**Citation – Garry Rothwell**

Doctor of Architecture – Friday, 29 April 2022, 12.00noon

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Garry Rothwell to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Architecture (honoris causa) in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the architectural landscape of Sydney and Australia more broadly over the last 50 years and for his exceptional commitment to promoting the academic purposes of the University’s School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

Garry studied for a Bachelor of Architecture at the University of Sydney and graduated in 1967. After graduating, Garry went on to practice as an architect before founding the Winten Property Group in 1972, where he evolved from architect to property developer.

Since 1972, Garry has undertaken more than 180 development projects, building a reputation for quality design and innovation. The Winten group is currently being run by Garry and Susan’s three sons David, James and William and includes a portfolio of more than 6,000 homesites and some 140,000 square metres of next- generation commercial office space along with 200 residential apartments.

In addition to the boutique apartments constructed by Garry, he has developed extensively in medium- density markets and pioneered more affordable compact living apartments on Sydney’s lower north shore. In 2011, in recognition of his successes, Garry was named *Property Person of the Year* by the Urban Taskforce. This award was presented to Garry at a charity fundraising lunch and all proceeds were donated to Warrah Disability Services and St Vincent’s Prostate Cancer Centre. Under Garry’s leadership Winten has earned a reputation for high standards and uncompromising quality and many Winten projects have been duly recognised and awarded.

Garry has personally been an active supporter of many charities, including dedicating his time through directorship roles. In 2014, he became the Chair of Youth Insearch, an organisation committed to empowering young people to turn their disadvantage into their advantage. Garry was motivated to join Youth Insearch because he was shocked at the high level of youth suicide. Having had three sons of his own Garry was incensed that a modern, functioning society like ours tolerates such a statistic. In 2019 and under Garry’s leadership, the organisation provided almost 3,000 instances of support to help re-build the lives of young people.

Garry has also been instrumental in connecting Youth Insearch with the University of Sydney. In 2019, the University commenced a research partnership with the organisation to evaluate the effectiveness and the mechanisms at work in their program in order to identify areas for innovation. Upon reflecting on the organisation’s successes, Garry said its strengths were in the group sessions because “hearing from others affords insights into the individual’s own life”.

To support their philanthropic passions, the Rothwells established the Rothwell Family Foundation in 2018. This Foundation supports a wide variety of areas including culture and the arts, health, environmental and animal protection causes.

In 2018, the Foundation made a significant and generous donation to establish a new Chair to foster architectural innovation and discovery. The Chair is titled, ‘the Garry and Susan Rothwell Chair in Architectural Design Leadership.’ Through their generosity, they hope their gift will help create more opportunities for early-career Australian architects. This transformational donation will also profoundly impact the interests of the University of Sydney in the area of architecture and urbanism.

Garry has devoted his time, energy, and philanthropy to support young architects and designers through their education while here at the University and donated $50,000 to support the refurbishment of the University’s Wilkinson Building’s studio. The Rothwells also donated a stipend to support a PhD student studying in the University’s School of Architecture, Design and Planning. This stipend is to support innovations in the areas of architectural design, urban design or urbanism and heighten research capabilities to help create environments which improve people's quality of life.

Throughout his life, Garry has generously used his position to influence the University of Sydney community by advancing the disciplines of architecture and urbanism and has supported the broader community through his generosity of time and philanthropy through the Rothwell Family Foundation.

Chancellor, I present Garry Rothwell for admission to the degree of Doctor of Architecture (honoris causa) and invite you to confer the degree upon him.