



ARCA up and running with appointment of Executive Director

ARCA - The Actuarial Research Centre of Australia – has been formally launched as an independent research organisation by the Institute. In a flurry of activity, ARCA has appointed its first Executive Director, set up a web site and moved along on a number of research projects, including some quick research for the recently released International Comparison of Australia's Taxes (Warburton – Hendy report).

ARCA's Executive Director is Evan Predavec. Evan trained as a lawyer and pursued a highly successful career in legal publishing. His recent roles have included CEO of a regional publishing organisation and Vice President for global product strategy for LexisNexis, one of the world's largest legal publishers. For the last few years Evan has been a full-time father and part-time local Councillor. Evan is married to an actuary and so has some insight into the profession.

Evan's role will be to oversee all of ARCA's activities but in particular to manage ARCA's research projects to successful conclusions and ensure their quality and independence. When

asked about his priorities on being appointed, Evan's response was: "apart from a number of mechanical issues like setting up a bank account and finding a chair, the two top priorities are pushing forward the existing research topics and identifying volunteers to help with the research and organisations to provide funding."

ARCA's initial areas of focus are in workers compensation, ageing and health. Thanks to generous donations from Pauline Durant (Watson Wyatt) and Mark Nelson (Mercer), ARCA's first piece of completed research was a contribution to the Warburton-Hendy report on taxation rates, looking at international comparisons on superannuation contributions.

The Institute will continue to support ARCA but these recent initiatives enshrine ARCA's independence and ensure its ability to start contributing to public policy development through the application of actuarial skills and talents.

For more information see:
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