

Chris Hancock - Director

Chris Hancock was appointed Chief Executive Officer of AARNet Pty Ltd in 2004. Mr Hancock has had more than 25 years' experience in senior leadership and executive positions with the last 15 years in the media and telecommunications sectors.

As the CEO of AARNet, Australia's Research and Education Network, Mr Hancock was responsible for the implementation of AARNet3, Australia's next generation research and education internet providing high capacity bandwidth and leading edge applications over the internet to the research and education sector throughout Australia.

The AARNet network serves more than one million end users and enables academics, researchers and students throughout Australia. Under his leadership, AARNet has developed one of the largest network footprints in the world connecting 19 points of presence across approximately 10,000 kilometres of fibre.

Mr Hancock joined AARNet from Optus, where he held several key executive positions since 1998. He was Managing Director for Optus Wholesale and Managing Director for Optus Business. Mr Hancock was an integral member of the senior executive team that completed the initial public offering as well as the eventual sale of Optus to Singtel.

In the decade prior to Optus, Mr Hancock held executive positions with Vodafone, the Seven Network and Sara Lee Corporation.

Mr Hancock holds a Bachelor of Arts (Social Science) from Charles Sturt University and an Executive MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management.

He is a Board Director of the Internet Industry Association of Australia, Smart Services CRC, IBES (Institute for Broadband Enabled Society) and the Starlight Foundation of NSW.