

CIT Board Communique – Meeting 4/2017 – 10 October

This document is a public summary of matters considered by the CIT Board. It is not intended to be a detailed set of minutes and does not cover all matters considered by the Board.

The CIT Board met on Tuesday 10 October 2017 at CIT Reid.

Strategic Compass Evolving Together Projects

The Board was presented with a comprehensive update of two of the Strategic Compass projects – Australian Apprenticeships Project and Evolving Teacher.

Members were pleased with the overall progress of all the strategic compass projects and were very impressed with excellent work done to date. They particularly acknowledged the large number of staff who have involved themselves in project steering groups and provided valuable feedback to shape the work of the projects. The Board acknowledged the professionalism of the project sponsors and managers across all projects.

Campus Modernisation

The Board discussed options and the implication for CIT of the recent announcement by the ACT Government that it is developing a Memorandum of Understanding with UNSW to guide discussions on a possible major new campus for up to 10,000 students in Canberra.

The proposed new campus would include student accommodation, research and teaching facilities, as part of an exciting new city east education precinct with a UNSW Canberra campus development alongside the CIT Reid campus. The CIT campus modernisation program also provides opportunities to redevelop parts of the existing site as CIT consolidates and improves its facilities.

Industry partnerships

Members had a strategic discussion about the importance of industry partnerships, particularly in the growing markets of renewable energy and cyber security and how these can be maximised to build relationships and develop products that industry wants.

The Board noted the recent presentation by the CIT CEO at the SINET 61 conference in Sydney at the invitation of Mr Craig Davies (CEO Australian Government Cyber Security Growth Centre). The Board was pleased to note that at the conference CIT was publically recognised along with Boxhill Institute by Mr Davies as leading in the development of Cyber Skills training in Australia.

Finances

The Board discussed the CIT 2018 Budget process and will formally approve the CIT Budget at its next meeting scheduled for 6 December 2017. The Board also approved new financial delegations to reflect the changes in the executive structure.

Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at Australian Universities

Although CIT was not a part of the recently released Australian Human Rights Commission *Change the Course: National Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at Australian Universities (2017)* the Board was pleased to note that the CIT CEO had established a working group to review CIT strategies to safeguard CIT students. This work has included working with University colleagues to share better practice, the review of CIT policies and practices and the development of training for staff and residential advisors in CIT accommodation services.

Governance Arrangements

Members noted that work on the implementation of the review of CIT Governance Arrangements is progressing with the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

ACT and National Training Awards

The Board was pleased with the recent success of CIT students and business partners at the 2017 ACT Training Awards and congratulated CIT on winning the ACT Larger Training Provider of the Year.

Notifiable Data Breaches

Members noted the passage of the *Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017* that established a Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme in Australia and the implications of this for CIT. The NDB scheme, commencing on 22 February 2018, will strengthen the protections afforded to personal information and will improve transparency in the way that organisations respond to serious data breaches. CIT will ensure that Directors and other relevant staff are informed of the new schemes requirements.