

**MS FLORENCE GRANT**  
**Citation for the Conferral of**  
**Companion of the University**

Broad minded with an open heart.

We would like to congratulate Aunty Florence Grant, Senior Wiradjuri Elder, on being granted an Order of the Companion of the University.

Aunty Flo has been an inspiration and leader for the Wiradjuri Nation and has been responsible for leading, developing and maintaining a strong and dynamic relationship between the Wiradjuri Nation and Charles Sturt University.

This role has extended far beyond the institutional relationship with the university. Her vision and embodiment of Wiradjuri leadership, and the spirit of Yindyamarra in action, has personally inspired hundreds of people to be the best they can be. This includes Wiradjuri Elders and community, CSU leadership and CSU students. She has challenged our assumptions and helped us to understand and act in a way that models Yindyamarra in our attitudes and ways of working together.

Aunty Flo often talks about *Maldhaany-Gilanha Yindyamarra*, working together with respect. She does not just talk about it. She embodies it in the way she lives and breathes. What becomes clear from knowing Aunty Flo is that education is not just book learning. It is about becoming and carrying experience and a way of knowing in your bones. It is about becoming immersed in cultural values. This becomes a foundation for relationships of mutual respect with others and building a future built on mutual respect.

Talking with Aunty Flo recently it becomes clear that in her humility she is largely unaware of the enormous role she has played in so many of our lives. It would be only fitting that she receives public recognition that in some small way recognises her extraordinary contribution.

Charles Sturt University has enormous respect for Aunty Flo Grant and I am honoured to present her with the University's Order of Companion.

**Dated this Twenty Seventh Day of June Two Thousand and Nineteen**