

## Citation for Honorary Doctorate of Laws

### Mr Ian Andrew Renard

This award is being made in celebration of the outstanding contribution that Mr Ian Andrew Renard has made to the University of Melbourne and the legal, business and charitable communities of Melbourne, over a professional career spanning more than 35 years. Over this period Ian has demonstrated a capacity and willingness to take on a most heavy workload, yet the quality of his work has never been compromised. A commitment to good governance has been the outstanding feature of Ian Renard's term of office as Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. He has earned the respect of his peers and colleagues for the manner in which he dedicates himself to the tasks at hand.

Ian was born in Melbourne and educated at Scotch College and the University of Melbourne, where he was an undergraduate resident of Ormond College and, later, a resident tutor in Law at both Ormond College and Newman College. He graduated in Arts and Law in 1969, when he shared the Supreme Court Prize, and later obtained a Master of Laws in 1972. As a student, he was active in student affairs and served as Clubs and Societies Officer and as Chair of the Union Council. In 1970 and 1971, Ian was a Research Fellow in the Faculty of Law and he has been a Member of the Faculty of Law Graduate Studies Advisory Board and the Advisory Board of the Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation. From 1990 to 1998 he taught part-time in the University's Master of Laws program. He co-authored the legal text *Takeovers and Reconstructions in Australia*, and has published widely in a number of professional journals.

A prominent member of Melbourne's legal profession, Ian practised commercial law as a partner at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks from 1979 to March 2001, serving as managing partner from 1989 to 1991. Following his resignation in 2001, he became a consultant with Allens Arthur Robinson.

Ian is currently a director of three significant Australian companies – CSL Limited, SP Ausnet Group and Hillview Quarries Pty Ltd, and a former director of a number of Australian public companies.

Ian was first elected to the University of Melbourne Council in 1994 as a representative of the graduates, and later served as one of six members appointed by the Council. In January 2001 he was elected Deputy Chancellor and, in January 2005, Chancellor. During the four years Ian served as Chancellor, the University Council debated and adopted significant changes, including approval of a new strategic direction for the University – *Growing Esteem* – along with the detailed planning necessary for the successful introduction, in 2008, of the *Melbourne Model*, a far-reaching reform which marked a new national benchmark in higher education. His leadership has been important as the University considered its core purpose, seeking new ways to realise long-standing objectives

Ian is currently chair of the Council's Remuneration and Employment Conditions, Honours and Nomination & Governance Committees. He also chairs the *Universitas 21* Due Diligence and Student Systems Due Diligence Committees, and has served as Deputy Chair of the University's Finance Committee and Chair of Subsidiaries Committee. As chair of the VCA Integration Committee established during 2007, Ian has provided insightful leadership and oversight. As a former board member and chairman of the Melbourne Theatre Company from 2001 to 2005, Ian has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Company's most ambitious development since it was founded – relocation to the new MTC Theatre complex at Southbank at the end of this year. The MTC owes much to Ian's efforts on its behalf.

As Chancellor, Ian has given unsparingly of his time to the University's work with its alumni and donors, both in Australia and abroad. He has travelled to host alumni reunions in Hong Kong and Singapore, hosted functions for the Chancellor's Circle of major donors, championed the conservation and care of the University's cultural collections and has, himself, been a major donor and supporter.

Ian has a distinguished record of community service. He is a member of the Collections Committee of the State Library of Victoria and is chairman of the R E Ross Trust and the Queen's Trust, both public charitable trusts. Past community activities have included serving as President of the Library Board of Victoria, as Treasurer of the Free Kindergarten Association and as a member of the Board of Management of the Royal Children's Hospital. In 2003 he was awarded the prestigious Redmond Barry Award by the Australian Library and Information Association.

This Honorary Doctorate of Laws (*honoris causa*) is a fitting recognition for the exceptional service which Mr Ian Andrew Renard has given to the University of Melbourne, both as a long serving Council member and more recently as Chancellor, as well as to the wider legal, business and charitable communities of Melbourne, during a very successful and notable professional career.