



Professor Emeritus Gus Guthrie AM DUniv Foundation Chair, School of Science

Professor Gus Guthrie was one of four scholars chosen to be the Foundation Professors of the University. As Chair of the School of Science from April 1973, he was responsible for the development and growth of a new School. He immediately began to assemble a team of young and talented scholars to define and shape the School's objectives.

The School of Science quickly established a national reputation as an innovator in university teaching and research. The outstanding performance of staff in attracting competitively awarded funds and the success of staff and students in achieving prizes and awards were a testament to Professor Guthrie's leadership qualities.

After completing his term as Foundation Chair, Professor Guthrie was appointed as Griffith's first Pro Vice Chancellor

in 1980. In this role he made major contributions to improving systems of general governance and administration, especially in respect of policies and procedures relating to staffing matters. In 1982, he was named Griffith's first Professor Emeritus in recognition of his distinguished contribution to scholarship and to the service of the University community. After leaving Griffith Professor Guthrie went on to become President of the then New South Wales Institute of Technology (UTS). Professor Guthrie was then appointed Vice Chancellor of UTS until 1996.

Professor Guthrie will be remembered for his substantial and enduring contributions to the development of Griffith in the 1970s, particularly the establishment of the School of Science.