Professor Geoff Dromey (1946-2009)

Geoff Dromey joined Griffith University in 1986 as the Foundation Chair Professor of Computing and Information Studies. His leadership in those early years at Griffith was instrumental in laying the foundations for a number of successful programs including one of the first of two Bachelor of Software Engineering degrees in Australia in the early 1990s, and the nation's first Bachelor of Multimedia degree in the mid-to-late 1990s. As Foundation Professor, he created a School that is today among the largest and most diverse of its kind in the nation.

Professor Dromey also set the stage for a strong research culture within the School where he was founder and Director of the Software Quality Institute, established in 1991. From early in his career, he was always passionate about research. In the 1970s he made a significant contribution in the area of software product quality through development of empirical and formal models. This work included a number of original contributions where Professor Dromey applied computer methods to chemistry and medicine.

This resulted in the development of automated technology in medicine and a variety of other applications. He also made pioneering contributions in computer science, specifically in the areas of formal methods, software engineering and software quality.

In his service to the University for over twenty years, Professor Dromey provided outstanding leadership and was an inspirational force for many generations of students and staff. Through his scholarship and research, he established Griffith as an internationally recognised centre of excellence in the field of Software Engineering.

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