

## **Award of UCA Life Membership to Professor Trevor Cairney, OAM**

Trevor has been Master and CEO of New College, since 2002, home to 247 undergraduate students at the University of NSW. In recent years he has led the expansion of the College through the creation of the New College Village accommodating 315 postgraduate students from over 50 nations. He is also the Director of the Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education (CASE), which is a Ministry of New College. Trevor has also generously served as Public Officer for University Colleges Australia.

As an academic, Professor Cairney has been a researcher and writer on education, training and regional development. His leadership of New College as well as his current role as Professor of Education at UNSW and previous leadership roles as Pro V-C (Research & Development) and Director of the Centre for Regional Research and Innovation at UWS have led him to an active involvement in the business community. Trevor was first elected as a Director of the NSW State Chamber of Commerce in 1997 and was previously President from 2001 to 2009. This year, Trevor has been appointed President of the NSW Business Chamber and Chair of the Employment, Education & Training Committee at the Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry. In May of this year he was also appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Australian Business Lawyers and Advisors.

The opening of the New College Village in 2009 broke new ground for the University of New South Wales as well as for university residence more generally. As Trevor once noted, many universities around the world attempt to provide designated postgraduate accommodation, however not many universities have seriously given time to community building. The main concern, he noted, was ensuring that the new building facilitated the development of a unique, vibrant community for postgraduate students. Trevor and, indeed, the University have been proud to showcase the Village as a model for postgraduate collegiate life.

In 2012, Trevor was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to education as an academic and administrator, and to business through leadership roles within professional organisations. In 2013 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the University of New South Wales.

Nominated by: Ms Rose Alwyn

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