**PETER FITZSIMONS AM**

Dr Peter FitzSimons AM is a highly respected columnist, sports journalist, author, radio presenter and former Australian rugby union player. He is an alumnus of the University of Sydney, as well as a former Fellow of Senate and former Pro-Chancellor of the University.

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**EDUCATION AND AWARDS**

* Member of the Order of Australia (2011)
* Chairman of the Australian Republican Movement (since 2015)
* Honorary Doctorate, Western Sydney University (2015)

**UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY**

* BA, *USyd* (1985)
* Fellow of Senate (2009 – 2018)
* Pro-Chancellor (2015 – 2018)
* Presiding Pro-Chancellor (

**BIOGRAPHY**

Peter FitzSimons attended Knox Grammar School and spent a year in Ohio on an American Field Service Scholarship after finishing school. After returning to Australia, he completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney, majoring in government and political science and resided at Wesley College.

Following a career playing rugby for Australia and overseas, he joined the Sydney Morning Herald as a full‑time journalist in 1989. Since then, he has been one of the most successful and popular SMH columnists and is regarded as one of the finest sports journalists in Australia.

Peter is also one of Australia’s best-selling non-fiction authors, having penned 30 books. He is the biographer of many eminent individuals, including World Cup winning Wallaby captains, Nick Farr‑Jones and John Eales, former Opposition Leader Kim Beazley, boxer Les Darcy, aviator Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, war heroine Nancy Wake, and Antarctic explorer Sir Douglas Mawson.

He is the patron and supporter of many important organisations including: the AFS Intercultural Programs, a Board member of the Sydney Writers' Festival, a Council member of the Australian War Memorial, a member of the ANZAC Centenary Advisory Board, a patron of The Russell Prize for Humour Writing, State Library of New South Wales and chairman of the Australian Republic Movement. He also co-founded the Cauliflower Club, a Rugby Charity.

Peter served as a Fellow of Senate and as Pro-Chancellor of the University of Sydney for nine years and he is currently in the position of Presiding Pro-Chancellor.

In 2011, Peter was named a named a Member of the Order of Australia for service to literature as a biographer, sports journalist and commentator, and to the community through contributions to conservation, disability care, social welfare and sporting organisations.

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