

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 Darrell Tryon

Professor Tryon has worked at the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies since 1967. He has been Deputy Director and Prescribed Authority of RSPAS since 1999. He is the Interim Convenor of the College of Asian and Pacific Studies, the Managing Editor of the ANU-produced journal *Pacific Linguistics*, Chair of the Editorial Board of Management for the ANU's Centre for Contemporary Pacific, and Chair of the Editorial Board for Pandanus Books.

Professor Tryon is an internationally acclaimed linguist who has made contributions to the understanding of Austronesian languages of the Asia-Pacific region. He has received numerous honours and awards for his work including the prestigious Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur in 2004. He was made a Knight of the Legion of Honour for his years of devotion to the French language and culture, especially in Vanuatu and New Caledonia, and for his 'constant efforts in fostering bilateral relations between Australia and France'.

Professor Tryon has been instrumental in establishing research collaborations between the ANU and numerous French and South Pacific institutions, attracting funding from the French Ministries of Culture and of Defence and from the Australian Research Council.

Professor Tryon is an exemplary ambassador for Asia Pacific studies within Australia and internationally. He is a highly deserving recipient of this Award.

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