

## **PETER BAUME AWARD**

The Peter Baume Award is the University's highest award for exceptional staff members and Alumni of the University whose contributions to the economic, cultural, scientific or social development of Australia or the international community has demonstrated distinguished service of the highest degree.

### **Prof Andrew Cockburn**

Andrew Cockburn is Professor of Evolutionary Ecology and Head of the School of Botany and Zoology. A member of staff since 1984, Professor Cockburn has served with distinction in teaching, research and leadership.

Professor Cockburn is a former Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Head of the Division of Botany and Zoology. He has always taken an active role in the many aspects of University life, including serving on a wide range of committees and working parties. He has also served with great distinction on editorial boards of international journals, as convenor of international symposia, as a member of advisory committees and disciplinary panels of the Australian Research Council and chair of national committees of the Australian Academy of Science.

He has been a dominant and driving force in the teaching of undergraduate Biology at the ANU and an exceptional researcher in a diverse range of areas. He is extremely dedicated to his students and staff, promoting and developing the careers of all whom he has supervised and mentored.

Professor Cockburn's research is characterized by meticulous and innovative observation, combined with the latest in molecular biology and mathematical modelling. He has received many honours and awards for the outstanding quality of his research. He was elected to Fellowship of the Australian Academy of Science in 2001 and received the Centenary Medal of the Australian Government in 2003. Professor Cockburn has also been extremely successful in attracting grant funding for his research, most recently winning a rare \$950,000 five year Australian Research Council Discovery Grant.

This Award is in recognition of Professor Cockburn's outstanding contributions to Australian Science, his distinguished leadership and his exceptional contributions to the University.

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