

DR HENRY L GARDINER

Citation for the conferral of a Companion of the University

Deputy Chancellor, it is a privilege to present to you and to this gathering, for the conferral of a Companion of the University, Dr Henry Gardiner.

Dr Henry Gardiner was born in 1934 near Griffith, within the footprint of Charles Sturt University. He was schooled locally at Yoogali Village School and Griffith High School, and undertook his initial tertiary education at the Wagga Teachers College in 1953-1954. His high quality academic performance was recognised and he was awarded the Department of Education university evening studies warrant, a scholarship for continuing studies. Dr Gardiner attended the University of New England achieving Bachelors and Masters degrees, and ultimately his PhD in 1984.

Dr Gardiner was employed by the Department of Education as a teacher from 1955 to 1963, across both primary and secondary schools in remote rural and regional towns and cities of NSW.

Dr Gardiner held a position as a lecturer at the Wagga Teachers College from 1964 to 1969 and then moved to Goulburn Teachers College, remaining with the College as it transitioned to the Goulburn College of Advanced Education in positions as Head of School, Vice-Principal and Principal.

Dr Gardiner returned to the Riverina in 1982, to the Riverina College of Advanced Education and then the Riverina Murray Institute of Higher Education as Assistant Principal then Dean of Studies, including having been the Dean of Murray Campus.

The roles in institutions that grew into Charles Sturt University saw Dr Gardiner appointed as the Dean of Studies for the University from 1989 until his retirement in 1994, thus formally concluding an education career spanning 40 years and all levels of teaching and learning, as a practitioner and administrator. In his contribution to the development of the University, Dr Gardiner served as Academic Senate Deputy Chair. In this role he organised agendas, chaired meetings and contributed to major organisational academic structures, such as the Academic Regulations committee and the Appeals Against Exclusions committee and steered the fledgling university into the concept of cross-campus faculties.

Dr Gardiner was a member of the Vice-Chancellor Selection Committee for the recruitment search and appointment processes for Professor Blake, a member of the Board of Directors for the University Foundation (1995-2012) and President of the Riverina Management Committee for the Foundation (1995-2012).

Dr Gardiner has held multiple governance positions, as Goulburn CAE Board of Governors Member (1973-1981); Goulburn CAE Academic Board Chair (1973-1981); Riverina CAE then Riverina Murray CAE Board of Governors Member (1982-1989) and Chair Academic Board (1982-1989). Dr Gardiner has also committed to supporting the development of education in the region through holding offices related to the professional bodies supporting his profession and other educational providers in the region, particularly as the President of the Teachers College Lecturers' Association (1965-1969); Wagga Teachers College Alumni Association inaugural Secretary (1996), Riverina Institute of TAFE Advisory Committee Member (1997), Kurrajong School Board Chairman (1965-1969) and as the President of the Board of Directors for the Riverina Community College Ltd (1990-2013). Dr Gardiner has also served as the President of the Evening and Community Colleges Association NSW (1996-2000) and Secretary NSW Adult and Community Education Council (1998-2001) and as Phi Delta Kappa local and national President for two terms as well as being a member of the world governing body (1984-1986).

Dr Gardiner has maintained his association with the University, performing the duties of Esquire Bedell at graduation ceremonies from 1995 to the present. Dr Gardiner has strongly supported the development of Charles Sturt University and education in general in this region, and his association with the University continues unabated.

Deputy Chancellor, I believe that Dr Gardiner has demonstrated exceptional dedication to learning and teaching in the region and his commitment to Charles Sturt University makes him a worthy recipient for the Award of Companion of the University.

Dated this Fifteenth Day of December Two Thousand and Fourteen