

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

This Award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the life of the campus community. It recognises staff and visiting fellows who have volunteered their time, expertise, skills and knowledge and who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the campus community beyond the normal expectations of their position.

Professor John Richards

Professor Richards is a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, is the Master of both University House and Graduate House and Dean and Director of the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science.

On taking up his post he quickly and effectively implemented a contemporary and open style of governance and management to better meet the needs of the University community. Under his leadership the House has prospered as a commercial enterprise, attracting national and international clients, and is now more generally recognized as the ceremonial, celebratory and social hub of the University.

As Master of both University House and Graduate House he has shown particular concern for the welfare of our postgraduate students and the quality of their life on campus. To this end he was closely involved with improving student services and facilities, and improving student representation on the governing bodies.

Professor Richards is also a Dean of an ANU College and has been overgenerous with his time in assisting the Senior Executive of the University. He has, for example, played a major role in the planning and implementation of the ANU Colleges and is leading the current review of staff structures and career progression.

As Deputy Vice-Chancellor he played a pivotal role at a time of great change for the University – as we met the challenges of engaging more comprehensively with the Research Councils and managed a decline in the so-called 'block' support from the Government in exchange.

His record of service is clearly beyond what is normally expected in one's course of duty and speaks volumes about his dedication to the University.

This Award is in recognition of Professor Richards's outstanding contributions to the life of the campus community.

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