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Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2014

Date: 29 October 2014
Speakers: Abigail Forsyth, KeepCup
          Andy Butler, Textor Technologies Pty Ltd
          Stuart Elliott, Planet Innovation Pty Ltd
Title: Navigating the Innovation Journey - Three Successful Paths

Abigail Forsyth, KeepCup
Abigail Forsyth is the founder of KeepCup, which manufactures the first barista-standard reusable cup, now sold in 26 countries worldwide. In 2011, the concept won the Most Innovative Product Award at the International Autumn Fair in the UK and Eco-Buy Supplier of the Year in Australia.

Abigail says the long-term viability of her business is about reuse rates, not sales dollars. KeepCup is not just trying to sell a product; it actively promotes positive behaviour change.

Andy Butler, Textor Technologies Pty Ltd
Andy Butler is the Managing Director of Textor Technologies Pty Ltd, a 100% family owned business manufacturing non-woven textiles for the global hygiene industry. Founded in 2000, Textor quickly became market leader through constant innovation and collaborative work between local research institutes and large multinationals.

Andy took over the management of the business in 2008 and has since led Textor to become Kimberly Clark’s Global supplier of the year in 2011

Stuart Elliott, Planet Innovation Pty Ltd
Since founding Planet Innovation Pty Ltd (Planet Innovation) with three others in 2009, Stuart Elliott has challenged the way technology services businesses think about innovation. Planet Innovation helps customers take a product idea from conception to commercialisation and sale. Today, the business has 80 staff with offices in Kew, Victoria, and Chicago in the United States.
An architect and engineer by training, Professor Ratti practices in Italy and teaches at MIT. The SENSEable City Lab, which he directs, aims to investigate and anticipate how digital technologies are changing the way people live and their implications at the urban level.

Professor Ratti’s work has been exhibited at venues including the Venice Biennale, the Design Museum Barcelona, the Science Museum in London, and The Museum of Modern Art in New York. He was featured in Wired Magazine’s Smart List 2012: 50 people who will change the world. He is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council for Urban Management and is a curator for the Future Food District Pavilion for Expo 2015 in Milan.

Innes Willox is Chief Executive of the Australian Industry Group, a leading industry organisation representing businesses in a broad range of sectors including manufacturing, defence, ICT and labour hire.

Innes joined Ai Group in 2008 with responsibility for policy development and advocacy across the federal and state government systems including in the areas of trade, defence, climate change, industrial relations and communications. He was appointed Chief Executive in May 2012.

Innes began his working career as a journalist and was for a time the Chief of Staff at The Age newspaper in Melbourne and Chief Political Correspondent for The Age in the Canberra Parliamentary Press Gallery. Prior to joining Ai Group he held a number of senior roles including serving as the Australian Consul General to Los Angeles and Chief of Staff to the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer.
As the Managing Director for Australia and New Zealand Nick Leeder is responsible for Google’s sales and business development operations in both countries. He started at Google in March 2011. Nick worked previously at News Limited, where he was COO of News Digital Media since 2006 and Deputy CEO of The Australian. Prior to joining News, Nick worked at Fairfax and at McKinsey & Co. He holds a degree in pure mathematics from the University of Sydney and has a Masters in Business Administration from INSEAD in France.

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Derek Young has over 25 years experience in strategic planning, information technology planning, and the management of large scale change programs within organisations. He has worked in the UK, the USA and a number of countries in Asia, including Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Korea.

Prior to his retirement in 2003, Derek Young was the Managing Director of Accenture Australia Ltd and was also responsible for their Financial Services Industry practice in Asia Pacific. He was a member of Accenture’s Global Leadership Council and the Global Financial Services Executive Committee.

Derek Young currently holds the following positions:

» Chair, Melbourne Theatre Company
» Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors
» Chair, Australian Major Performing Arts Group
» Council Committee Membership and RMIT Company Directorships: Planning and Finance (Chair), Audit and Risk Management
» Chair, Accenture Australia Foundation
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Date: 2 August 2012
Speaker: Mr Earl Eddings - CEO, Greencap Limited, and Director, Cricket Australia.
Title: Innovation in Business and Sport

Greencap provides risk management services in every state of Australia and South East Asia. These services include occupational health and safety, property risk, business continuity management, sustainability, environmental, and hazardous materials risk. Earl has extensive risk management and environmental experience and a successful track record in growing consulting businesses.

In 1999, Earl established his own risk consulting company, ARK Consulting Group Pty Ltd., which he grew to employ around 20 consultants. In 2006, his business was acquired by WSP Environmental, a London Stock Exchange listed company.

Earl was also part of the WSP Global Management Team which grew to approximately $170 million revenue across 19 countries. He serves as Deputy Chairman of Cricket Victoria, and is a Director at Cricket Australia.

Date: 23 February 2012
Speaker: Mr Göran Roos - Chairman - VTT International, Finland
Title: Making Things in a High Cost Environment

Göran’s current academic appointments include Warwick Business School, Cranfield University, Swinburne University of Technology, and the University of Adelaide.

Göran is the founder or co-founder of several companies in different countries and is currently Managing Director, Intellectual Capital Services Ltd. He has also worked as a consultant in more than 50 countries as well as having served in management positions in several European and US-based corporations. He sits on several corporate advisory boards. He is currently supporting the Prime Minister’s Taskforce on Manufacturing in Australia.

He is one of the founders of modern intellectual capital science, and is a recognised world expert in this field. He is also a major contributor to thinking and practice in the areas of strategy and innovation management, as well as industrial and innovation policy.

Göran was named one of the thirteen most influential thinkers for the 21st Century by the Spanish business journal “Direccion y Progreso” and was appointed “Manufacturing for the Future” 2011 Thinker in Residence by the South Australian Premier.
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Date: 9 September 2011
Speaker: Mr Jeremy Stone, Group Manager – Innovation, GHD
Title: Innovation - Connecting Australia to the World

Jeremy was responsible for the planning, design and implementation of GHD’s award winning global innovation program, incorporating 6,000 staff operating in 5 continents.

He now manages this successful program and also works with governments and industry to build innovation capacity to identify opportunities and then to deliver on the new ideas and concepts that add value.

Building on these experiences, he now leads the design and establishment of the Innovation interchange, a business to business global community that identifies and solves infrastructure challenges through connection and collaboration.

He lived in Asia for 14 years and was previously the Regional Director - Asia for GHD, responsible for the strategy, establishment and management of a number of offices.

Jeremy currently chairs GHD’s Innovation Advisory Group and was previously a member of the Sustainability Advisory Group and the Strategy Committee. He has held the position of Non Executive Director for a number of companies, primarily relating to strategy, global operations and governance.

Date: 21 June 2011
Speaker: Dr Ziggy Switkowski - Chancellor, RMIT University
Title: Energy and the Environment - Challenges ahead

Dr Ziggy Switkowski is Chancellor, RMIT University.

He is a non-executive director of listed companies Suncorp, Tabcorp, Oil Search and Lynas, and Chairman of Opera Australia.

He is the former chairman of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, and a former chief executive officer of Telstra, Optus and Kodak (Australia).

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
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Date: 4 May 2011
Speaker: Paul Cooper, Industry & Emerging Solutions Director - SMS Management & Technology
Title: Delivering on innovation - using emerging concepts to enhance business outcomes

Paul is responsible for Business Development with an emphasis on the Water, Health and Government sectors. He is also accountable for bringing emerging and innovative concepts to the firm.

Paul has an IT and business career of over 25 years and has led or participated in a number of business and technology innovations and solutions for corporate and blue chip clients.

More recently, Paul lead the establishment of the Emerging Solutions stream within SMS, with a particular emphasis on the potential of Cloud Computing and Social Media to improve work practices and reduce costs.

He is the past Chair of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Information Industry Association. Paul has a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Melbourne and a Graduate Diploma in Business from RMIT University.

Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2010

Date: 16 October 2010
Speaker: Dr Cathy Garner, Chief Executive, Manchester: Knowledge Capital
Title: Innovation in Cities – insights from Manchester

Manchester: Knowledge Capital is a city-wide partnership of universities, public authorities and business which catalyses innovation and knowledge-based economic development in Greater Manchester, UK. Dr Garner has a background in international knowledge transfer, intellectual property management, and extensive experience in building urban innovation systems and knowledge-based business development.

Dr Garner is a Board member of the Government’s Strategic Advisory Board for Intellectual Property in the UK, and a member of the UK Cabinet Office Innovators’ Council.

She acts as an Associate of the UK Council for Industry and Higher Education on their knowledge transfer research programmes. Dr Garner has served as a non-executive director on numerous public and private sector Boards and is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

Dr Cathy Garner is visiting Melbourne to participate in the Melbourne 2010 Knowledge Cities World Summit - The RMIT Business Lecture Series is delighted to support Melbourne Knowledge Week by hosting this event.
Dr. Rosen develops cross-campus programs in Innovation and Entrepreneurial Studies. For the past four years, he has served as Executive Director of the Institute for Technology, Entrepreneurship and Commercialization (ITEC), at Boston University. ITEC is the entrepreneurship education and research centre, based in the School of Management.

Dr. Rosen will describe ITEC’s three-stage program to assist students, faculty, and international entrepreneurs in the design and implementation of sustainable new ventures that are multi-national from their inception.

Dr. Jonathan Rosen’s visit to Melbourne has been made possible under the VESKI International Connections Program in conjunction with the Bio21 Cluster.

Date: 10 June 2010  
Speaker: Dr John Kao, international innovation expert.  
Title: Innovation with John Kao

Dubbed “Mr. Creativity” and a “serial innovator” by The Economist, John Kao is considered a leading authority on the subjects of innovation, transformation and emerging technologies. Over the past two decades, John and his advisory firm Kao & Company have been regularly sought out by senior leaders of both public and private sector organizations as a trusted advisor in the development of innovation strategies and capabilities. He has advised the governments of Finland and Singapore on their innovation strategies, for example as well as leading firms such as Nike, Intel, and BASF. John is particularly known for his practical and pragmatic approach to getting innovation "done," hence his favorite nickname, the “innovation sherpa.” His recent work on the globalization of innovation was published as an article in the Harvard Business Review that was named one of the "most popular" of 2009.

John's innovation thought leadership is expressed as author of Jamming: The Art and Discipline of Business Creativity, a BusinessWeek best-seller that has been published in fifteen languages, and Innovation Nation, published in October, 2007 that sounds the alarm on America's growing innovation challenge. He has had extensive experience in the national security community as a founding member of the Transformation Advisory Group of the US Department of Defense and served as a distinguished visiting professor of innovation at the US Naval Postgraduate School for three years.

Dr. Kao received a BA from Yale College, an MD from Yale Medical School, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He was a member of the Harvard Business School faculty from 1982-96 where his elective on innovation drew 2000 MBA students and his executive program 'Enhancing Corporate Creativity' drew top executives from companies such as AT&T, Merck, and Merrill Lynch.
John is a director of the Bay Area Science and Innovation Council; TwoFour54 a Mubadala venture in traditional and new media; and Phylotech, an emerging life sciences company. He is also vice chair of the Global Advisory Council on Innovation of the World Economic Forum, and an advisor to Finland's Aalto (innovation) University. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Art and an honorary Vice President of Arts & Business. His work has been profiled in major publications including The Economist and The New York Times.

John has also been a serial entrepreneur, an angel investor in emerging technology companies, and a Tony nominated producer of film and stage. He was producer of the Broadway play, Golden Child and production executive on "sex, lies and videotape." A jazz pianist at heart, he apprenticed to rock legend Frank Zappa in the summer of 1969.

Website: http://www.johnkao.com/

Date: 3 March 2010
Speaker: Albert Goller, Chairman & MD, Siemens Ltd  Pacific Cluster
Title: Picturing the Future Australia. Innovation & Technology – a critical link to solving Australia’s most pressing issues

Commencing his career as an electronics engineer with Siemens in Germany in 1973, Albert has held a number of senior executive positions throughout the world including President and CEO of Siemens Canada Ltd. and Head of the Corporate Office for E-business in Munich, Germany.

Albert has a Masters Degree in Information and Telecommunications from Paderborn University in Germany and was nominated as one of Australia’s most influential engineers by Engineers Australia magazine consecutively from 2004 – 2008. Albert sits on the CEO Forum at Queensland University of Technology and in 2009 Albert was appointed an Adjunct Professor of RMIT University.

Albert is passionate about ensuring the decisions we make today will ensure a more sustainable world for generations to come. Albert and his team at Siemens are exploring what the picture of Australia will look like in the future. The project encapsulates how critical areas such as water and energy are shaping our future through advances in technology along with asking the big questions and exploring innovative solutions.
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Date:  28 July 2009
Speaker:  Mr Tim Riches, CEO FutureBrand Singapore & Chief Growth Officer, FutureBrand Asia Pacific
Title:  Think ahead, stay ahead.  How the Global Financial Crisis is changing the future for your brand

Previously with FutureBrand Australia for 10 years, Tim Riches has just taken on the role of CEO, FutureBrand Singapore and Chief Growth Officer, FutureBrand Asia Pacific. Tim has degrees in law and philosophy, with postgraduate qualifications in marketing, and holds the position of Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Design at Swinburne University.

Part of the Interpublic Group of Companies, FutureBrand is a brand consultancy, with international clients including Microsoft, Nokia, Intel, Nakheel, Mastercard and Unilever. The Australian operation is well known for major assignments with leading brands including Yellow Pages, Tourism Australia (Brand Australia), BHP Billiton, ANZ, 7-Eleven, RMIT University, Cricket Australia, AMP, Origin Energy, AAPT and Orica. FutureBrand also developed the branding of the recently launched Australian bid for the FIFA 2018-2022 World Cup.

Tim is a frequent commentator on branding issues in Australian media, and is the key spokesperson for FutureBrand’s Country Brand Index research in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Date:  5 May 2009
Speaker:  Ambassador Douglas (Pete) Peterson
Title:  The Obama Administration’s First One Hundred Days – including impacts on Science & Technology

Ambassador Pete Peterson* is a former US fighter pilot and decorated Vietnam War veteran. In 1966 he was shot down over North Vietnam, and spent over six years as a prisoner of war.

He subsequently engaged in various private business enterprises in the United States. In 1985, he joined the faculty of Florida State University as the Director of a specialized psychological treatment program for juvenile offenders. He later entered US federal politics and served for three consecutive terms in the US House of Representatives. In 1996, he was appointed by President Clinton as the first American Ambassador to post-war Vietnam and served in that post from 1997 to 2001.

Pete Peterson is currently President and co-founder (along with his wife, Vi) of Peterson International, Inc., a private business consulting firm. He is a Senior Director at Stonebridge International, LLC, a global strategy firm based in Washington, DC. He is also the President and co-founder of The Alliance for Safe Children (TASC), a global child injury prevention foundation whose mission is to help reduce child death and disability due to preventable injuries in Asia. Pete Peterson is actively involved in Vietnam and Asian affairs through his business consulting work, his chairmanship of the US/Vietnam Trade Council, and through the philanthropic work of his foundation, TASC.

*Note that in the United States, former ambassadors are able to retain their title throughout their lives.
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Date: 2 April 2009
Speaker: Mr Shane Breheny, CEO, CitiPower and Powercor Australia Pty
Title: Sustaining Future Energy – The Smart Grid

Mr Breheny is a Director and Chief Executive Officer of CHEDHA Holdings and its subsidiaries, including leading Victorian electricity distribution networks CitiPower and Powercor Australia.

He has previously held the positions of Chief Executive Officer of Electricity Services Victoria, Managing Director of CitiPower, and Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director Finance for Powercor Australia.

Shane has a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) degree from RMIT and is a Fellow of CPA Australia and the Australian Institute of Management. He is a Director and the Deputy Chairman of the Energy Networks Association, Director of the Energy Supply Association of Australia, Chair of Vincent Care, a Board member of the Committee for Geelong, and Chairman of AquaTower Pty Ltd.

Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2008

Date: 9 December 2008
Speakers: Dr Terry Cutler, Chair, Review of the National Innovation System
Patrick Coleman, Business Council of Australia
Dr Elaine Saunders, CEO, Dynamic Hearing
Title: The Innovation Review – three perspectives

Dr Terry Cutler, Principal, Cutler & Company
Terry Cutler is an industry consultant and strategy advisor in the information and communications technology sector. He has authored numerous influential reports and papers on the digital economy and innovation. He is the chair of the Review of the National Innovation System established by the Australian Government.

His current appointments include Director, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Member, International Advisory Panel, Multimedia Superhighway (Malaysia), and Chairman of the Advisory Board, Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation.

While Chairman of the Industry Research and Development Board from 1996 to 1998, Terry Cutler spearheaded key initiatives in promoting venture capital and industry innovation and oversaw the licensing of the initial Innovation Investment Funds.

He was President of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image from 2002 to 2005, and served as Chairman of the Australia Council from 2001—2002. His previous directorships include Film Victoria, Opera Australia, and the Council of the Victorian College of the Arts.
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Dr. Elaine Saunders, Chief Executive Officer, Dynamic Hearing Pty Ltd
Elaine has a combined business, academic and technology management career, and has lead technology teams to award winning outcomes. Prior to assuming the role of CEO of Dynamic Hearing, Elaine was the Assistant Director and Commercialisation Manager of Australia’s Co-operative Research Centre for Cochlear Implant and Hearing Aid Innovations. Elaine was awarded the State and National prizes in the Australian Government Private and Corporate Sector category at the Telstra Business Woman of the Year Awards in 2004.

Mr Patrick Coleman, Director Policy, Business Council of Australia
Patrick Coleman joined the Business Council of Australia in November 2005. He comes to the BCA with a background in government policy advice in the areas of education and training, transport security, critical infrastructure, agriculture, tourism and small business. Throughout this time he worked as a policy adviser in the Office of the Prime Minister and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.

Patrick has over nine years experience working in federal government and has a keen knowledge and understanding of the workings of policy development and process.

Date: 24 September 2008
Speaker: Bob Welsh, Chief Executive, VicSuper Pty Ltd
Title: Climate adaptation – investing in landscape change

VicSuper Pty Ltd is one of the fastest growing public offer superannuation funds in Australia with over 12,000 participating employers, 230,000 members and $6.0 billion in assets.

Bob was the driving force behind VicSuper’s adoption of sustainability as its central operating principle in 2000 and its aim to build VicSuper Fund as a sustainable superannuation fund.

In 2005 his pioneer work in fostering sustainability principles in the superannuation sector of the financial services industry was recognised internationally when he was awarded the annual Sustainability Leadership Pioneer Award. In 2007 Bob was recognised by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative for his outstanding contribution within the pension funds sector.

Bob is a director of VicSuper Ecosystem Services Pty Ltd a wholly owned subsidiary of VicSuper which facilitates investment in sustainable agriculture and new markets for ecosystem services. He is also President of the Environment Protection Board Victoria, founding Chairperson of the Investor Group on Climate Change Australia/New Zealand and was the inaugural Chairperson of Sustainability Victoria.
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**Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2007**

**Date:** 28 November 2007  
**Speaker:** Terry A’Hearn, Director Sustainable Development, EPA  
**Title:** Sustainability, regulators & embracing risk – a 21st Century Solution

Terry is responsible for legislative development, Government relations and for promoting best practice environmental management and cleaner production through support services for industry.

He is also responsible for the establishment and implementation of commercial business plans for gaining contracts nationally and internationally, and coordinates EPA involvement in overseas improvement programs.

Terry also coordinates and promotes the United Nations Environment Programme finance initiatives activities in Australasia.

Prior to joining the EPA, Terry held positions at the Victorian Treasury Department, the Victorian Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, the Commonwealth Taxation Office and Coopers & Lybrand.

**Date:** 14 May 2007  
**Speakers:** Janine Kirk AM, Lead Partner Victorian Government, Ernst & Young and Tim Murphy, CEO, BioMelbourne Network  
**Title:** Ideas Venture Capitalist – taking ideas and turning them into reality

Janine has considerable senior management experience in both the private and public sectors. She held the position of Director of the Committee for Melbourne for 12 years and is currently the Lead Partner, Victorian Government, with Ernst and Young.

In addition, she is currently the Chairman of the Melbourne Convention and Visitors Bureau, and is a director of VESKI (Victorian Endowment for Science, Knowledge & Innovation).

Janine is a Ministerial appointment to a number of Victorian State Government Boards and Committees, including the Innovation Economy Advisory Board, the Finance Industry Consultative Committee and the Branding Victoria Advisory Board.

Janine is also an Honorary Aide to the Governor of Victoria Professor David de Kretser

**Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2006**

**Date:** 1 December 2006  
**Speaker:** Rob Hunt, CEO - Bendigo Bank  
**Title:** Our Sustainable Approach
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Date: 25 October 2006
Speaker: Rhonda O’Donnell, Chair - Novell Asia Pacific
Title: Create or Innovate?

Date: 28 August 2006
Speaker: Dr Jim Peacock AC - Chief Scientist of Australia
Title: Innovation + Connectivity – Finding the Yellow Brick Road.

Date: 28 February 2006
Speakers: Polly Mazaris, CEO - Baxter Group
Craig Winkler, CEO- MYOB
David Southwick - Entrepreneur in Residence, RMIT
Title: Entrepreneurs with innovative ideas – how they make it work.

Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2005

Date: 14 November 2005
Speaker: David Miles, Chair - National Innovation Council
Title: Innovation in Australia – important or imperative?

Date: 6 October 2005
Speaker: Karen McLeod, Head, Human Resources - Rio Tinto (International)
Title: Innovation – art form or business discipline?

Date: 21 July 2005
Speakers: Design Panel
Title: Why Design is Good for Business

Date: 27 April 2005
Speaker: Professor Andrew Holmes - ARC Federation Fellow and Inaugural VESKI Fellow.
Title: Seeing the Light with Polymers
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Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2004

Date: 11 November 2004  
Speaker: Dr Robin Batterham AO - Chief Scientist of Australia and Chief Technologist, Rio Tinto  
Title: Innovation – how do we accelerate the pace?

Date: 20 October 2004  
Speaker: David Gonski AO - Chairman Coca Cola Amatil Limited, Board member ANZ Bank, Westfield Holdings, Chairman Australia Council  
Title: Business, Innovation and the Community

Date: 31 August 2004  
Speaker: Dr Jonathan Spring, Managing Director - CEOS Pty Ltd  
Title: Collaborative Technology Projects

Date: 2 March 2004  
Speaker: Dr Andrew O’Brien, Vice President - Deutsche Bank AG - Australia/New Zealand  
Title: Healthcare innovation: do the capital markets help or hinder?

Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2003

Date: 29 October 2003  
Speaker: Dr Anton Stampfl, Senior Research Scientist - ANSTO  
Title: Light Synchrotrons: Beacons to the Science and Industry of the Future

Date: 29 August 2003  
Speaker: Mr John Pizzey, Group President - Primary Products and an Executive Vice President, Alcoa USA  
Title: Driving innovation: the role of the "old economy"

Date: 12 August 2003  
Speaker: Mr Michael Garrett - Executive Vice President of Nestlé  
Title: The impact of globalisation on the food technology industry and the consequences for Australian rural and manufacturing industries
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Date: 17 June 2003
Speaker: Mr Tony Surtees, Founding VP and General Manager, Yahoo! Commerce Group, Director - Santa Clara Group
Title: Shoot your marketing manager or make him/her your CEO: how marketing, finance and technology are creating a new discipline

Date: 25 February 2003
Speaker: Mr Evan Thornley, Chair of the Board, LookSmart Ltd
Title: Learnings from both sides of the Pacific - LookSmart's first 7 years.

Previous Business Lecture Series that took place in 2002

Date: 11 December 2002
Speaker: Dr Vivien Bonazzi, Director, Product Development - Celera Genomics
Title: The genome, the proteome and the commercialome - the future for business, innovation and biotechnology.

Date: 3 September 2002
Speaker: Professor Sir Alec Broers, Vice-Chancellor - Cambridge University
Title: The difficulties faced by Australia and the UK in remaining internationally competitive in technology.

Date: 1 May 2002
Speaker: Mr Alan Ramadan, Board member and consultant - Macromedia Inc. and Founder - Quokka Sports
Title: Career path, success, risks and innovation - Could Melbourne's environment support similar concepts now?