

Karen offers boards her internationally recognised competency in authentic leadership, complex problem solving, effective communication and stakeholder engagement. This expertise has been gained as an innovative academic professional with over 16 years' experience in the university sector.

In this role, Karen provides advice on industrial development and economic growth strategies. Her reputation in these areas is evident in over 100 academic publications and over 200 articles in industry magazines, which have been cited by over 1000 readers from around the world. She is a thought leader in her field; with her research outcomes influencing government policy through seminal publications such as 'The high road or the low road? Alternatives for Australia's Future' and more recently 'Prefab revolution? Factory houses are the secret to green building'.

Always looking for new opportunities, her work has been sponsored and/or cited by agencies such as the Commonwealth Treasury; the Queensland Chief Scientist; the Australian Business Foundation; the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads; and the Western Australian Building Commission. Karen provides timely and quality delivery of KPIs for agencies such as these, and for private-sector clients, ranging from multinational corporations, such as AECOM, to ASX-listed companies, such as MIRVAC, to local start-up companies.

By anticipating client needs and exceeding their expectations, Karen was awarded the title of 'National Project Manager of the Year, by the Australian Institute of Project Management in 2008. In 2013, she received the Vice-Chancellor's Performance Award from Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

With a high-level of self-awareness, Karen is able to build strong professional relationships. In her current role as Division Leader for Construction and Project Management in the Science and Engineering Faculty at QUT, she is responsible for growing the potential of 12 team members.

Karen is keen to contribute to good governance and performance in fresh contexts, such as that provided by new board memberships.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce, Deakin University, 1987
Bachelor of Economics (Honours), Murdoch University, 1988
Doctor of Philosophy in Policy Studies, Murdoch University, 1994

Board and Committee Positions

Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Construction Project Management (on-going)
Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Knowledge-Based Development (on-going)
International Scientific Committee Member, CIB World Congress, Tampere, Finland (2016)
Organising Committee Member, World Conference on Energy and Environment, Brisbane (2016)
Committee Member, QUT Research Web Project (2016)
Program Committee Member, CRC for Construction Innovation Conference (2013)
Program Committee Chair, CIB World Congress Brisbane (2013)
Organising Committee Member, CIB World Congress Brisbane (2013)
Program Committee Member, Australian Institute of Project Management Conference (2011)
Research Committee Member, QUT, Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering (2006)

Professional Memberships

Academy of Management
Australian Institute of Project Management
Women in Technology
International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB)
National Association of Women in Construction