

## **Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service to the Campus Community**

This Award recognises outstanding contributions to the University which enhance the general welfare and life of the campus and benefit the institution as a whole. Staff and visiting fellows who have volunteered their time, expertise, skills and knowledge over several years, and who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the campus community beyond the normal expectations of their position are eligible for the Award.

### **Ms Diane Hutchens**

Countless instances have seen Ms Diane Hutchens extend over and beyond what might reasonably be expected of her duties and responsibilities. As the Administrator for the Postgraduate and Research Students' Association (PARSA), Diane Hutchens has been exemplary in her role and worked successfully with numerous Postgraduate Representative Councils for the past 23 years, working diligently to execute complex administrative tasks that are the purview of a student organisation.

Ms Hutchens' ability to instill confidence and build morale has helped her create strong, supportive networks across ANU have been essential to PARSA's success and future activities. The achievements of PARSA's representatives in advocating for the postgraduate community is largely due in part to her extensive knowledge and willingness, particularly in the early years of the organisation when she was the only full time staff member of PARSA, which required of her exceptional flexibility and dedication. Throughout the annual change of PARSA leadership, Ms Hutchens has provided invaluable continuity and stability, while also serving as a living database of institutional knowledge.

Ms Hutchens is overwhelmingly respected by colleagues, students and staff both past and present who regard her as an outstanding example of dedication, respect, honesty and integrity. Diane's ability to establish and maintain connections with a vast group of people highlights her greatest contribution to the campus community; imparting a sense of belonging. Ms Hutchens continued dedication to maintaining relationships with staff and students has contributed greatly to developing the alumni relations of the University.

Ms Diane Hutchens is awarded the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service to Campus Community in recognition of her extensive contribution to the advocacy of postgraduate students and enhancing the general welfare and life at ANU.

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