

AARNET CEO Chris Hancock honoured with Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

Australia's Academic and Research Network (AARNET) and the Australian American Leadership Dialogue (AALD) are proud to share the news that AARNET CEO and AALD Board Member Chris Hancock has been awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2021 Australia Day Honours.

The AM recognises Hancock's significant service to education and on-line research networks, and to Australia-USA relations.



"I'm proud and humbled to receive this acknowledgment," said Hancock.

"It has been a great privilege to work with many of the nation's best and brightest minds to drive the technological developments that empower Australian researchers and educators nationally and globally."

The research and education community in Australia will continue to benefit from Hancock's leadership of AARNET, the nation's dedicated high-speed data network, cyber security and collaboration services provider for the research and education sector.

Since moving from the private sector to helm the not-for-profit AARNET in 2004, Hancock has overseen the evolution of the telco from a small entity into one of the most extensive and advanced networks in the world.

Hancock's legacy includes contributing to the development of relations between Australia and the United States. As a member of the Board of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue since 2013, he has helped lead the West Coast Leadership Dialogue, developing thought leadership and advancing technology partnerships between the two countries.

"It has been an absolute privilege to lead the West Coast Leadership Dialogue and grow it into a true catalyst for technology leadership between our two great nations at such a critical time in our collective histories," he said.

CEO of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue, Ms Julie Singer Scanlan AO, said: "Chris has brought his significant leadership skills to the Leadership Dialogue in so many ways. Not least have been his contributions to the development of public policy resulting in the National Broadband Network, and his commitment to the intergenerational imperative through the Young Leadership Dialogue."

"I care very deeply about enabling outcomes that benefit future generations of Australians," said Hancock.

He says throughout his forty-year career he has been dedicated to driving initiatives for the betterment of the research and education community, and always with the future in mind.

Read the original AARNET media release: <https://news.aarnet.edu.au/aarnet-ceo-chris-hancock-honoured-with-member-of-the-order-of-australia-am>