

CHANCELLOR,

I have the honour to present to you for the award of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, Dr Len Notaras AM.

The award recognises leadership and achievement of Dr Len Notaras, the long-serving Medical Superintendent and General Manager of the Royal Darwin Hospital.

Dr Notaras has diverse career history involving medicine, law enforcement, the military and private enterprise. He has degrees in Medicine, Law and Arts, and Commerce; and Masters in Health Administration. Dr Notaras serves on and has served on numerous health boards and committees at the Territory and national levels. He is committed to greater efficiency in the hospital system, and is a champion of clinical teaching and training for the next generation of doctors.

Commencing as the Medical Superintendent in 1994, under his leadership the Royal Darwin Hospital has come to epitomise the role of Australia in providing health care and services to our region through its activities in caring for victims of the Bali bombing and the Asian tsunami, and its key role on the border against health threats from the north. He has also been responsible for bringing Royal Darwin Hospital up to the Centre of Excellence status.

It was Dr Notaras' work in improving the provision of medical care to residents of the Northern Territory that enabled the Royal Darwin Hospital to receive and evacuate over sixty Bali bombing victims in October 2002.

In 2003 his work in this area was recognised when he was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for service in jointly coordinating the medical assistance provided by the Royal Darwin Hospital to the victims of the bombings which occurred in Bali.

In 2005 the Australian Medical Association recognised Dr Notaras with its prestigious award for the Best Individual Contribution to Healthcare in Australia. The award recognises an individual who has made a major contribution to health care and who is deserving of personal recognition by the Association as a whole.

Dr Notaras has also been a key supporter of Charles Darwin University championing the development of joint appointments in the allied health professions and working with the University to ensure health education and research flourishes here in the Northern Territory.

Dr Notaras has become synonymous with the Royal Darwin Hospital and its key role in national and international crises and in developing high quality medical care to Territorians.

CHANCELLOR,

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of high quality medical care for all Territorians and his work in contributing to the development of health education and research at Charles Darwin University, I present to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa* LEONARD GEORGE NOTARAS