

MS MICHELLE GRATTAN

Citation for the conferral of a Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*)

Michelle Grattan studied politics at the University of Melbourne graduating with a Bachelor of Arts with honours in politics. She was a tutor at Monash University before joining *The Age* newspaper in 1970.

Within a year she was already working in that paper's bureau in the Canberra Press Gallery.

Five years later she was the Chief Political Correspondent for *The Age*, a role she held until 1993. During that time she was awarded the Graham Perkin Award as Australian Journalist of the Year in 1988 for what the judges called her "tireless, tough and fair" coverage of politics.

In 1993, Ms Grattan became Australia's first female editor of a metropolitan daily newspaper when she took the reigns of *The Canberra Times*.

She returned to *The Age* in 1995 as Political Editor.

Ms Grattan joined *The Australian Financial Review* the next year as a columnist and senior writer.

In 1999 she was appointed Chief Political Correspondent for *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Ms Grattan returned to *The Age* as Political Columnist in August 2002, and was appointed Political Editor and Bureau Chief in March 2004.

In 2004, Ms Grattan was made an Officer of an Order of Australia for her services to journalism.

For her work for *The Age* and *ABC Radio*, Ms Grattan secured a prestigious journalism award – a Walkley – for journalistic leadership in 2006.

She is currently political editor of *The Age* and provides political commentary for the ABC's Radio National.

She also has a long-held interest in rural Australia.

She has co-authored, authored and editor publications throughout her career. Her publications include:

- *Managing Government*, which she co-authored with Fred Gruen in 1993
- *Reconciliation*, which she edited in 2000, and
- *Back on the Wool Track*, which was published in 2004

Chancellor, I now present Ms Michelle Grattan AO, the highly acclaimed and well respected Australian journalist for conferral of the award Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*).

Dated this Twenty Second Day of May Two Thousand and Nine