

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.

NB: In 2004, this award was called the Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the University

Mr Malcolm Crompton

Malcolm Crompton graduated from the Australian National University in 1974 with First Class Honours in Science, and in 1983 with a Bachelor of Economics. He started his career as a Research Scientist at the ANU's School of Chemistry, he then joined the Public Service where he worked in the Health, Transport and Finance portfolios. In 1999, Mr Crompton was appointed Australia's third Federal Privacy Commissioner, a position he held until April this year.

As Privacy Commissioner, Malcolm Crompton led the implementation of new privacy law that covered the private sector in Australia. He led the important campaign to overcome the use of high technology programs to commit identity fraud and introduced many innovations to enhance both the culture and operation of privacy protection processes within the private and public sectors. He also enhanced the processes by which complaints could be dealt with, and introduced transparent processes and accountabilities in respect of privacy within the Federal jurisdiction.

Malcolm Crompton was instrumental in redefining the Commission's Mission as 'Promoting an Australian culture that respects privacy' and ensuring its delivery. He led major change in the strategic direction of the Commission and established the Office as a separate statutory body.

He also built and maintained strong international relationships, and has earned international recognition as a strategic and conceptual leader in his field. Australia's approach to privacy has earned international praise, and the phrase 'culture of privacy' had been adopted worldwide.

The University presents this award to Malcolm Crompton for his contribution to the implementation of new privacy law in Australia and for the 'promotion of an Australian culture that respects Privacy'.

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