

Professor Daryl Le Grew Citation

Professor Le Grew is an internationally recognised researcher, architect and higher education leader, who has enjoyed a distinguished career in the tertiary education sector intertwined with architectural research and practice. He has consulted extensively in the fields of university and campus futures, urban architecture and creative thinking and has made an extraordinary contribution to the transformation of higher education and public architecture in Australia.

An alumnus of the University of Melbourne, Professor Le Grew graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1967 and a Master of Architecture in 1971. He subsequently taught and researched at Melbourne, before being appointed to Deakin University in 1986. Professor Le Grew quickly progressed through the academic ranks at Deakin, holding the positions of Dean of the Faculty of Architecture (1987 – 1992), Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (1992 – 1994), Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President (Academic) (1995 – 1998), Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research) (1996) and Acting Vice-Chancellor (1996). Following this he relocated to New Zealand to assume the role of Vice-Chancellor at the University of Canterbury, and under his tenure from 1998 until 2002 oversaw substantial change and modernisation of the institution, including a significant boost to its international recruitment.

Professor Le Grew returned to Australia in January 2003 as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania and over the next eight years worked tirelessly to increase participation in tertiary education in Tasmania and to improve the University's performance and reputation as a research and teaching institution. Chancellor of the University from 2006 until 2012, Damian Bugg AM QC, notes that under Professor Le Grew's leadership the institution grew significantly in size and confidence, driven by his desire to see it excel by pitching to its strengths and embracing a proactive growth strategy.

Professor Le Grew returned to Melbourne in 2011 and served as a Vice-Chancellor's Professorial Fellow at Monash University and as Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Melbourne. In his role at the University of Melbourne he provided valuable advice to university leadership on campus design and new buildings including the Melbourne School of Design and Arts West, the strategic direction of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, and plans for the rejuvenation of the University's Arts precinct, while engaging regularly with staff and students and participating in public debates in his areas of expertise.

In July 2015, Professor Le Grew was appointed Interim Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, and served in the role until the appointment of the new Dean in November 2016. During this period, he made a valuable contribution to redefining the strategic direction of the Faculty, in particular guiding the introduction of the new Bachelor of Design and transforming the University's approach to teaching in design and related disciplines.

Beyond his institutional roles, Professor Le Grew has held a number of significant public appointments with the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research's Higher Education Research Reference Group, Universities Australia, the Australian Research Council, the National Cultural Heritage Committee and the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. He was made an Honorary Member of CPA Australia in 2009 and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management in 2010.

A registered architect since 1971, he has been an adjudicator and key consultant on major public infrastructure projects including the Melbourne Recital Hall, the Ian Potter Museum at Federation Square, and Christchurch Art Gallery, and was also a Ministerial appointee for the development of

both the National Gallery of Victoria and the Museum of Victoria. Professor Le Grew acted as Architectural Consultant to the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria and to the Director and Council of the Museum of Victoria for the redevelopment of its Carlton Gardens site. He is a Life Fellow of the Museum of Victoria. In conjunction with professional colleagues Professor Le Grew completed a Master Plan for the La Trobe University Library system and new design standards for the university.

On the occasion of his departure from the University of Tasmania in 2010, the late Honourable Peter Underwood AC, then Governor of Tasmania, spoke of Professor Le Grew's visionary approach, infectious enthusiasm and tremendous contribution to tertiary education, research and the economy of the State. This rightly sums up his remarkable leadership and achievements and the significance of his career for education, research and design across Australia.

Professor Le Grew was recognised as an Officer of the Order of Australia (General Division) for services to education, research infrastructure, development and architecture in 2019.