

SPEECH

OCCASION GRADUATION – CITATION FOR MR STEPHEN HAINS,
FELLOW OF THE UNIVERSITY
DATE AUGUST 17TH 2007
VENUE ADELAIDE FESTIVAL THEATRE
TIME 10.30AM

Thank you Chancellor.

Stephen Hains is the City Manager of the City of Salisbury, a position he has held since 1991. Salisbury is one of the largest local government bodies in South Australia, with an annual budget of around \$80 million and a population of 120,000 residents. Stephen leads a staff of over 400 people.

The City is a rapidly developing residential area, with a strong commercial sector focussing on defence research, electronics and information technology, automotive industries, food, and value-added agriculture.

Stephen holds a Bachelor of Arts (with honours), a Master of Philosophy in Urban Design & Regional Planning, and a Diploma in Local Government Management.

For many years, he has been a leading figure in planning and urban development in South Australia, and he has played a critical role in driving the development of the City and of the northern Adelaide area.

Stephen has held various positions in the South Australian Government, including Director of Planning in the Department of Environment and Planning, and Chief Executive of the Department of Business, Manufacturing and Trade.

Stephen is a Fellow and past National President of the Australian Planning Institute and of Local Government Managers Australia and is the:

- Deputy Chair of the Board of the Environment Protection Authority;
- a Business Ambassador for South Australia.

He is also a foundation member of the Leaders Institute of South Australia.

As a member of the Federal Sustainable Regions Advisory Committee, Stephen has been involved in a wide range of educational, environmental and social sustainability issues in the Salisbury/Playford region.

Through his membership of the Innovation and Economic Opportunities Group - a subgroup of the Mawson Lakes partnership, which includes the University, Delfin Lend Lease and the Land Management Corporation - he has played a significant leadership role in the development of innovative environmental sustainability initiatives.

One example of this is the use of recycled water in the Mawson Lakes development, in which the City of Salisbury and UniSA (through the Centre for Water Systems and Science) have played important roles. The process includes aquifer recharge, and filtering water through the newly-established Salisbury wetlands.

Stephen has been one of the principal drivers of the development of the Mawson Centre, an innovative, multi-use building occupied jointly by the University and the City of Salisbury, and constantly used for community and educational activities. He has also driven economic development of the area. For example, he helped establish the Salisbury Business and Export Centre, which is based in Technology Park.

During Stephen's time as City Manager, the City of Salisbury has awarded a number of scholarships for economically disadvantaged first-year students at the Mawson Lakes Campus, thus complementing the University's commitment to the development of opportunities for students in the Northern Adelaide area.

Stephen Hains has given long and active support to the University of South Australia and its Northern Adelaide goals, and particularly the development of the Mawson Lakes education precinct.

Chancellor, it is my great pleasure, on behalf of the University of South Australia, to present to you Mr Stephen Hains for the Honorary Award of 'Fellow of the University of South Australia' in recognition of his national contribution to local government and regional development, and his long association with the University.