



The Hon Ms Leneen Forde AC DUniv

The Honourable Ms Leneen Forde AC was elected as the University's fourth Chancellor in June 2000. She was the first female Chancellor of the University and the University's longest serving Chancellor having served in the role for fifteen years.

Over this time, Ms Forde provided outstanding leadership and guidance to Council and to University management in developing the University's strategic direction and ensuring good governance. During her term as Chancellor, the University experienced a period of tremendous growth and expansion and enhanced its world-class reputation for undertaking high quality teaching and research.

Ms Forde was tireless in her service to and promotion of the University throughout her tenure. In addition to chairing the Griffith University Council, she also served on a range of key University committees, officiated at numerous graduation ceremonies in Australia and overseas, and was a wonderful ambassador for the University at local, national and international events.

Outside the University, Ms Forde was a leading figure in the community. Following a distinguished legal career, she was appointed the 22nd

Governor of Queensland in 1992 – the first ever woman to be appointed to this role in Queensland. During her five years as Governor, she travelled the State extensively to meet ordinary Queenslanders and to discuss and understand community issues. She also made a significant contribution to the reform agenda in this State through her role as Chair of the Commission of Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions.

Ms Forde's outstanding service to the community has been extensively recognised. In 1991 she was named Queenslander of the Year; in 1993 she was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia 'in recognition of service to the law, to improving the status of women and to economic and business development'; in 2002 the University conferred upon Ms Forde the award of Doctor of the University; she was a recipient of a Centenary Medal in 2003; and in 2007 she was the recipient of a Queensland Greats award.

Griffith University is indebted to Ms Forde for her extraordinary contributions as Chancellor. Her hard work, dedication and commitment have been instrumental to Griffith's development and ongoing success.