

Chancellor, I have the pleasure of presenting **Kenneth William Suter**, who has been awarded the honorary title of Companion of the University.

Mr Suter is currently the Special Projects Manager at Charles Darwin University and has been with the University for over 18 years in a range of roles.

Mr Suter previously spent 33 years working in the commercial banking industry in various senior executive roles across Australia and internationally before joining CDU as Chief Financial Officer in 2004.

As Chief Financial Officer, Mr Suter was instrumental in changing the direction of CDU's finances and was responsible for setting up several key financial systems.

In 2009 Mr Suter handed over the Chief Financial Officer role to focus on Major Projects for the University. During his time at CDU, Mr Suter has overseen the development of several key projects. These include the Orange 12 Chancellory building, a three-storeyed administrative complex which was awarded top honours by the Australian Institute of Architects in 2010.

Mr Suter also oversaw the establishment of the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Education, and managed the design and construction for the Northern Australia Centre for Oil and Gas, CDU's Waterfront Campus and the Trades Training Facility.

In 2021, Mr Suter was honoured with an NT Architecture Presidents Award – for significant contributions to the Northern Territory Architecture.

In addition to his work at CDU, Mr Suter has several other long standing relationships with significant Northern Territory organisations including the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Chancellor,

In recognition of his outstanding contribution and dedication to the advancement of Charles Darwin University and its campuses over the last 18 years, Charles Darwin University council awards Kenneth William Suter the title of Companion of the University.
