

PROFESSOR JOY HIGGS AM
Citation for the conferral of
the title of Emeritus Professor

Professor Joy Higgs was recruited to the position of Strategic Research Professor in Professional Practice, Research Institute for Professional Practice, Learning and Education at Charles Sturt University in 2006. She was invited to concurrently take on the position of founding Director of the Education for Practice Institute in recognition of her extensive leadership and expertise in higher education and professional practice, commencing in these positions in 2007 until 2017.

From 2017 to July 2018, Professor Higgs held the position of Professor in Higher Education at Charles Sturt University working with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) in developing quality assurance processes at the University. Professor Higgs was an active contributor to the University for many years as a member of the Physiotherapy External Advisory Committee, graduation speaker, course presenter, and staff appointment panel member, prior to joining the academic staff of the University.

During her time at CSU Professor Higgs has made an outstanding and exemplary contribution to the University and the wider scholarly and professional communities. Her research and scholarship centres have inspired the work of academics across and beyond the University and have prompted other international institutions to establish similar centres. She supervised numerous postgraduate research students, and conducted multiple research projects on professional practice and education. She also produced over 240 publications including 27 books in the past 10 years, adding to her already extensive publication record.

During her tenure as Strategic Research Professor, Professor Higgs was awarded two fellowships, received an Australian Learning and Teaching Council citation and a Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Award for supervision. Professor Higgs' Australian Learning and Teaching Council Fellowship, titled: "Practice-Based Education: Enhancing Practice and Pedagogy" produced a model of Practice-Based Education Pedagogy that laid the foundation for continued pursuit of good Practice-Based Education practices in the University, across Australia and internationally. Professor Higgs has continued working at

a national leadership level in higher education through her participation in the Australian Learning and Teaching Fellows Network, including production of national quality education statements.

Throughout her leadership of the University's Education for Practice Institute, Professor Higgs promoted excellence in higher education, practice-based education and workplace learning across the University and enhanced Charles Sturt University's international reputation through her international research collaboration and networking in the fields of professional practice and practice-based education. In 2015, Professor Higgs was appointed a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK.

Professor Higgs' ongoing generosity and collegiality across her professional practice and academic communities has been a significant feature of her career. This has included extensive support for the career enhancement and advancement of colleagues such as her forty postgraduate research students, many of whom have become senior academics including a pro-vice-chancellor, three Deans, a Deputy Dean, and multiple Heads of School and Institute Directors. Through her leadership in scholarship projects she has invited and enabled others to produce over 1500 publications. Professor Higgs and her team have collaborated with many staff across the University and beyond, including vice-chancellors, and these collaborations have played an important part in strengthening academic scholarship at Charles Sturt University and leadership across international communities of practice.

Since her retirement from the University in July 2018, Professor Higgs' ongoing commitment to Charles Sturt University has been evidenced by her doctoral student supervision, book publications on clinical reasoning, practice futures and employability, research, and community engagement.

Professor Joy Higgs has worked in higher education in Australia and overseas for over 35 years, for the past 25 as a Professor at The University of Sydney and Charles Sturt University. She was recognised for her outstanding academic leadership in 2004 by her appointment to the Order of Australia as a Member of the Order for service to health sciences education, for her contributions to course development, scholarship, research, and academic leadership. Charles Sturt University, other universities where she has been employed, as well as the many institutions where she has held honorary

appointments have significantly benefitted from her expertise, leadership, and generosity.

The University has enormous respect for Professor Higgs' contributions. She has been an outstanding role model as an academic leader and is deserving of the title of Emeritus Professor.

Dated this Tenth Day of December Two Thousand and Eighteen