

CIT Board Communique – Meeting 2/2017 – 10 May 2017

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The CIT Board met on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at CIT Fyshwick.

Strategic Compass Evolving Together Projects

The Board was pleased to note the ongoing progress and achievements of the strategic compass new commitment projects. Members were also pleased to note the comprehensive information being uploaded to the staff Intranet Site (SIS) keeping staff informed of key milestones as they occur. A reporting dashboard has been developed specifically for the purpose of enhanced reporting on these projects being oversighted by the CIT Board.

Board Research

The results of two research projects, commissioned in 2016 as part of its new strategic direction, have seen improvements in data collection and have been assisting the Board in learning about CIT business and costs. Results of these projects have also been provided to staff through CEO forums and have contributed to improved staff understanding of CIT's current position and commercial needs. CIT will continue to refine the modelling which will be used for forecasting.

CIT Solutions

The Board noted changes to the CIT Solutions Board bringing greater strategic alignment between CIT and CIT Solutions. The Board also received an update on CIT Solutions activities and noted the success of significant investments in products for growth.

Campus Modernisation

The Board noted the progress of the campus modernisation process. The Campus Modernisation Subcommittee (CMS) has met on two occasions since the start of the year and a Campus Modernisation Working Group (CMWG) has also been established. The CMWG, with representatives from CMTEDD, Treasury and the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, is currently developing a program of works across all CIT sites.

Australian Government 2017/18 Budget

Higher Education Reforms

Members discussed the potential impact on vocational education and training resulting from the [Higher Education Reform Package](#) announced as part of the Australian Government 2017/18 Budget.

The reform package proposes Commonwealth funding to public universities for approved sub-bachelor courses with an industry focus, starting in 2018. The Board requested the CEO keep them informed on the proposed reforms and noted that the reforms and potential impact on the TAFE sector are being considered at the next TDA meeting.

Apprenticeship Funding

Members also noted a new model of funding for vocational training, with the announcement of a skills fund that will support state and territory-led projects that meet defined Commonwealth criteria. The [Skilling Australians Fund](#) aims to create 300,000 new apprenticeships over four years.

A new Industry [Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices](#) program aiming to increase retention rates among apprentices, particularly in the first two years of training was also announced.

Due Diligence

As officers, under the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011*, Board members have a duty or obligation under the Act and must exercise due diligence to ensure that CIT complies with WHS requirements. As part of this process Members were given a presentation on their WHS obligations, followed by a tour of the CIT Fyshwick campus. Members were impressed with the safety measure in places across all aspects of the campus, including the high risk areas.

CIT TV Commercial

Members were given a sneak preview of the new CIT Commercial. This futuristic focussed commercial has been well received by students and other stakeholders. The CIT Commercial will air on television, in cinemas and social media from 19 June 2017.

Other Business

The Board noted the upcoming ASQA re-registration audit and the significant effort and collaboration that has gone into the preparation by all staff across CIT.

The Board acknowledged that this was the last meeting for Mr David Dawes who will be leaving his position with the ACT Government. The Chair thanked Mr Dawes for his significant contribution to the Board since its inception and to the success of CIT as well as his overall contribution to the ACT.

The Board also acknowledged the last meeting of the student member, Mr Waris Mughal. The Board thanked Mr Mughal for his contribution to the work of the Board over the last year.