

WARDEN'S REPORT, SENATE DINNER, 2023

Achievements resulting from development of Convocation Council's Strategic Plan 2023-26



REVITALISE COUNCIL

Operational

- Reduced number meetings from 11 to 6 pa
- Provided for special meetings as necessary
- Streamlined agendas driven by Strategic Plan
- Formed Executive Committee
- Developed Portfolios relevant to expertise
- Established hybrid meetings
- Created Standing orders, Terms of Reference for Committees, Induction Pack
- Established and implemented annual peer review of Councillors.

Statutory (subject to Senate approval)

- reduce size of Council from 23 to 17
 - elected Warden
 - 9 elected Councillors (incl Deputy Warden)
 - 2 elected members of Senate
 - 5 co-opted members to broaden skill base and improve diversity
- limit Council membership to 9 years
- widen Convocation membership to include long serving staff
- delete 'Ordinary' from title of General Meeting



INSPIRE MEMBERS to increase engagement and advocacy

Expanded electronic communication to members

- 3 annual Convocation Connecting e-bulletins
- Uniview pages in each issue
- Higher Education e-bulletin to be published on LinkedIn
- Revitalised website




Increased Council knowledge of UWA priorities through regular meetings of Warden and Deputy Warden with members of Executive, the Chief Advancement Officer and Heads of Residential Colleges.



ENGAGE WITH MEMBERS

Implemented post-event survey after all events.

CONVOCAION DAY

- Continued annual Convocation/Guild tree planting to celebrate Convocation link with Guild
- Established theme or focus – event now attracts over 250 members  
 - 2020 75th anniversary of 1st performance in Somerville, showcasing UWA students
 - 2021 Tour of new Bilya Marlee
 - 2022 Unveiling Kate Cullity Cellular Curios
 - 2023 75th anniversary of 1st performance in Sunken Garden, showcasing GRADS
- Included Sundowner 



50TH REUNIONS

Invited high profile graduates of year as guest speakers at lunch or high tea.

- 1972 Former Premier Geoff Gallop AC
- 1973 Former Premier Colin Barnett AC Cit WA

Reviewing and exploring alternatives to 50th Reunions as each graduate cohort increases in size and interdisciplinary university connections diminish.



CONVOCATION AUTUMN AND SPRING GENERAL MEETINGS

Refreshed General Meetings

Hybrid - to engage local, regional, interstate and overseas members.

High profile influential speakers

- Kate Chaney, Independent Member for Curtin
- Professor Emerita Jane den Hollander AO
- Hon Madeleine King, Federal Minister for Resources and Northern Australia

Permitted questions from floor to encourage engagement discussion and debate as appropriate in an academic institution.

Planned as trial for 2024

Autumn - panel/debate -potentially with UWA partner + award of Convocation Medal

Spring - AGM Reports + presentation of Convocation student awards

CONTRIBUTE to UWA, Convocation, Higher Education & the Community



AWARDS

Provided 11 P/Grad Research Travel Awards, 1 Cultural Excellence Award, 3 UWA Sports Convocation Bursaries, 5 Undergraduate Awards, 1 Indigenous Award.



CHANCELLOR'S JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION COUNCIL AND DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

Provided DAR administrative support for Convocation events.

Created new event Chancellor's Annual Awards Reception jointly.

Embedded Council's Communications strategy in annual DAR communications planning.

Made available statistical information, such as Alumni Attitudinal Survey, to assist Council planning.

Facilitated access to Financial Service, Campus Management (maintenance of deteriorating Crawley Campus Public Art), supported increased links with key Schools (mentoring, WIL, PG internships pending UWA Director of Education Innovation and Enterprise's completion of new structure).



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Provided support for Guild Venture, UWA Historical Society, UWA Boat Club and UWA Hockey Club.