

## **CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY**

This award recognises staff and alumni of the University whose contributions to the economic, cultural, scientific or social development of Australia or the international community have demonstrated distinguished service of a high degree.

### **Professor Stephen Buckman**

Stephen Buckman is widely recognized as one of the most productive and committed world-class physicists of his generation in Australia. He is a Professor and former Head of the Atomic and Molecular Physics Department of the Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering. He is now the Research Director and prime mover behind the ANU's newly established ARC Centre of Excellence for Antimatter-Matter Studies.

His international standing as a scientist is evidenced by election as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Physics, the American Physical Society and the UK Institute of Physics.

Professor Buckman's achievements have contributed enormously to the ANU being recognized as a world-class centre for research in Atomic and Molecular Physics. In 2004, under Professor Buckman's leadership and with his external funding (principally from ARC grants) the ANU established the National Positron Beamline Facility.

From 2001 to 2005 Professor Buckman was also the Associate Director of RSPHysSE. He was a key member of the School's strategic planning and decision-making team during a time when the School's income and size almost doubled and external income surpassed the traditional recurrent funding.

As well as a brilliant academic, Professor Buckman is also a renowned academic leader and institution builder and is known for his insightful analyses, effective management style and decision-making capabilities. His mentorship skills and ability to identify and nurture talented early career researchers and technical staff has also been immensely valuable to his research group.

This Award is in recognition of Professor Buckman's outstanding record of research achievement and research leadership, and his distinguished service to global science and to the University.

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