

Liveris Academy Update

DECEMBER 2023

It has been an enormous year for the Liveris Academy, with inspiring speakers, students and significant change. We have welcomed new Liveris Scholars, staff, distinguished speakers, and farewelled our largest group of graduates to-date.

We wish to thank all our donors, supporters, partners and most importantly, our Liveris Academy Scholars, for their contributions.

As 2023 draws to an end, we are pleased to share some of the highlights of the year, and look forward to all that 2024 promises.

We hope you all enjoy a safe and merry Christmas.



Academy news



NEW ACADEMY DIRECTOR

In March 2023, the Liveris Academy welcomed [Professor Tim Kastelle](#) as Director. Tim's ambition for the Academy is inspiring and we are all looking forward to seeing the impact of his considerable experience on our scholars and more broadly across the community, particularly focussed on sustainability, innovation, and leadership.

[Read more: Leading innovation expert takes the helm at UQ's Liveris Academy](#)

Message from Tim: *Joining the Liveris Academy as Director has been a great experience. I've been involved with the Academy since it launched, however moving into this role has increased my appreciation of everything that happens here. The Scholars are a genuinely wonderful and inspiring group of people, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with them more closely. The broader group of stakeholders in the Academy also includes a number of incredible people.*

Working with the Scholars and this broader group is a privilege. The variety and number of

leadership challenges that we currently face can be daunting, but this also makes the Academy's mission – to help the Scholars develop the innovation and leadership skills they need to create a more sustainable future – even more important.

If you're reading this, it's likely that you've made a contribution to this mission already, so thank you. I'm looking forward to continuing this work.

Please connect with me on LinkedIn: [Connect with Tim](#), and with the Academy: [Connect with the Liveris Academy](#).

Executive Advisor



EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE: Industry Professor Leigh Staines

As an Environmental and Chemical Engineer, Leigh has held a range of operational, commercial, project and strategy roles across the international resources sector, including ExxonMobil, Santos and Rio Tinto. She is a passionate advocate towards future-proofing Australian heavy industry and manufacturing and has held tenures as the Manager of the Port Bonython Refinery in South Australia and more recently as the Site General Manager of the Boyne Aluminium Smelters in Gladstone.

Leigh joined the academy in August, as our second [Executive Advisor](#), and has provided keynote speeches on the energy transition and future economy opportunities for Australia, met one-on-one with Liveris Academy scholars to discuss their goals and offer guidance in relation to career progression and leadership styles, and has further engaged in discussions about the strategic direction and goals of the academy. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with Leigh.

[Read more: Learning from an industry leader](#)

2023 Liveris Academy Graduates

Congratulations to 2023 Liveris Academy graduates! In November, Academy staff, scholars, Vice-Chancellor and President, UQ, Professor Debbie Terry AO and the broader UQ Liveris Academy community were joined by Liveris Academy scholar families to celebrated the year, and our graduating scholars.

It was wonderful to reflect on the year and acknowledge this significant achievement. We look forward to remaining connected and seeing where this journey takes you.

This year Javan McGuckin, Victoria Barnes, Amber Spurway, Esandi Kalugalage, Félix Hall, Dhairy Shah, Jessica Forbes, Nelson Prichard, Samuel Muharem, Zoe Aspinall, Flynn Pearman, and Joel Park join our expanding alumni network.

[Meet Academy Alumni](#)



2023 Distinguished Speaker Series

THEME: Global Tech & Innovation

Jesper Brodin, CEO of Ingka Group



Jesper Brodin is President and CEO of Ingka Group. Ingka Group, formerly known as IKEA Group, is one of the world's largest home furnishing retailers and owns and operates more than 400 IKEA stores in 32 markets (FY21) under franchise agreements with Inter IKEA Systems B.V.

With a career of 20+ years with IKEA, Jesper joined the company in 1995 as the Purchase manager in Pakistan, IKEA Group. Over the years he has held different roles such as assistant to Ingvar Kamprad and Anders Dahlvig, CEO at the time, Business area manager Kitchen and Dining as well as his recent role as Managing Director for Range & Supply, Inter IKEA Group.

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Marshall Pribadi, Founding CEO of PrivyID

Marshall founded Privy in 2016 with the vision to transform and bridge the trust gap of identity in digital space. Graduated from Law School, at the University of Indonesia and has been an entrepreneur since the age of 13 provided Marshall with strong legal and entrepreneurship background to design and execute the business model for Privy digital identity and digital signature. In 2018, he received the Australian Award to attend a start-up ecosystem workshop at Flinders University Australia.



As Privy CEO and Co-Founder, Marshall was selected as Endeavor Entrepreneur at the 85th International Selection Panel in San Francisco and listed in Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2017 under Finance & Venture Capital Category. Marshall is also serving as the Chairman of Indonesia Regtech and Legaltech Association (IRLA) since 2019 and Vice Chairman of Indonesia Fintech Association (AFTECH) since 2021.

Ailie MacAdam, President - Mining & Minerals, Bechtel

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As President of Bechtel’s Mining & Minerals (M&M) global business unit, Ailie MacAdam is responsible for all aspects of the M&M worldwide portfolio.

With a career of over 38 years with Bechtel, Ailie has held a succession of senior executive leadership, operational, and general management positions.

Before leading the M&M business, Ailie served most recently as the Global Operations Manager for Bechtel’s Infrastructure business. Ailie has extensive expertise and experience managing complex transportation and civil infrastructure megaprojects in Australia, the U.K., and the U.S., in addition to oil, gas, and chemicals projects in Europe and Africa. Double click here to add content

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2023 Speakers Overview



In March, Andrew Liveris spoke with scholars in a wide-ranging discussion covering whether our current global institutions are fit-for-purpose, the potential impact of disruptions on the 2032 Olympic Games, and the vital contributions of those outside the STEM field on impacting the innovation and technological challenges of the future.

In addition, the 2023 speaker series included the following people:

- [Kathryn Fagg AO](#), CSIRO - Women in STEM Panel with [Kym Baker](#) and [Leeanne Bond](#), Thermo Fisher Scientific
- [David Guston](#), Arizona State University, Tempe, USA
- [Reinhard Grunwald](#), Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis, Berlin, Germany
- [Sue Keay](#), Robotics Australia Group
- [Katherine Stodulka](#), SystemIQ, London UK
- [Cathy Robinson](#), CSIRO
- [Alain de Sales](#)
- [Cameron Turner](#)
- [Cara Wrigley](#)
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Scholar Global Experiences

Learnings from a world leading innovation hub
by Vishaak Gangasandra

Studying Overseas: a UQ engineering student experience
by Esandi Kalugalage

A Cambridge Reflection
by Amber Spurway



News

Meet Academy Scholars



Oliver Barr-David

Oliver is the recipient of the O'Moore Scholarship Endowment.

Oliver is pursuing a dual degree in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Mathematics (Honours). Planning to specialise in Electrical Engineering and majoring in Data Analytics and Operations Research, Oliver aims to leverage his skills to contribute to innovative solutions in the field of technology and sustainability.

Graduating from Robina State High School on the Gold Coast in 2022, Oliver's exceptional academic achievements placed him amongst the top ATAR recipients in his cohort, earning him numerous academic awards, including the 2022 RSHS Alumni Award.

[Find out more >>](#)

The Academy recommends...

Listen: Liveris Academy Global Leadership Podcast

In this podcast series you will hear from Liveris Academy Scholars interviewing a leader they identify as being important to them. They ask the hard questions about leadership and innovation that we can all relate to.

Episode 13: Professor Sarah Jane Kelly

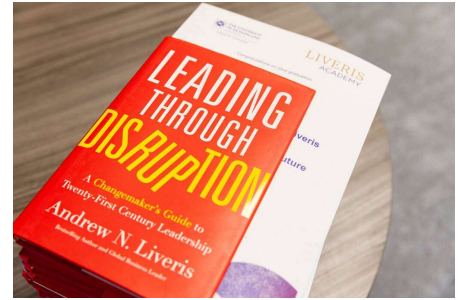
Brisbane is at the forefront of transformation and innovation in the lead up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Professor Sarah Jane Kelly OAM, board member on the organising committee shares her knowledge and experiences.



Catch up on past episodes of the Global Leadership Podcast Series

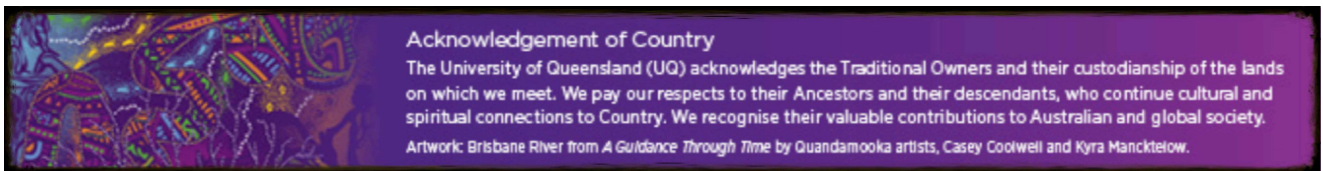
Read: Leading through Disruption: A Changemaker's Guide to Twenty-First Century Leadership, by Andrew N. Liveris AO

'The traditional corporate leadership playbook your grandparents wrote no longer works. This book from one of the world's top executives is a new leadership paradigm for resilience and agility in a rapidly changing world.'



UQ launched this exciting publication in November at Customs House, with Andrew Liveris in conversation with Madonna King. Other speakers included Acting Premier, Stephen Miles, and UQ Chancellor, Dr Peter Varghese, who also shared their thoughts on the vital relevance of this book for our times.

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