

Chancellor,

Earl Bruster Macdonald James AM is a surveyor, having started with the Northern Territory Administration Land and Survey Branch as a cadet in 1952. Over the next 50 years he went on to become one of the most prominent surveyors in the Northern Territory working on some of the most iconic projects of the time.

His professional life demonstrates a total dedication to the discipline of surveying and mapping particularly in the area of urban and rural land development. He was first a Councillor with the Institution of Surveyors in 1974 later becoming President in 1978. In 1988 he was appointed Vice-President of the International Federation of Surveyors and in 1992 he was elected President. At the same time he was a member of the International Union of Surveyors and Mapping becoming President of this body in 1994. In 1997 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Surveyors, Australia and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Australian Planning Institute. Earl retired from professional life in 1998.

Earl has also served as a member of the Darwin Planning Authority from 1984 to 1986 and was the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Authority for the Northern Territory from 1988 to 1994. He was also appointed by the Northern Territory government to chair the committee of review into the Planning Act, the Electoral Distribution Committee and the NT Place Names Committee.

As with his professional life Earl's private life shows an extensive involvement in community service. He has been a member of Apex, being elected the Governor for the local district in 1969. He is also a long standing member of Rotary. From 1982 to 1986 he was a Darwin City Council Alderman. In 2002 Earl was the Vice-President of the Northern Territorians for Statehood Association. Earl was also the Honorary Consul for Finland in the Northern Territory from 1990 to 2001, and for this service he was appointed a Knight First Class in the Order of the Finnish Lion.

Wendy May James OAM, whilst not born in the Northern Territory has lived here since 1937. Throughout this time she has experienced many the highs and many of the darkest days in the history of the Northern Territory. So much of her time throughout her life has been devoted to the advancement of women's interests.

Wendy was a Foundation member of the Penguin Club of Australia when it was formed in Darwin in 1963. The Penguin Club provides training in public speaking and meeting procedure for women. Many

young women have passed through this club and developed self-confidence and life skills that have enabled them to achieve much more than they otherwise may have without the support of the Club.

Wendy was from 1983 to 1985 the inaugural convenor of the Northern Territory's Women's Advisory Council. A position she was appointed to the then Chief Minister. Concurrently she was a member of the National Women's Consultative Council. From 1991 to 1995 she was the convenor of the United Nations Australia Association Northern Territory Status of Women Committee. Wendy was also the Vice-President of the YWCA from 1983 to 1984.

From 1986 to 1988 Wendy was a member of the Northern Territory's Bicentennial Committee and was the convenor of the "NT women's project 48 to 88" which produced a register of notable women, their lives and achievements In preparation for the 1988 Bicentennial celebrations.

Member of the NT Bicentennial Committee for the period 1986 to 1988 and was convenor of the committee for the Bicentennial "NT Women's Project 48 to 88" which produced the Northern Territory Women's Register, a register of notable women who lived in the Territory from 1948 to 1988 and highlighted their lives and achievements.

There have also been many other community service activities including membership of the NT Cancer Council, NT Legal Aid Commission, Women in Politics. Then there is involvement in the Bridge club, book club, embroidery club and Stingray swimming club.

Latterly as a member of the Order of Australia Association here in the Northern Territory she acted as a mentor to the first CDU recipient of the Association's scholarship. This year she was also chairman of the organising committee for the annual national conference which was held in Darwin.

Together, Earl and Wendy are keen exponents of the preservation of the Northern Territory's culture and history with both being long standing members and supporters of the Northern Territory Historical Society and the Museum and Art Gallery, NT. In fact Earl was a foundation member of the Historical Society when it was formed in 1964 and has held various board positions since that time. Both have served on the Board of Directors of the Museums and Art Gallery Foundation. Many members of the community have travelled with them on the safaris around the Top End to places of historical interest.

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Both Earl and Wendy have been individually recognised for their contributions to the Northern Territory community.

In 1994 Earl was appointed to be a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for services to Local Government and the Profession of Surveying.

Wendy in 1998 was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the community through the promotion of women's issues in the Northern Territory. Also in the same year she was awarded by the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory the Women's Achievement Award for her outstanding contribution to the Northern Territory.

Chancellor,

In recognition of their outstanding contribution and dedication to community service in the Northern Territory, I present to you for the award of the honorary title of *Companion of the University* Earl Bruster Macdonald James AM and Wendy May James OAM.