

CITATION – Professor Andrew Cockburn, ANU College of Medicine, Biology & Environment

The Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Contribution to the University is awarded for eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree.

Professor Andrew Cockburn has worked at ANU for 30 years, since arriving in 1983 as a Queen Elizabeth II Fellow. In 1990 he became the first Professor of the School of Botany and Zoology, and was Head of that department for a total of 13 years, with a one-year interruption as Dean of the then Faculty of Science. Andrew was also one of the first two academics from the Faculties at ANU to be appointed to a Level E2 Professorship. Professor Cockburn's awards include the Gottschalk Medal of the Australian Academy of Science, the Edgeworth David Medal of the Royal Society of NSW, the Serventy Medal of the Royal Australian Ornithologists Union, the Troughton Medal of the Australian Mammal Society, and a Centenary Medal from the Australian Government. He is a Fellow of the Australian Mammal Society and the Australian Academy of Science, and was one of the first winners of the Peter Baume Award, the most prestigious staff award of the university.

In addition to his core administrative commitments, Professor Cockburn has served on numerous Committees convened by the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Board of the Faculties including the VC's Working Party on Research Management in the Faculties, University Research Committee, Promotions Committee and Advisor on Research Integrity. He has also represented the University on external electoral and promotion committees, including University of Sydney, James Cook University and LaTrobe University.

Alongside his formidable administrative service record, Professor Cockburn has maintained an active research agenda, thereby simultaneously contributing to the research standing of the University. He has a distinguished record in research training, having supervised over 40 doctoral students, including 24 as Chair of the Supervisory panel, and also trained a large number of postdoctoral fellows, including holders of 12 ARC Fellowships. Andrew has supervised 33 Honours students, 26 of which have gained First Class degrees and 21 of which have gone on to study for higher degrees. He has been heavily involved in all aspects of undergraduate teaching, and continues to start the teaching in first year biology. Professor Cockburn's undergraduate textbook *An Introduction to Evolutionary Ecology* was adopted in at least 10 countries and also translated into German. His service to the discipline includes numerous editorships, and his current position is with the ERA A* ranked Proceedings of the Royal Society, London, membership of ARC and RQF panels, organisation of international congresses, and presidency of two national scientific societies. And, Andrew has led a number of reviews of academic centres and departments, in both Australia and overseas.

Professor Cockburn has been Director of the College of Medicine, Biology & Environment since June 2009 and has successfully led the College's transition from an awkward new entity to a thriving center of both research and teaching excellence.

There could be no more deserving recipient of this Chancellor's award than Andrew Cockburn.