

MR JOHN CYRIL JAMES MATTHEWS

Citation for conferral of a Doctor of Health Studies (*honoris causa*)

The Board of Governors of Charles Sturt University wishes to confer the award of Doctor of Health Studies (*honoris causa*) on John Cyril James Matthews for his contribution to the economic, civic and educational development of the City of Bathurst.

John Matthews was born in Sydney in February 1928 and accompanied his parents to Bathurst when he was 11 years old. He was educated at St Stanislaus College in Bathurst before proceeding to the University of Sydney where he graduated in Pharmacy.

For many years John Matthews conducted his own pharmacy practice in Bathurst and he still maintains an interest in the John Matthews Pharmacy in George Street. In 1965 he was elected Mayor of the City of Bathurst, a position that he held uninterrupted until 1976. Under his leadership Bathurst was able to attract a number of new enterprises to establish themselves in the City including Clyde Industries, Uncle Ben's and Devro and he was closely involved between 1966 and 1971 in the relocation of the NSW Central Mapping Authority from Sydney to Bathurst.

For the 10 years between 1981 and 1991 John Matthews was a Member of the New South Wales Legislative Council as a member of the Liberal Party. During this time he served as a member of the Government's Transport Committee, the Treasury Committee, the Joint Select Committee investigating the Process and Funding of the Electoral System, the Government's Rural Committee and the Committee enquiring into the State's Land Tax. He was also a Trustee of the Parliamentary Superannuation Fund between 1988 and 1991, a member of the Parliamentary Liberal Party's Transition to Government Committee 1986/87 and was the Opposition Spokesman on Finance between 1984 and 1987. John Matthews was a member of the Executive of the NSW Liberal Party in 1972 and its Vice-President between 1973 and 1975.

He also served on the NSW Bicentennial Committee, the Small Business Development Council from 1977 to 1980 and the Small Business and Health Committee between 1981 and 1984.

As a member of the pharmacy profession John Matthews has been a Director of Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Limited and is currently its Chairman. Since 1996 he has also been a Director of Pacific Medicare in Malaysia. A member of the Pharmacy Guild, John Matthews has served on a number of advisory groups to government including the Steering Committee Investigating the Location and Distribution of Pharmacy Outlets, the Central Western Districts Advisory Council, the ACT Health Commission Steering Committee Advising the National Capital on the Location and Development of Health Centres and the NSW Health Commission's Steering Committee Advising on Emergency Health Services in the Inner City and Western Suburbs of Sydney.

Of particular relevance to Charles Sturt University was John Matthews' role on the Heath Committee which was convened to establish the first colleges of advanced education in New South Wales which included both Mitchell College in Bathurst and the Riverina College in Wagga Wagga.

The University is delighted to recognise John Cyril James Matthews, pharmacist, distinguished civic leader of Bathurst, servant of the people of New South Wales and friend of Charles Sturt University for the conferral of the degree Doctor of Health Studies (*honoris causa*).

Dated this First Day of May One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine