



## Message from the DEAN

I recently had the privilege of visiting the Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo. Emblazoned above the entry are the powerful words of the famous Norwegian explorer and ethnographer Thor Heyerdahl:

*Borders?  
I have never seen one.  
But I have heard they exist  
in the minds of some people.*

Over recent years, the Economics and Business community has been imbued with a little of the spirit of this challenging message. It has spawned innovation in our teaching and research; it has impelled us to collaborate in significant cross-disciplinary scholarship and to engage closely with the business and professional communities; it has enriched the cultural diversity of our learning community; and it has spurred us to attain international recognition and standing.

Above all else, however, it has attracted many new and distinguished academic colleagues to join us in the spirit of Heyerdahl's adventures – not to distant lands, but in the exciting adventures of ideas, strategy, and the scaling of new heights of scholarship.

In this issue of *E&B Connect*, we are delighted to introduce 10 recently appointed professorial colleagues. To my knowledge, this is possibly the largest number of professorial chair appointments made at one time by any Faculty of our kind in Australia. Such is the magnitude of our commitment to building the leading

learning community in economics and business in Australia and its region. Over the last nine years, we have tripled the number of professors in the Faculty, with commensurate recruitment at lecturer, senior lecturer and associate professor levels.

Importantly, we have established Chairs in the strategically important new fields of business strategy (two Chairs), decision sciences, financial regulation and reporting, and public transport, while further strengthening the key disciplines of accounting, economics, finance and marketing. We are continuing our search for talent in the areas of accounting, economics, econometrics, supply chain management and logistics. The richness of our intellectual community will be further enhanced by the diversity of doctoral education represented in our new professorial colleagues – spanning ANU, UC Berkeley, Cambridge, Duke, LSE, Macquarie, Manchester, RMIT, Stanford and Toronto – and by the breadth of experience they bring from their former institutions.

Whither the former borders to economics and business scholarship at Sydney?

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