

IAN FRANCIS GRIGG

CITATION FOR AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr Chancellor, it is my privilege to present to you for a degree of the University, Ian Francis Grigg.

Ian Grigg has made significant contributions to the work, reputation and standing of the University through his service at the highest level to Council and Finance Committee, his success as the Chair of The ANU Endowment for Excellence and his sustained interest in the welfare of the University.

Ian Grigg was a Commonwealth Government appointed member of Council and a member of Finance Committee continuously from 1988 to 2004, a period of dedicated service matched by few others. He was appointed by successive Federal Ministers for Education from both political parties because of the high regard with which he was held by those Governments. He was Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister from 1970 to 1972, and served under four Prime Ministers during his many years of service to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

He was appointed as the Prime Minister's Special Automotive Envoy in 1997 to assist in implementing the Government's trade strategy for the automotive industry.

After leaving government service, he was Chief Executive of the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries and, since 2000, he has been a Senior Advisor to the Board of Directors of Toyota Motor Corporation of Australia. He was also a member of the Immigration Review Tribunal and chaired the National Customs Audit Reform Committee.

His contributions to The Australian National University over the past 20 years – all in an honorary capacity – have been no less significant. Apart from Council and Finance Committee, he has served on many special bodies including the Honorary Degrees Committee, the Review Committee for the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, subcommittees of the Finance Committee, and the Committee to select the Chancellor.

When the University established its Endowment for Excellence in 1997 it chose Ian Grigg as its inaugural Chair, a position he occupied continuously until stepping down at the end of 2008. Under his stewardship, the Endowment has grown from a tiny beginning to the stage where it has now received bequests and gifts to the level of about \$128 million. Ian Grigg has driven the expansion and diversification of the Endowment to provide scholarships to students who would otherwise find attendance of the ANU difficult, and to assist in the establishment of key academic posts.

When he completed his term on Council, he was keen to make further high level contributions to the well-being of the University so I had pleasure in appointing him to the Board of Fellows of University House, to which he brings the benefit of his considerable experience in University governance and in the public and private sectors.

Ian Grigg was instrumental in securing Toyota's sponsorship for the ANU's prestigious Toyota ANU Lecture Series. He was a member of ANU's first graduating class in 1961 and was coach of ANU's first AFL premiership side in the ACTAFL competition in 1962!

Mr Chancellor, it is with great pleasure that I present Ian Francis Grigg, that you may confer on him the degree of Doctor of the University, *honoris causa*, on the ground of outstanding service to the University.

Professor Ian Chubb AC
Vice-Chancellor
The Australian National University
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