

## Dear partners

Welcome to the RACE for 2030 family. This is the first of our regular news bulletins to keep you up to date with our establishment progress. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime.

We are excited to tell you that we now exist, having registered the company RACE for 2030 Ltd last week and we are making good progress in establishing the CRC, despite the unique COVID 19 challenges. We hope that you keep well, and your organisations can continue to operate successfully though this period.

I have attached an introduction to our small initial team – we are recruiting a Business Manager at present to build our capacity.

Please also find a one page progress summary table attached.

Kind regards, Jon Jutsen, CEO

# Introducing the RACE for 2030 team, April 2020:



#### Jonathan Jutsen - CEO

Jon has been a leader in energy and carbon management for over 40 years. He was co-founder and led the Australian Alliance for Energy Productivity for nearly 10 years as Chair and CEO. He founded and led Energetics for over 20 years plus 10 years focused on innovation, including establishing an energy tech start-up with VC funding which he took to the US and ran for 4 years. He also had a stint on the Board of ARENA (Australian Renewable Energy Agency). He is a Chemical Engineer with a Masters degree in Energy Technology. He was named one of the '100 Most Influential Engineers in Australia', is a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Science and Engineering, received a Millennium Medal, and 2018 Energy Efficiency Champion.



### Dr Chris Dunstan - Chief Research Officer

Chris has been active in Australian clean energy policy, programs and research since 1990. Chris was instrumental in developing the NSW Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme (the world's first carbon trading scheme), Australia's first Demand Management Code of Practice for Electricity Networks and the NSW Government's Climate Change Fund. Between 2006 and 2020, Chris was Research Director at the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS. His research focused on decentralized energy, demand management and energy productivity. At UTS, he led many projects, including the Intelligent Grid Research Program, the Australian Decentralised Energy

Roadmap, the Electric Driveway research project and Network Opportunity Maps. Chris' PhD thesis was entitled: *In the Balance: Electricity, Sustainability and Least Cost Competition*.



#### Florencia Staiger - Administrator

Flor has 14 years of experience in Human Resources roles in oil and health sectors in Argentina and the US, managing Learning, Development and Communication processes. She has a Bachelor of Human Resources. Flor is currently completing a Master of Business Administration at UTS.



## Arno Schaaf - RACE Establishment Consultant

Arno has over 20 years experience in business development and team leadership roles the ICT industry, CSIRO and universities. In CSIRO, he used his experience in customer facing roles to help them understand their customers better, supported their geoscience research group and helped them develop a strategy towards commercialisation that aligned with key issues in industry and society. Arno speaks the language of management, client, scientist, technologist, sales and marketing, legal and finance. He has experience in customer relations, proposal development, tenders, ARC, CRC

and EIF proposals, and likes working in multi-disciplinary teams within or across organisations.

#### PROGRESS UPDATE

## 1. Governance and Operations

We have registered RACE for 2030 CRC as an independent legal entity, with an establishment Board (who we will introduce next bulletin). The RACE has begun!

We are implementing an integrated CRM and project management system – Turnkey CRC, and have largely populated SalesForce with your contact information and using TaskRay to manage establishment activities.

The RACE for 2030 head office team are working from home now. We are looking at accommodation options for the RACE for 2030 HQ – if we ever get back to working from an office! We expect that the head office will be on the UTS campus, and will update you on our progress.

#### 2. The team

The previous page introduced you to our team – which are interim positions until the formal board is elected and make their decisions on the senior management team. We kicked off the recruitment process for our interim Business Manager and hope to have this key person on board within 6 weeks.

# 3. Government engagement

We have been in discussions directly and via the CRC Association to gain Commonwealth Government support for a more flexible funding arrangement that will allow us to kick off research activities from July 2020. We expect to know where we stand in the next two weeks, and will keep you informed of progress.

## 4. Industry engagement

We will have spoken to all Tier 1 and Tier 2 (core) partners by this week to get feedback on readiness to join the CRC and kick off research activities and key interests. We will then talk with all remaining partners.

#### 5. Research

We are developing the research strategy and we will have a draft ready for discussion in early May, after initial consideration by the Board.

We are planning to hold a series of four webinars, covering each of the four Research Programs, in May and June to discuss the research strategy with you. We will get you the proposed dates in the next news bulletin.

## 6. Education and Training

We are coordinating with our research partners to develop a draft list of priority of PhD topics.

# 7. Communications:

We are in the process of updating the RACE for 2030 CRC website. You will see changes over the next two weeks to bring the site right up to date.