



## **Citation for the Award of Doctor of the University (DUniv) *honoris causa***

### **Mr Richard Fejo**

Richard Fejo leads with humility, integrity and wisdom.

He is a Larrakia man of direct male descent in what Aboriginal culture calls grandfather's law and has dedicated his life to cross-cultural education and improvement of outcomes for Aboriginal people.

He has served as Senior Elder on Campus with Flinders University since 2020. Prior to this he was the Senior Cultural Educator at Northern Territory General Practice Education for eleven years and has co-chaired the Australian National Cultural Educator / Cultural Mentor Network for five years. He has worked for twenty-five years across Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory for the well-being of Aboriginal people.

Uncle Richie, as he is known to many, has played a pivotal role in educating medical professionals in the Northern Territory Medical Program and other health training programs about culture and the importance of understanding and committing to holistic solutions for health.

He was Chairman of the Larrakia Aboriginal Corporation for four years before becoming the Chairman of the Darwin Waterfront Corporation. Throughout this he also sits on the City of Darwin International Relations Committee and has recently been appointed Chair of the Australia Day Council Northern Territory.

He has played a key role in the University's Reconciliation Action Plan and in advising and supporting the Poche SA+NT team in developing improved links and profile with Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander communities. He has been a powerful advocate for Flinders University, its students and partners in the Northern Territory.

He has already made a substantial contribution to the knowledge and capacity of Flinders University and in so doing, has strengthened the linkages between the University and Aboriginal communities.

**In doing so, Uncle Richie has set an example of leadership within the University, seeking to serve others, facilitate engagement and provide spaces for diverse voices and is an extremely worthy recipient of an Honorary Award of a Doctor of the University.**

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