

PROFESSOR BILL GREEN

Citation for the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor

Pro Chancellor, it is a privilege to present to you and to this gathering, for the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor on Bill Green.

The University Council has resolved to confer this title on Professor Bill Green in recognition of his outstanding contribution to rural education and literacy studies.

Professor Bill Green retired from Charles Sturt University on 30 June 2013. He has served the University for 12 years in positions of research and teaching leadership, having previously held distinguished posts at Deakin University, the University of New England and Murdoch University.

Professor Green completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Western Australia. His doctoral qualification was gained from the innovatively interdisciplinary Murdoch University. Building relationships between education and cultural studies, Professor Green became an international expert in literacy and English teaching. Indeed, much of the complexity with which international scholars consider literacy (including information literacy, cultural literacy and media literacy) is derived from Professor Green's research. His goal throughout his career has been to critique the 'deficit' model of literacy, the notion that students and citizens have a 'lack' of literacy that must be 'corrected' by formal educational structures.

Professor Green's professional career has included teaching in country schools in Western Australia. This early 'country service' commenced his long-term interest in rural education. As Professor of Applied Curriculum Studies at the University of New England, his research and teaching included a focus on 'the rural' and rural education.

Professor Green has been an international leader in creating more complex strategies to not only 'manage' rural education but to also ensure that social justice and equality are part of both public and popular discussions. This commitment includes an engagement with indigenous and environmental education, but also a careful understanding of cultural geography and its transformative impact on the often taken-for-granted applications of professionalism, professional practice, regional development and educational change.

Professor Green has achieved much more than the conventional academic pathway to research excellence. He has produced outstanding monographs, book chapters and refereed articles with high citations and influence for generations of scholars. He has attained an array of Australian Research Council grants and diverse funding sources via regional, national and international organisations.

Most importantly, Professor Green is one of the few academics in the world who has built new, fresh and innovative interdisciplinary knowledge. Further, he has created this innovation in two areas: regional education and literacy studies. His commitment to Charles Sturt University continues after his retirement, with books published, ongoing scholarly scholarship and writing, and a continuation of his research around the Murray-Darling Region.

Pro Chancellor, I now present Professor Bill Green, one of Charles Sturt University's most distinguished professors and leader in rural-regional education and literacy studies.

Dated this Nineteenth Day of December Two Thousand and Thirteen