## ABRIEF HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

**PART 2: POST ARC ACT** 

2002

First funding outcomes of the *Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment* and Facilities, Special Research Initiatives, Linkage Projects, Discovery Projects and; Discovery Indigenous Researcher Development schemes.

2007

The ARC takes responsibility of Excellence in Research Australia (ERA). The ARC Advisory Council is established.

2010

The first comprehensive ERA 2010 National Report is delivered.

2012

First funding outcomes of the Discovery Indigenous scheme (replaced the Discovery Indigenous Researcher Development scheme) and the Industrial Transformation Research Program Research Hubs and Training Centres schemes. The ERA 2012

National Report is delivered.

2016

The ARC introduces a continuous Linkage Project scheme.

2020

ARC Research Grants Services commences.

2023

The Trusting Australia's Ability: Review of the Australian Research Council Act 2001 final report was released in April, with the Government's response following in August. THE AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL HAS A LONG HISTORY – FOUNDED IN 2001 UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL ACT 2001, IT IS DIRECTLY DESCENDED FROM THE 1965 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH GRANTS COMMITTEE (ARGC).

2001

The ARC became an independent body on 1 July 2001 under its own legislation, the *Australian Research Council Act 2001*, with a broader range of advisory functions and full administrative responsibility for the assessment of grant applications.

2003

First funding outcomes of the *Federation Fellowships and Centres* of *Excellence* schemes.

2009

The Australian Research Integrity Committee is established; the ARC Research Management System is launched; first funding outcomes of the *Future Fellowships* scheme and the *Australian Laureate Fellowships* schemes (replaced the Federation Fellowships scheme) are announced. The ERA 2009 trial is completed.

2011

First funding outcomes of the *Discovery Early Career Researcher Award* scheme.

2015

The ERA2015 National Report is delivered. The ARC publishes its first *Reconciliation Action Plan*.

2018

The inaugural round of Engagement and Impact (EI) takes place; ERA 2018 National Report; and the Gender and the Research Workforce Report delivered.

2022

The Independent Review of the Australian Research Council Act 2001 (ARC Review) commenced.

2024

Amended ARC Act came into effect on 1 July 2024, including the commencement of the independent ARC Board as the new Accountable Authority of the ARC.