

CHANCELLOR

I have the honour to present to you Diana Jarvis who Council has determined should be awarded the honorary title of Companion of the University.

Diana Jarvis is a well-known Territorian who, whilst living in Darwin participated in community life to the fullest. Many of us here today will remember Diana from her career working for the University as the Manager of External Relations. Others will remember her as a member and percussion player with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. Others will remember her from her many other community endeavours.

Today we are recognising Diana for her contribution to the advancement of the Charles Darwin University Foundation. The Charles Darwin University Foundation was established in 1993 to enhance the relationship between the University and the wider Northern Territory community.

The Foundation has continued to grow from a small base. For more than a decade Diana worked with and supported the Directors of the Foundation to develop meaningful relationships, expand membership and increase donations. Individual and corporate memberships have more than doubled and the level of donations has increased significantly to where in 2012 over \$4 million was raised.

Diana has assisted with the fostering of valuable and enduring relationships with members of the NT community and the broader diaspora of former Territorians around Australia. As a result of these relationships the Foundation has been able to undertake a number of large projects including the establishment of the Indonesian Garden, support for the CDU Art Gallery and Collection and the very significant University Theatre Redevelopment Project.

Today, the Foundation provides a range of scholarships and prizes to support students and to recognise their academic achievements across a diverse range of activities, which would not have been possible without the fostering of relationships and the commitment of generous donors.

The administrative processes that underpin the operations of the Foundation owe much to Diana's efforts. It is important to formally and appropriately recognise the donations received from individual and corporate supporters of the University. A program of recognition levels has been instituted to ensure that the generous contributions from all donors receives the acknowledgement deserved.

The Foundation that we have today; the generous support it receives from the Northern Territory community; and the benefit it generates for the University community, owes much to the efforts of Diana Jarvis.

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In recognition of her outstanding contribution and dedication to the advancement of the Charles Darwin University Foundation, Chancellor, I present to you for the award of the honorary title of Companion of the University – Diana Jarvis