

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

PART 2: POST ARC ACT

THE AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL HAS A LONG HISTORY – FOUNDED IN 2001 UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL ACT 2001 IT IS DIRECTLY DESCENDED FROM THE 1965 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH GRANTS COMMITTEE (ARGC).

2001

The ARC became an independent body on 1 July 2001 under its own legislation, the Australian Research Council Act 2001, with a broader range of advisory functions and full administrative responsibility for the assessment of grant applications

Professor Vicki Sara is appointed CEO

2002

First funding outcomes of the *Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities*; *Special Research Initiatives*; *Linkage Projects*; *Discovery Projects* and; *Discovery Indigenous Researcher Development* schemes

2003

First funding outcomes of the *Federation Fellowships* and *Centres of Excellence* schemes

2004

Professor Peter Høj is appointed as CEO

2007

Professor Margaret Sheil is appointed CEO.

The ARC expands to take responsibility of ERA. The ARC Advisory Council is established

2009

The Australian Research Integrity Committee is established; the ARC Research Management System is launched; first funding outcomes of the *Future Fellowships* scheme and the *Australian Laureate Fellowships* schemes (replaced the Federation Fellowships scheme) are announced. The ERA 2009 trial is completed.

2010

The first comprehensive ERA 2010 National Report is delivered

2011

First funding outcomes of the *Discovery Early Career Researcher Award* scheme

2012

Professor Aidan Byrne is appointed CEO.

First funding outcomes of the *Discovery Indigenous* scheme (replaced the *Discovery Indigenous Researcher Development* scheme) and the *Industrial Transformation Research Program Research Hubs* and *Training Centres* schemes. The ERA 2012 National Report is delivered

2015

The ERA 2015 National Report is delivered. The ARC publishes its first *Reconciliation Action Plan*

2016

The ARC introduces a continuous *Linkage Project* scheme

2017

Professor Sue Thomas is appointed as CEO

The ARC publishes its annual *Making a difference* magazine celebrating ARC-funded research

2018

The Inaugural EI 2018 takes place; ERA 2018 National Report; and the *Gender and the Research Workforce Report* delivered

2020

ARC Research Grants Services commences

2022

Judi Zielke is appointed as CEO