

Honorary Awards

Simon Maddocks

Chancellor, I have the honour of presenting to you Professor Simon Maddocks, who Council has determined should be awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor.

Council has also determined that Professor Maddocks should be awarded the honorary title of Doctor of Science.

Professor Maddocks was Charles Darwin University's third Vice-Chancellor; taking on the role in early 2014, a position he held for seven years before leaving us at the end of last year.

Before arriving at CDU, Professor Maddocks established an international reputation in agricultural and biomedical research. He also has extensive leadership experience at senior levels of both academia and government. He was formerly with the Department of Primary Industries & Regions, South Australian Research and Development Institute, most recently as Director Science Partnerships.

Prior to that, Professor Maddocks worked at the University of Adelaide where he was Director of the Roseworthy Campus and Professor of Animal Science. He has also been an elected member of the University of Adelaide Governing Council since 2007.

He was the first non-medical graduate to receive the prestigious Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Medicine in 1987 and has received several other awards for his contributions in the field of reproductive biology.

Professor Maddocks developed close ties to the Northern Territory where he was a member of the Governing Board of the Menzies School of Health Research for almost two decades. He went on to Chair the Board for many years.

This gave Professor Maddocks a solid understanding of the complex and unique challenges faced by the Northern Territory, challenges we still face today. As VC, Professor Maddocks took the opportunity with both hands and guided Charles Darwin University through a rapid period of growth and improved outcomes.

He secured \$225M funding for the CDU City Campus Precinct and implemented a significant restructure to create a leading dual-sector university. This put CDU in a strong position to continue building, growing and improving.

Today, our University continues to forge ahead. Our graduates are rated number one and number two in Australia for starting salaries and employment outcomes, and demand for placement at CDU is up 65% year on year.

We live in uncertain times, but at CDU we face challenges head-on and build on the foundations established by strong leaders such as Professor Simon Maddocks.

Chancellor

In recognition of his contribution to the Menzies School of Health Research, serving as Council member, Deputy Chair and Chair spanning over two decades, Professor Maddocks is awarded the honorary title of Doctor of Science.

And in recognition of his contribution to the ongoing success of CDU during his seven years as Vice Chancellor, Professor Maddocks is awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor.