



## What is PdCSU?

We are a society for all early career researchers (ECRs), run by ECRs. We aim to represent and support ECRs from all schools, research centres and departments within the Faculty of Science. All ECRs are welcome to become part of the network and be involved in our events. There is no fee for joining and we are generously funded by the Faculty of Science.

## What is an ECR?

The definition is nebulous. Our ECRs are research-active, received their PhD within last ten years or are in the final year of their PhD and are on fixed-term or permanent contracts. This can include postdocs, research technicians and lecturers of any age. There are many exceptions!

## Coffee mornings

We run coffee mornings regularly throughout the year. These offer an opportunity to stay caffeinated but also to meet other ECRs, network and discuss their experiences. Keep an eye on the PdCSU website and twitter account for the next coffee morning event.



## PdCSU launch

Last year in June we launched the society on the Wagga Wagga campus, which was a great success. There was resounding support for PdCSU from our ECRs and from the schools, research centres/institutes and the faculty. This gave us an opportunity to get the word out about the society and to connect with ECRs from Wagga Wagga and Albury.



You can connect with us on social media via [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest PdCSU updates, useful information relevant to ECRs and interesting tidbits from the scientific realm.

## The PdCSU committee



PdCSU committee at the society launch, from left to right: Dr Jamie Turner (*Secretary*), Dr Saliya Gurusinghe (*Treasurer*), Dr Joanna Gambetta (*Vice president*) and Dr Adam Frew (*President*)

## Weekly ECR profiles

Every Friday, we post a brief profile of a PdCSU ECR on *Twitter*. This is a great way to highlight the diversity of research and researchers we have here within the faculty and has been well received by the broader community. Please email your photos and a brief blurb on your work to [pdcsu@csu.edu.au](mailto:pdcsu@csu.edu.au) and we will include you in our upcoming tweets!



## PdCSU hosted Prof. Lesley Hughes

In October the Wagga Wagga campus was visited by Distinguished Professor Lesley Hughes from *Macquarie University*, a former lead author on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, Councillor with the *Climate Council of Australia* and Director for *WWF Australia*.



Prof. Hughes delivered an engaging talk covering her own research, her work in gender equity, environmental advocacy and her experiences navigating the academic world. There was even enough time to enjoy some *Charles Sturt University* wine.

## Upcoming events

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** : Coffee morning (all campuses via video link)

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** : Talk by Distinguished Professor Richard Shine (Albury)

Thanks for reading! We hope to see you at the next coffee morning or on social media.