued to support the ACS in every possible way throughout all of his life.

Even in retirement, he actively supports and has given his name to the Dennis Moore Distinguished Oration and he sponsors the 1962 Prize for university students. Recognised by the ACS with an AM and inducted into the Pearcey Hall of Fame, Dennis has been a distinguished leader of the ACS in Western Australia.



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