

CHANCELLOR,

The title of Companion of the University has been established to recognise publicly the achievement of members of the community who have given exceptional support to the continued development of the University.

Chancellor, I have the honour to present to you Richard Ian Kew, who Council has determined should be awarded the honorary title of Companion of the University.

Richard Ian Kew – has been a strong supporter of the University over many years. From 2002 until his retirement in 2007, Ian was a member of the Board of the University Foundation. In 2006 he was appointed acting Chair following the retirement of Brian Martin.

After graduating with an Economics Degree from Monash University, Ian joined Exxon for two years and then joined Shell Australia for a further twenty years prior to joining NT Airports. At Shell Australia, Ian worked in a variety of oil marketing, operations, change management, strategy and special project positions in Hobart, Sydney, Brisbane, Darwin and Melbourne. For the past 10 years Ian has been the Chief Executive Officer of Northern Territory Airports Pty Ltd.

This significant commercial experience allowed Ian to make a important contribution to the University and the Foundation through being able to establish links and build closer relationships with business and industry. Throughout his tenure as a member of the Board, the Foundation continued to grow from strength to strength.

Of particular note throughout his time on the Board was the significant increase in the level of corporate membership and donations. One of the biggest and most memorable gifts to be received by the Foundation was the Komatsu heavy earth moving equipment use for training in the Trades Industry Division. The Foundation today has over 95 corporate and individual scholarships and prizes for students.

CHANCELLOR,

In recognition of his outstanding, long-term contribution to the development and advancement of the University, primarily through his work with the Charles Darwin University Foundation and in fostering community relationships, I present to you for the awarding of the honorary title of Companion of the University – Richard Ian Kew