

Science & Technology Australia

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2016-17

Vision

To bring together scientists, governments, industry and the broader community to advance the role, reputation and impact of science and technology in Australia.

Mission

To be the peak body that provides a strong and influential voice for science and technology.



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Strategic Objectives

1. INDEPENDENT VOICE

Build a stronger science and technology sector through strong advocacy and facilitating communication among stakeholders. Provide an independent, non-partisan and evidence-based voice for members to all levels of government.

- > Stay in touch with members' needs through direct communication and surveys
- > Promote STEM and represent members' issues in the media and social media
- > Promote STEM and represent members' issues to federal parliament
- > Promote STEM to policy makers and through consultations and inquiries

2. PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Liaise with partners and, where needed, coordinate sector-wide responses to government policy and regulation. Extend partnerships and networks beyond the academic sphere and engage with the commercial and business sectors.

- > Represent members through leadership of the National Research and Innovation Alliance
- > Represent members on the Agricultural Biotechnology Council of Australia (ABCA)
- > Seek involvement in / creation of new networks, including with the commercial sector
- > Improve engagement with scientists and technologists working in the private sector
- > Mentor women in STEM to increase their profile in the media

3. ACCESS AND INSIGHT

Provide members the opportunity to access the highest levels of government and major political parties.

- > Hold a profitable and successful Science meets Parliament
- > Hold a profitable and successful Science meets Business
- > Hold topical science forums
- > Support the Parliamentary Friends of Science
- > Mentor STEM professionals to raise awareness of STEM with federal MPs

4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Support member societies to grow and remain financially viable.

- > Advise membership on strategies and messaging to facilitate engagement with parliament
- > Assist members to grow their membership, profile, and influence
- > Support members to become more efficient and cost-effective

5. SUCCESS IN RESEARCH AND CAREERS

Support the research and career aspirations of Australian researchers.

- > Promote awards, travel and other opportunities for researchers
- > Seek opportunities to contribute to and support PD for STEM professionals

6. ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Remain operationally efficient and effective, with robust infrastructure, and well-trained staff providing quality services and leadership. Focus on members' needs.

- > Build membership
- > Ensure membership structure is robust through regular review and consultation
- > Communicate effectively with membership
- > Ensure budget expectations are met or exceeded
- > Ensure staff skills and abilities meet operational requirements