

CHANCELLOR,

I have the honour to present to you Professor Ian William Chubb AC, who Council has determined should be awarded the Doctor of Letters Honoris Causa.

In a career spanning almost 50 years Professor Ian Chubb has had a long and distinguished record of achievement in higher education. Commencing as a research fellow in 1969 Ian's career has witnessed him being appointed as Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Monash University in 1993, before joining Flinders University as Vice-Chancellor in 1995. For the past 10 years Ian has been the Vice-Chancellor at the Australian National University, Australia's leading university, and following his retirement earlier this year has been appointed the Chief Scientist of Australia.

Professor Chubb has left a leadership legacy not just nationally but internationally. Ian has helped place Australia and Australian universities in a position to take full advantage of the emerging sophisticated academic world that has become ever more borderless and ruthlessly competitive.

Professor Chubb has made a significant contribution to the advancement of this University over a prolonged period. Ian's unwavering support has led to the creation of a close and mutually beneficial collaboration between the Australian National University and Flinders University.

The partnership with the Australian National University has many facets including the long term collaboration with North Australian Research Unit, the establishment of and investment in the North Australian Marine Alliance which includes Australian Institute of Marine Science and the Northern Territory Government in a major project to lift research capacity focussed on the unique challenges of the Arafura and Timor Seas marine environment. The partnership has also resulted in the creation of a joint Doctor of Philosophy program and a range of innovative pathways to enable Northern Territory students to access one of the world's foremost universities.

It was not just at the Australian National University where Professor Chubb actively assisted this University. During his tenure as Vice-Chancellor at Flinders University the seeds were sown for many of the collaborative projects we enjoy today. These include the Greek Language program, the articulation into robotics for our engineering students and the Centre for Remote Health. Possibly the greatest collaborative project to date, and one that will generate significant long-term benefits for the whole Northern Territory community is the development of the joint facilities on this campus for the Northern Territory Medical Program.

We now have the ability to train doctors in the Northern Territory. This is testimony to the long term vision and is a legacy of Professor Chubb.

Professor Chubb is a courageous, often outspoken and highly influential contributor to education, science and research enquiry in Australia. He is a fierce and uncompromising defender of excellence and the highest levels of quality in Australian education and research.

In 2006 he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for service to higher education, including and development policy in the pursuit of advancing the national interest socially, economically, culturally and environmentally and to the facilitation of a knowledge-based economy.

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In recognition of his distinguished service and outstanding contribution to the advancement of higher education and research in Australia, has been awarded by the Council of Charles Darwin University, the degree of Doctor of Letters Honoris Causa – Ian William Chubb.