

Honorary Awards

Stephen Shanahan

Chancellor, I have the honour of presenting to you Dr Stephen Shanahan, who council has determined should be awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor.

Dr Shanahan's primary contributions to the University have been in leadership roles across higher education and vocational education and training.

Dr Shanahan's research has primarily been in the field of applied optics and laser physics, an area in which he has helped to attract almost one million dollars in research funding.

He has worked at the University for more than 30 years; beginning with his appointment as a Lecturer in Physics at the then University College of the Northern Territory. Within a couple of years, he was promoted to the position of Senior Lecturer of Physics and he held the title of Professor in the role of Chair of the Academic Board for four years.

He was Associate Dean of the School of Engineering, Mathematics and Physics and continued in the role for nine years when it became the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and School of Informatics.

This was followed by five years as the Dean of the Faculty of Technology, which included concurrent roles as Head of School of IT, Head of School of Trades, and Acting Executive Director Business Development.

This broad experience led to Dr Shanahan's appointment as General Manager, VET Business Improvements, a role that required financial management for the expanded VET faculty. He also negotiated with the Northern Territory Government for funding, student management, course quality and accreditation.

At the same time Dr Shanahan served as Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor of VET, responsible for the management of staff across the University.

Dr Shanahan then served as Chair of the Academic Board, and Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Engineering Health, Science and the Environment.

This was followed by his most recent leadership position as Pro Vice-Chancellor, Higher Education, which included responsibility for six College Deans of the newly-created Higher-Education Colleges.

Dr Shanahan has Chaired or served on almost every major committee constituted by the University; and has held leadership roles for 26 of his 31 years at CDU.

Chancellor

For his distinguished service to CDU in leadership roles across Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training, Dr Steve Shanahan is awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor.