

## **CITATION**

### **Award of the Degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* Professor John Hay, AC**

Chancellor,

Professor John Hay, AC, holds degrees in English Literature from the University of Western Australia and Cambridge University, where he held a Hackett Research Scholarship.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, the Australian College of Educators and the Australian Institute of Management and has been invested as National Living Pedagogue by the Swedish Academy for Higher Education.

He held the position of Chair of English and Head of the Department in the University of Western Australia, where he was also Deputy Chair of the Academic Board. He taught and researched Australian, English and French literature, bibliography and English in secondary education.

At Monash University, he was Dean of Arts and Chair of the National Key Centre for Australian Studies and was then appointed Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

In 1992, Professor Hay was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of Deakin University in Victoria and took up his current position of Vice-Chancellor and President of The University of Queensland on January 1, 1996.

Under his leadership, both Deakin University and The University of Queensland were named Australia's Universities of the Year by the *Good Universities Guide*.

The University of Queensland has advanced to second or third position nationally for total competitive research funding and has become Australia's most successful university in winning and being short-listed for national university teaching awards.

Professor Hay has led the development of a nationally unprecedented series of research institutes and centres at UQ with funding in excess of \$700 million, and has forged close bonds with both state and federal governments as well as private benefactors such as The Atlantic Philanthropies.

He also established the new UQ Art Gallery in the re-designed James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre and Australia's first national collection of artists' self-

portraits. He was instrumental in the creation of the nation's first self-portrait prize in 2007, worth \$40,000, and to be awarded every second year.

In 2002, Professor Hay was appointed by the Federal Minister for Education to the Higher Education Review Reference Group.

He chaired the body representing Australia's leading research-intensive universities, the Group of Eight, from January 2002 to May 2003, and *Universitas 21*, a consortium of comprehensive, research-intensive international universities. He is currently Chair of the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education.

In 2003, he was awarded a Centenary Medal for contributions to Australian higher education and in 2007, was announced as a "Queensland Great" by then State Premier, Peter Beattie, in recognition of his lifetime achievements in the history and development of the "Smart State".

In January 2004, Professor Hay was made a Companion in the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours list.

He is general editor of *The Bibliography of Australian Literature* – a milestone in literary studies scholarship. Once completed in 2008, the five-volume Bibliography will contain details of more than 40,000 works and 12,000 authors.

Chancellor, in recognition of his distinguished career, contribution to the University and outstanding leadership in the Australian higher education sector, I present to you Professor John Hay, AC, Bachelor of Arts with Honours from The University of Western Australia and Cambridge University, Master of Arts from Cambridge University, PhD from the University of Western Australia, Honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Western Australia, Honorary Doctor of Letters from Deakin University and Honorary Doctor of the University from Queensland University of Technology for the award of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* to which he has been admitted by the Senate of the University.