
LOCATION	Online via Teams Town Hall
CHAIRS	Kieran Robson Renner – Outgoing President, The Watt Club Dr Heriet Mhondiwa – Incoming President, The Watt Club
SPEAKERS	Professor Richard A. Williams , Principal and Vice-Chancellor (Recording) Adam Gillies , Alumni Engagement Manager, Advancement Office
ATTENDEES	252 registrations and 60 attendees

Meeting Summary

This meeting was the 2025 Annual General Meeting of The Watt Club. These minutes should be read in conjunction with the Teams Live recording of the meeting - [The Watt Club AGM - January 2026](#)

1. Welcome

Outgoing President Kieran Robson Renner opened the AGM for year 2025, welcoming attendees and reflecting on his final duty in the role before transitioning to Past President. He encouraged engagement throughout the session via the Q&A function.

2. Principal and Vice-Chancellor's Address – Professor Richard A. Williams

Professor Richard A. Williams delivered a pre-recorded address reflecting on 2025, highlighting the passing of Chancellor Sir Geoff Palmer, celebrating major research and global achievements, and outlining progress toward Strategy 2035. He emphasised alumni impact and the ongoing Shaping Futures campaign and reflected on his time as Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

3. Look Back on 2025 – President Kieran Robson Renner

Kieran summarised key achievements including developing a skills matrix for the Council, progress on the Watt Club Alumni Awards, strong election engagement, expanded volunteering opportunities, and increased branch activity worldwide. He also provided a finance update and expressed gratitude to the Advancement Team and Council.

4. Advancement Office Update – Adam Gillies

Adam reported on alumni engagement in 2025, including 45 events delivered globally, extensive tailored communications, growing online engagement, and strengthened partnerships. He highlighted the Future Ready career series, Shaping Futures campaign activities, and collaboration with global branches. He thanked global alumni for participation and encouraged continued involvement.

5. Introduction of Incoming President – Dr Heriet Mhondiwa

Kieran introduced Dr Mhondiwa, celebrating her leadership qualities and alumni involvement. A Q&A followed, covering her motivations, vision for mentorship and digital engagement, personal experiences, career background, and interests.

6. Incoming President's Address – Dr Heriet Mhondiwa

Dr Mhondiwa expressed gratitude to the global alumni community and outlined her vision for enhancing mentorship, fostering inclusive digital networks, supporting Strategy 2035, and advancing the Shaping Futures campaign. She emphasised global engagement and encouraged all alumni to stay connected.

7. Closing Remarks

Dr Mhondiwa formally assumed her role as President of The Watt Club Council, thanking the Alumni Team, the Principal, and the alumni community. She encouraged ongoing engagement through the Watt Club LinkedIn page and upcoming global events.