

Committee:	National Committee for Nutrition
Period covered:	1 January 2021 – 31 December 2023
Chair:	Professor Helen Truby
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Purpose / context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide strategic nutrition 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; 2. To connect the Academy to nutrition science and scientists in Australia; 3. To link the Academy to Australian scientific societies in order to work together to promote the development of the nutrition discipline; 4. To link Australian science in the nutrition disciplines to world science, in particular through the membership of appropriate international organisations; 5. To ensure that Australia has a voice and a role in the global development of the nutrition discipline.
Description and objectives	The NC Nutrition is a committee of the Council of the Australian Academy of Science. The broad aims of the committee is to foster nutritional science in Australia, to link the Academy to Australian nutritional scientists and relevant scientific and other societies, and to serve as a link between Australian and overseas nutritionists, primarily through the International Union of Nutrition Sciences (IUNS).
Coverage	The science relevant to nutrition, food and human/animal health, including effects of under- and over-supply of food and particular nutrients.
Linked international organisation	International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS).
Key connected organisations	<p><i>(List international unions, Australian scientific societies, other national committees, etc)</i></p> <p>Links to other National Committees: Medicine and Public Health; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Biomedical Sciences.</p> <p>Australian Societies and Organisations: Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA), Australian Institute of Agricultural Science, Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology, Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Australian Society of Medical Research, Australian Society for the Study of Obesity, Australian Society of Animal Production, Dietitians Australia, Public Health Association of Australia, Australian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine, Australian Association of Ruminant Nutritionists and Oceania Nutrition Leadership Program</p> <p>International Organisations: IUNS Oceania Regional ‘body’, a joint activity between Australia and New Zealand formally ratified by IUNS membership in September 2013, International Union of Food Science and Technology.</p>

<p>Key outcomes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To co-ordinate the commencement of the implementation of Nourishing Australia a Decadal Plan for the Science of Nutrition. This may include priority setting and developing project plans for those priority areas. <p>The following activities support this priority outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approved committees structure and membership (annual); 3. Approved annual report(annual); 4. Engagement with Australian nutritionists by contributing news items to society publications, and seeking opportunities to discuss NC activities, particularly the Decadal Plan, at general meetings of the societies; 5. Engagement with relevant Australian societies and organisations, by having the nominee of the Nutrition Society of Australia and Dietitians Australia as part of the NC; inviting representatives of other relevant societies to contribute to the activities relevant to the implementation of the Decadal Plan; and seeking opportunities to provide a regular statement on NC activities to council meeting of the NSA, DA, PHA, the Council of Deans Nutrition Dietetics Australia and New Zealand, and other organisations; 6. To provide an opportunity for ECRs to be part of the committee and engage and to seek engagement of the wider community of ECRs about the Decadal Plan as a 'road-map' for the future of the science of nutrition in Australia 7. Engagement with relevant national committees on issues of common interest; 8. Engagement with IUNS and other international nutrition scientific societies and organisations, including nomination of members of IUNS working parties, and of delegates at IUNS General Assemblies, and consultation with Australian members of Commissions, Working Groups, Committees and Councils;
<p>Indicative budget</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Obtaining financial and other resources to assist in the delivery of its activities, including contributions to the Australian subscriptions to International Organisations. <p>Indicative budget</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding for meetings provided by the Academy will be advised at the beginning of each financial year; 2. Funding by the Academy to support attendance at international meetings of IUNS will be advised per financial year.