Installation Ceremony
for Mr Graham Goldsmith
4th Chancellor of
Swinburne University of Technology
3 December 2014
Hawthorn Arts Centre
Official Party

His Excellency the Hon Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria and Visitor to the university

Mr Graham Goldsmith, Chancellor

Professor Linda Kristjanson, Vice-Chancellor and President

Mr Andrew C Smith, Vice-President (Engagement)
Master of Ceremonies

Professor Joy Wandin Murphy AO,
Senior Woman of the Wurundjeri People

Dr Leonie Walsh, Swinburne Alumna and
Victoria’s Inaugural Lead Scientist

Mr Tom Rowan, University Secretary and General Counsel,
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Professor Russell Crawford
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Mr Graham Goldsmith

Mr Graham Goldsmith was appointed as the Chancellor of Swinburne University of Technology in August 2014, having served on the Council of Swinburne since 2010.

Mr Goldsmith is a highly-respected figure in the Australian financial services industry and an experienced company director and community leader with a deep commitment to education.

He was educated at Swinburne Institute of Technology, as it then was, and graduated with a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) in 1983. He has also completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in Boston.

Mr Goldsmith’s career began with National Australia Bank in Melbourne before joining JBWere & Son in 1987, working in Melbourne and London. Following the merger of JBWere with the Australian operations of Goldman Sachs & Co in 2003, Mr Goldsmith held a number of senior roles, including as Chair of the Goldman Sachs Australia Foundation. Mr Goldsmith retired in 2012 as Vice-Chairman and a Managing Director of Goldman Sachs Australia after a 25 year career with the firm.

In addition to being Chancellor at Swinburne, Mr Goldsmith is currently a non-executive director of ASX listed companies Djerriwarrh Investments Limited and SEEK Limited, and NYSE listed Zhaopin Limited.

Mr Goldsmith is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD), Financial Services Institute of Australia (FFin), and Australian Society of Chartered Practicing Accountants (FCPA).

His vision is to see Swinburne recognised as the leading university for science, technology and innovation in Australia.

"I think it’s very important for us to have an ambitious vision that we embrace as a university community," said Mr Goldsmith.

"We are already making great strides in a number of areas. The progress we are making is demonstrated by our global research rankings, by the quality of the graduates that come from Swinburne and the impact they make on society.

"To see Swinburne ranked in the world top 400 by the Academic Ranking of World Universities for the third year running, and to see us moving into the top 75 in physics is a terrific achievement. Swinburne is now placed as one of the top three per cent of universities worldwide. These are achievements of which the whole university community should be proud.

"Part of our success lies in our preparedness to challenge old thinking and to try new things. Our bold move into online education, both through Open Universities Australia and more recently, Swinburne Online, are examples of that.

"Our challenge as a university will be to continue on that trajectory of success."
History of the university

The Swinburnes lived for many generations in Northumberland, in the north of England. In early times, the family owned a castle on the banks of the Swin Burn, the brook of the boars. By 1245 the Swinburne coat of arms was ‘Gules: three boars heads argent’.

George Swinburne arrived in Melbourne in 1886, aged twenty-five. His early days in Melbourne were spent setting up gas plants and bringing gas-light to the cities and towns. As his business stature increased, he entered State Parliament and became a minister.

Swinburne was established as the Eastern Suburbs Technical College by George Swinburne and the first students were enrolled in 1909, when classes began in carpentry, plumbing and blacksmithing. In 1913 the institution changed its name to Swinburne Technical College, to commemorate the Honourable George Swinburne. Soon afterwards, a boys’ junior technical school and the first girls’ technical school were established.

Following an extensive reorganisation of advanced education in Victoria in the late 1970s, Swinburne was given the power to grant bachelor degrees. The first of these was awarded at a conferring ceremony held on 21 May 1981 at the Camberwell Civic Centre.

In 1992, Swinburne achieved university status with the passage by the Parliament of Victoria of the Swinburne University of Technology Act. This marked not only Swinburne’s distinguished history as a provider of further education, but the beginning of a new period of growth and innovation for Swinburne.

In recent years, Swinburne has progressed to become one of the world’s leading research-intensive teaching universities and a leader in online education, expanding the educational opportunities available to a new generation of learners.

Swinburne’s emphasis is on high-quality, engaged teaching and research in science, technology and innovation – teaching and research that makes a difference in the lives of individuals and contributes to national economic and social objectives.

Swinburne holds a unique place among educational institutions in Australia in the link that persists between it and the founder and his family. The conferring of a modification of the family’s coat of arms preserves and strengthens that link.

The arms

The basic colours of red and white, and the cinquefoils charged on the shield, commemorate the arms of the Swinburne family.

The crest

The demi-Boar and the cinquefoil perpetuate the Swinburne connection; the book is symbolic of learning.

The motto

The College of Arms’ translation of the motto is: Achievement through learning.

The flag

The basic colours of red and white with cinquefoils.

The mace and the chair

In universities, a mace is used as a symbol of institutional authority and it is carried in procession before the Chancellor as a symbolic weapon of protection.

The ceremonial items of the office of the Chancellor of Swinburne University were designed by Emeritus Professor Helmut Lueckenhausen, former Pro Vice-Chancellor, Internationalisation. Fabricated from Queensland silky oak, sterling silver and gold, the mace has eight facets resolving as an open silver finial and crown which contains a carving of the rampant boar from the Swinburne coat of arms.

The chair also has eight divisions on the seat and back with an engraved silver boar and the Southern Cross on the upper back.

Artists and craftspeople involved in the project with the designer were Ian Higgs, cabinet maker, Geoffrey Dunne, Swinburne design graduate, Sue Wraight, netsuke carver and Hendrik Forster and Marion Marshall, silversmiths.

Civic contributions made towards the purchase of these items included the former City of Prahran for the Mace, the former City of Hawthorn for the Chancellor’s Chair and the former Shire of Lillydale for the Chancellor’s Gown.
Ceremonial regalia

Chancellor
A black gown of English Queen’s Counsel style, with ten gold bands on the sleeves and scarlet satin trimmings on the front, collar and bottom edge of the gown. A black velvet trencher with gold trim on the base and a gold braid and tassel is worn.

Deputy Chancellor
A black gown, similar in style and colour to the Chancellor’s, with five gold bands on the sleeves. A black velvet trencher with a gold cord and tassel is worn.

Vice-Chancellor
A black gown of English Queen’s Counsel style, with ten silver bands on the sleeves and scarlet satin trimmings on the front, collar and bottom edge of the gown. A black velvet trencher with silver trim on the base and a silver cord and tassel is worn.

Members of Council
Council members wear a university stole featuring the Swinburne Coat of Arms with the academic dress for their qualifications. The stole is cherry red with an embroidered crest at the base of each side of the stole, and is worn with the colour and crest showing on both sides.

Academic and administration staff
Academic dress for their qualifications, or the Swinburne equivalent.

The Office of the Chancellor

The Swinburne University of Technology Act provides for a Council to be the governing authority of the university, and for a Chancellor to be elected.

The Chancellor is the Head of the university, presiding over meetings of the Council, and is an ex-officio member of all bodies of the university.

It is the role of the Chancellor to represent and speak on behalf of the council, to take the lead in key decision making, and to offer support, advice and counsel to the Vice-Chancellor.

The Chancellor, as the Chair of the University Council, champions effective ethical governance, leads a dynamic team of councillors, and ensures that the strategic direction of the university is pursued. As a role model, the Chancellor reflects the values of the university to its students and staff, ensuring that the university maintains its high standing in the broader community.

In earlier times the position was confined to ceremonial matters. The contemporary Chancellor has a key role as chair of the governing body, which guides and monitors the management of the university.