
Chancellor, I have the honour to present to you **John Charles Plimsoll Horswell**, who Council has determined should be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

John Horswell has dedicated his life to the study and development of Forensic Science in Australia. In 1973 he moved to Darwin from Sydney's inner western suburbs and served as a member of the Northern Territory Police Force for 16 years.

It was during this time that John's relationship with the University began, when it was still known as the Darwin Community College. John undertook the creation and development of the first certificate in Forensic Science. Although other courses touched on the subject matter this was the first tertiary education course designated to Forensic Science and was a turning point for forensic programs in Australia.

In 1985, following his lengthy service to the Northern Territory Police Force, John received multiple scholarships including the Northern Territory University Planning Authority Grant and the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Award to study for a Master of Science in Forensic Science at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

After completing his master's John returned to Australia and became a member of the Australian Federal Police Force (AFP) in the Forensic Services Division during 1989.

In 1990 John worked in conjunction with the AFP and the Canberra Institute of Technology to implement a Forensic Science Diploma program across Australia. John was an integral part of developing the curriculum, delivery strategies and study material. This course was the first forensic science program offered throughout Australia.

John is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Approved Group International and lives in Malaysia. He has been published widely in Forensic Science literature and has received numerous awards and accolades for his contribution to the industry both in Australia and internationally.

Chancellor,

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of tertiary education in the Northern Territory in the field of Forensic Science, Charles Darwin University Council awards John Charles Plimsoll Horswell the title Honorary Doctor of Science.
