

# FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

## COMPANION OF THE UNIVERSITY

### MR ANDREW MCHUGH

Mr Andrew McHugh has been a member of the University community since 1972 and over this time has shown a strong commitment to the values and ideals of the University as embodied in *Flinders Strategic Priorities and Future Directions*. In particular, Mr McHugh has:

- contributed to the spirit of participatory governance and effective and responsible leadership within the student organisations;
- fostered a sense of community characterised by a regard for the well being of students and staff;
- demonstrated a commitment to equity, diversity and cultural inclusivity;
- sought out, listened to, taken seriously and met wherever possible, the needs of the multiple external communities (in particular students) that have expectations of universities generally and of Flinders in particular.

During his 35 years at the University Mr McHugh has been both a student as well as an employee of the University's student organisations. Over this time Mr McHugh has made an enormous contribution to the campus life of the University and has worked tirelessly to further the interests of the student community.

While Mr McHugh has held a number of formal positions within the student organisations over the years his role as Chair of the Student Organisations Committee, a position which he has held since the mid 1990s, has been of particular importance. Whilst this Committee has taken on a number of roles over the years its major responsibility has been to ensure the prudent allocation of funds to the student organisations from the student services fee.

In 2005 and the first half of 2006 this Committee played an instrumental role in the smooth transition from six student organisations to a single student organisation - the recently established Flinders Campus Community Services Inc. Mr McHugh's leadership, hard work and moderating influence during this challenging period contributed greatly to the successful establishment of Flinders Campus Community Services which will allow the continued delivery of important services to students at Flinders University.

In addition, Mr McHugh was a member of the Flinders University Union Board between 1978 and 1997, assuming the position of Chair between 1987 and 1989, and Chair of the Flinders University Union Finance Committee between 1980 and 1997. His positive contribution to these Committees in ensuring the effective delivery of crucial student services has helped shape the University's reputation as a good place to study and work.

The Council is honoured to award the Companion of the University to Mr McHugh.