



The Honourable John Macrossan AC DUniv Griffith's Third Chancellor

The Honourable John Macrossan, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland from 1989-1998, was elected as Griffith's third Chancellor in 1988.

His 12 year period of service as Chancellor saw the emergence of Griffith as a major university within the Australian higher education system. He assumed the office of Chancellor at a crucial time in the development of the University, following the publication of the Green Paper and White Paper on higher education by the (then) Federal Minister, John Dawkins. The University was at a crossroad and decisions taken by the Council about amalgamations with other institutions would shape the University for decades into the future.

The Honourable John Macrossan presided at the Council meetings which resolved on amalgamations with four other higher education institutions (the Mt Gravatt campus of the Brisbane CAE, the Gold Coast CAE, the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, and the Queensland College of Art). Overall, the process involved a rapid and revolutionary change for Griffith from a single campus University into a broadly based multi-campus University with an enviable national and international reputation.

The successful development of Griffith in the 1990s owes much to the contributions, commitment and leadership of the Honourable John Macrossan during this period.