



Press Release

Neville Stevens AO appointed as Chair of ac3 Board

Sydney, November 4, 2003—**ac3**, the Australian Centre for Advanced Computing and Communications, has appointed Mr Neville Stevens AO as Chair of the Board. Mr Stevens' appointment follows the resignation of founding Chair, Mr Phil Singleton.

Mr Stevens has extensive experience in the development and implementation of policy in IT and Communications in Australia.

His 30-year career in the Australian Public Service included senior positions in the Departments of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Industry, and Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

His most recent appointment was as Secretary of the Communications, Information Technology and Arts Department from 1993–2001, where he was closely involved in telecommunications reform, broadcasting policy and development of the information technology industry.

Prior to this, Mr Stevens served as Secretary of the Industry Department (1990–1993) following a five-year tenure as Deputy Secretary of the same department. During this time he was concerned with all aspects of industry policy including tariff reform, industry development policy and research and development policy.

Since leaving the Public Service, Mr Stevens has participated in and chaired a number of boards and panels involved with the development of the IT and Communications industries. His current appointments include Deputy Chair of the Board of the ICT R&D Centre of Excellence (NICTA), Chairman of the Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF), and Member of the Advisory Committee for the ARC Centre of Excellence in Complex Systems.

CEO of **ac3**, Dr Philip McCrea, said that he believed that Mr Stevens' extensive experience in IT and Communications would prove extremely valuable in the ongoing development of **ac3**. "As an organisation providing high-performance computing facilities to commerce, government and the academic community, we welcome Neville's understanding of the benefits that this capability can provide in modelling complex situations and developing advanced applications."

"I am delighted to have the opportunity of working with **ac3**," said Mr Stevens. "I have been a keen observer of the organisation since its inception and I look forward to playing an active role in its ongoing development and seeing it fulfil its potential as a major provider of services to Australian industry and academia."

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About ac3:

ac3 was established in 2000 with seed funding from the NSW Government and eight NSW universities. The company provides advanced computing services to NSW industry, commerce, government and academia by providing managed co-location services and operating supercomputers in its secure data centre at the Australian Technology Park at Redfern. Information on **ac3** can be obtained at www.ac3.com.au

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