

## Welcome Message from the Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, Macquarie University



Welcome to the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) 2017 International Conference and to our beautiful city of Sydney. In May 2016, Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM) won the bid to POMS to host the international conference in Sydney and we are now the proud Sponsor of this conference now being conducted December 12-14 in Macquarie University's CBD campus.

It is an honour for MGSM once again to be recognised by the Financial Times as Australia's leading business school in addition to placing in the top 50 globally. We are proud that in 2017, MGSM placed 49th globally and first in Australia for the third consecutive year, as Australia's leading business school. MGSM faculty and professional staff are passionate about their student and alumni groups, and the content and delivery of their MBA program, Master of Management and PhD programs. MGSM also reached a milestone 100th enrolment early this year within its jointly funded "Women in MBAs" program which sets out to overcome the gender imbalance in MBA programs.

A lot of time and effort was placed in making this conference possible. I would like to acknowledge the Conference Chair, Professor Norma Harrison and her conference organising team for spending the many months planning to ensure this conference is a success. This was done in record time with very little extra resources other than MGSM academics, staff and facilities support.

The current business environment is a dynamic one and this year's conference theme, "Navigating the Future: Innovative Technologies and Methodologies in Operations Management", is particularly relevant in addressing ongoing operational management issues especially in areas of sustainability, data analytics, innovation and supply chain management. I believe the presentations and discussions at this Sydney conference will distil both academic and industry issues that will then drive research into these areas.

I would like to welcome and thank the industry representatives who have generously given their time to participate in our Keynote Address and Industry Plenary Panels. Corporate engagement and business connectivity have been the mainstay of our teaching and research programs.

Again, welcome to Sydney and I wish you a very successful conference!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Brammer', written in a cursive style.

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