

MEDIA RELEASE

From lucky to clever – the key is research!

The Queensland Governor, Her Excellency Penelope Wensley AC, will launch a research trust for The Royal Society of Queensland on the morning of Friday 13 June at the Queensland Museum.

The Royal Society is the State's oldest scientific institution; a non-government body that has played an important part in scientific thought, original research and policy formulation in Queensland for more than 150 years.

The announcement of the research trust and opening of the short seminar—*Research as Infrastructure*—is one of the final duties to be performed by the Governor before she leaves office. This event is open to interested people and at no charge.

The initial funding donors—the Central Queensland Koala Volunteers – have funded and supported regional koala research for almost 20 years. They now wish to encourage future scientists and naturalists with proposals for innovative, small-scale projects—that often don't qualify for mainstream grant programs—to make contact with the Society.

“The Royal Society of Queensland is doing what it has done best for the lucky country since 1884. To become a clever country we need effective research as an essential ingredient for future economic activity and environmental resilience,” said Dr Geoff Edwards, the President of the Society.

Dr Alistair Melzer, of the Central Queensland Koala Volunteers says that, “It is a well-established fact that independent research underpins good policy and business activity. The Royal Society can provide this opportunity in the future.”

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