

Committee:	National Committee for Brain and Mind
Period covered:	1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017
Chair:	Professor Pat Michie
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Purpose / context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To connect the Academy to science and scientists in Australia; 2. To link the Academy to Australian scientific societies in order to work together to promote the development of the discipline; 3. To link Australian science in the disciplines to world science, in particular through the membership of appropriate international organisations; 4. To ensure that Australia has a voice and a role in the global development of the disciplines; 5. To provide strategic science policy advice, to the Academy, as input to Academy science policy statements, and (with the approval of the Executive Committee of Council) to the Australian Government and Australian organisations. 6. To promote the essential role of basic research in supporting translational research. 7. To support and promote the development of a Strategic Plan for Brain and Mind science in Australia.
Description and objectives	The NC Brain and Mind is a committee of the Council of the Australian Academy of Science. The broad aims of the committee is to foster their cognate disciplines in Australia, to link the Academy to Australian scientists and relevant scientific and other societies, and to serve as a link between Australian and overseas scientists, primarily through establishing links with International Unions relevant to their field
Coverage	<p><i>(To be informed by the report of the Review Committee, with others as necessary)</i></p> <p>All broad areas associated with Psychology and Neuroscience, including but not limited to Philosophy, Bionics and Animal Behaviour.</p>
Linked international organisation	N/A
Key connected organisations	<p><i>(List international unions, Australian scientific societies, other national committees, etc)</i></p> <p>Links to other National Committees: Biomedical Science, Information and Communication Sciences, Medicine and Public Health, Data in Science, Cellular and Developmental Biology, History and Philosophy of Science</p>

Australian Societies and Organisations:	<p>Australian Psychological Society, Australasian Neuroscience Society, Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology, Psychology Foundation of Australia, Australasian Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Australian Mathematical Psychology Society, Society for Mental Health Research, Biological Psychiatry Australia, Australasian Association of Philosophy,.</p> <p>International Organisations: Link to International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) through the Australian Psychological Society, and link to the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) through the Australasian Neuroscience Society.</p>
Key outcomes	<p><i>(Activities and projects. In addition, reference should be made to: communication and interactions with various parties, with suggestions on how this can be done; and Obtaining resources to assist with outcomes and with international subscriptions. Please refer to the report of the Review Committee.)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve committees structure and membership (annual); 2. Engage with the relevant Australian societies by providing news items to society publications and seeking opportunities to discuss NCBM activities at general meetings of the societies. 3. Engage with national committees on issues of common interest. 4. Raise public awareness of brain and mind science through submission of articles to Science Magazines like “The Conversation” and contributions to the Academy’s science communication efforts (ongoing). 5. Provide input to the Academy science policy statements and if the National Committee develops a science policy paper on its own initiative, advice the Secretary (Science Policy) regarding the initiative. 6. Assess the interest in and feasibility of organising a joint overarching conference of Australian scientific societies relevant to Brain and Mind Science by surveying members to determine their interest in a combined or co-located conferences. <p style="text-align: center;">Continue to engage with the Australian Brain Alliance and support the development of an Australian Brain Initiative.”</p>
Indicative budget	<p><i>(\$3000 provided per annum. Include all other activities.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$3000 per annum for meetings provided by AAS</p>

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