

Honorary Awards

Richard Ryan AO

Chancellor, I have the honour of presenting to you Richard Ryan AO, who council has determined should be awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Chancellor.

Council has also determined that Richard Ryan should be awarded the title of Honorary Doctor of Letters.

Richard Ryan has been integral to the tertiary education landscape in the NT since the days of Darwin Community College in 1985, and then with the Darwin Institute of Technology, Northern Territory University and Charles Darwin University.

Mr Ryan, a chartered accountant and company director, has steered CDU since its inception in 2003. He had the challenging task of chairing the merger of NTU & Centralia College and bringing Menzies School of Health Research into the fold—work that consumed days and months.

Compounding his challenges were resistance to institutional name changes, the appointment of an interim VC and a new VC and Federal and NT Government requirements, to name but a few. Mr Ryan emerged as Chancellor of CDU, a position which saw him make significant contributions to University life.

Under his tenure, CDU took great strides in research, student enrolments and technology initiatives, progressing from some 9000 student enrolments to more than 21,000. Mr Ryan's recent retirement brings to a close a 24-year association with CDU and its predecessors.

In a distinguished career he has served on a number of government advisory boards, was awarded the Sir John Loewenthal award for his role as president of the National Heart Foundation, and was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003.

Mr Ryan was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1989 for Services to the Community and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1998 for Services to Indigenous People.

Mr Ryan's philanthropic endeavours have been instrumental in the University Foundation raising more than \$15 million. Major projects made possible from Mr Ryan's extensive business connections include the establishment of the University Library and North Flinders International House. He has also made very generous personal financial donations to CDU and to Menzies.

The Ryan Family Prize is an internal annual award that recognises outstanding contributions to Menzies School of Health Research. It is awarded to individuals or groups who go above and beyond and help make Menzies a great place to work or to help Menzies achieve excellence.

Richard Ryan has served as director of a number of public and government boards including the Northern Territory Treasury, The Australian Government Solicitor's Advisory Board and The Adelaide Festival. Richard has certainly been a Chancellor for a new age and his association with tertiary education in the Territory will last far longer than his term in office.

Chancellor

In recognition of his distinguished service to the University through his leadership and membership of key governing bodies, Richard Ryan AO is awarded the title of Honorary Doctor of Letters. And in

recognition of his significant contribution to the advancement of Charles Darwin University in his role as Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor, Richard Ryan AO is awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Chancellor.