Vice Chancellor’s welcome to Sydney alumni

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Date: Tuesday 20 June, 2017
Place: Cruise Bar, Circular Quay
## 2017 Sydney Alumni Event

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<td><strong>Professor David Lloyd</strong> – Closing Q&amp;A session&lt;br&gt;<strong>Professor David Lloyd</strong> - Business card prize draw&lt;br&gt;Concludes formal part of the evening and invite guests to stay on for drinks and networking&lt;br&gt;Drinks and canapés continue to be served</td>
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• Ladies and gentlemen.

• I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land we meet today is Gadigal (GADI GALL) land

• We wish to express our respect for the Gadigal (GADI GALL) people, their elders and ancestors, and acknowledge the spiritual and cultural relationship they have with their traditional land.

• Good evening.

• I am delighted to be here with you tonight.

• Thank you for taking the time out of your schedules to be here tonight

• As you will all know, last year we celebrated the university’s 25th birthday.
• A milestone, incidentally that allowed me to enjoy a number of blue birthday cakes,

• and as we blew out the candles, we were once again acknowledged as one of the world’s best young universities,

• with QS ranking us at Number 24 in their list of the World’s Top 50 Universities under 50 years old;

• and Times Higher Education ranking us at Number 32 in their list of the World’s Top 200 Best Young Universities.

• Before we go on, take a look at the screens behind me for a quick tour of where we’ve been this past year.

(SHOW VIDEO)

• That shows better than anything how young and versatile we are.
• Among the many benefits of being young and versatile is that we can move quickly to take on new opportunities,

• and we work very hard to make sure we are very easy to work with.

• Throughout our history – the long one as the South Australian Institute of Technology and the South Australian Colleges of Advanced Education

• and the comparatively short one as the University of South Australia, industry and the professions have turned to us as partners.

• As Australia’s University of Enterprise, we maintain those links in a variety of ways, from program content advice to scholarships and internships, all the way up to joint research projects.
• Being Australia’s University of Enterprise means we are courageous, relevant, progressive, entrepreneurial, responsible and accountable;

• And we have shown that by building even more partnerships in the past year

• to add to the more than 2500 we already have with institutions, research bodies and businesses around the world.

• Just a few weeks ago, we announced a new joint Saab Australia-UniSA Defence Technologies Institute, in which Saab has committed to invest $40million in Technology Park next to our Mawson Lakes campus.

• A few days later, on the other side of the planet we announced a new initiative with the University College London in our Future Industries Institute at UniSA.
• The launch of a new Fellowship scheme aimed at early career female scientists and engineers, funded by Santos, to the tune – initially – of $2 million.

• The Fellowships will make sure that more women in science have the opportunity not just to contribute to innovation in South Australia, but to lead it.

• If you visit us in Adelaide you’ll be astonished at how the city has changed with the advent of new buildings along the western side of the city.

• Buildings are going up on every corner and we are very proud to be a part of it with the construction of UniSA’s Health Innovation Building and the fantastic new Pridham Hall, both on our City West campus.
• The Health Innovation Building will be an integral part of the South Australian Health and Biomedical precinct opening up a number of new health research, teaching and community engagement opportunities.

• I look forward to seeing the projects and the successes that will come from the big brains in the HIB building when it opens in 12 months’ time.

• The new heart of UniSA, Pridham Hall will be a state-of-the-art facility that will be the home of UniSA Sport and become a place to celebrate education achievement.

• Pridham Hall will feature a sports complex, a swimming pool, and facilities for graduations, and corporate and cultural events.

• Last year, we were fortunate enough to receive a $5 million benefaction from one of our alums, Andrew Pridham, which explains why what was our Great Hall is now called Pridham Hall.
• You may know Andrew.

• Originally an Adelaide man, he is Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking for Moelis & Company,

• also Chairman of the Sydney Swans for those of you with red and white blood in your veins.

• His donation of $5 million dollars was the largest single donation by a private individual in the University’s 25 year history.

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• The university is made richer by the achievements of our hard-working students and all of you, our alumni.

• With over 200,000 alumni all over the world, you are not only part of a community that has helped the university become what it is today, but you have also forged the path to our future.
• Like Andrew Pridham, our alumni are not only succeeding in the careers that they choose, but they understand that education is both a privilege and a responsibility.

• And that responsibility is to give back to their community some of the opportunities that education has given them.

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• You are part of a community that provides internships, mentors and job opportunities for students.

• Students and graduates are given the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who provide career advice and life lessons.

• In my graduation speech I tell the outgoing class what I’m telling you here tonight.
• Your success inspires others. You have shown them that with hard work and perseverance, their education can make a difference.

• So thank you. Thank you for staying connected to the university and for being a part of the alumni network.

• So tonight reconnect with some of your old classmates and widen your circle of business associates.

• But before then we have a special guest lecturer whose expertise in behavioural economics will give you insights into all the topics that are concerning us right now,

• like housing and infrastructure, energy, cyber-security and financial decision making.

• Michelle Baddeley is a Research Professor at UniSA’s Institute For Choice.
• She came to us from a professorship in Economics and Finance of the Built Environment at University College in London

• Before that she was Director of Studies (Economics) and Fellow at Gonville & Caius College and the Faculty of Economics at Cambridge.

• Her topic tonight is *Copycats and Contrarians: Why we herd, and when we don’t.*

• Please give her a warm welcome.

(Professor Michelle Baddeley presentation)

• Thanks Michelle. I think we’ve all learned something tonight.

• Before we get into the networking stage of the evening, if you have any questions for me, or for Michelle, fire away.