

# GCA WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr Noel Edge – BCom(Qld) MIS(Qld) PhD(Bond) FACS MAICD



Noel joins Graduate Careers Australia as Executive Director with a background in the computer and education industries. He has worked in the ICT field as a systems and business analyst, designer, developer, project manager and ICT director and consultant. He also has extensive experience in university administration, teaching, research and business development projects in Australia and overseas.

In his most recent role as Director of Business and Development at the University of Queensland, Noel had responsibility for managing major funding grants from the federal government and international funding bodies for public health research projects in the Asia-Pacific region, and a range of information technology web-based projects.

As Director of International Partnerships for Southbank Institute of Technology in Brisbane, he led Southbank's international partnership program in China and the Middle East.

In 2002 Noel joined Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates as Professor of Information Systems. He was later appointed Associate Dean for the Information Systems College in Abu Dhabi and Director of Zayed's Institute for Technological Innovation, where he led ICT outreach programs with large projects involving UNESCO (Cairo) and Emirati government ministries.

Noel has considerable senior academic administration experience through his roles at Zayed University, in addition to time as Head of the Information Systems Department at the University of Southern Queensland and as a senior lecturer at Griffith University's School of Management.

Noel also has substantial industry experience in the Australian government and business sectors in a range of management, consulting and system development roles. He was the National Development Manager for QUF Industries and operated a freelance IT consulting practice in local government, primary industry and business environments.

In recent years, he has worked as a senior consultant with DMR Consulting (Asia and Pacific), Unisys Australia (QCOM) and other e-business software development firms working on e-business projects, along with multimillion-dollar Y2K projects in government and industry. These roles have helped develop skills in MIS and project management, systems analysis, IT project directing, systems engineering and IT strategic planning, negotiation, recruitment, education, training and research.

Noel holds a PhD in ICT Project Management from Bond University as well as Commerce and Information Systems qualifications from the University of Queensland. He has been an active member of the Australian Computer Society (ACS) since 1969 and, in 2003, was elected Fellow of the ACS in recognition of his service to the computer industry. Noel is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and non-executive director of several organisations including HeartKids (Australia).

Noel has spent most of his life in Queensland but looks forward to experiencing Melbourne's famed sporting and cultural lifestyle, despite some reservations about the city's unique weather and traffic rules. A squash player for much of his life, Noel now enjoys being a spectator of all football codes and has been accurately described as a 'hopeless cricket tragic'. Noel also has a keen interest in ancient history, and is currently learning about the ancient history of London.

Noel looks forward to leading and working closely with the GCA team to chart the way forward in the changing higher education sector.

**Welcome, Noel!**