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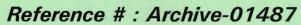
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Professor Gavin Brown

Professor Gavin Brown was born on 27 February 1942 in Lundin Links, Fife, Scotland. Dux of Madras College, St Andrews, he was awarded a Harkness Scholarship for study at the University of St Andrews, where he graduated with a Master of Arts degree (1st Class Honours and the Duncan Medal) in 1963. Professor Brown was then awarded a Camegie Scholarship, which enabled him to study for the PhD degree at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Having also spent a year as a Junior Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, he received the award in 1966.

Professor Brown commenced his academic career at the University of Liverpool, where he rose to the rank of Senior Lecturer in Mathematics. After accepting the Chair of Pure Mathematics at the University of New South Wales in 1975, Professor Brown and his family emigrated to Australia. At the University of New South Wales, Professor Brown held a number of academic administrative posts, including Head of the Department of Pure Mathematics, Head of the School of Mathematics and, from 1989 - 1992, Dean of the Faculty of Science. As Dean, he was responsible for the introduction of the Advanced Science Program.

During his time at UNSW. Professor Brown's mathematical research and, in particular, his work involving Fourier analysis, led to the award of the Sir Edmund Whittaker Memorial Prize and the Australian Mathematical Society Medal. He was also elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and later became a member of its Council (1992 - 1995) and Vice-President (1993 - 1994). Professor Brown also held Visiting Professorships at the University of Paris, the University of Cambridge and the University of Washington.

From 1988 - 1993, Professor Brown was also actively involved in the Australian Research Council. He chaired several of its funding committees and, during 1992-1993, was a member of its Council.

Professor Brown moved to Adelaide in 1992 when was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Adelaide. In January 1994, he became Vice-Chancellor and held this post until he resigned on 30 June 1996. Features of Professor Brown's period as Vice-Chancellor included a major restructuring of University management, a strong focus on links with industry and a programmed return of the University's budget to surplus. Professor Brown was also very active in national and regional committees during his time at the University. The most notable of these was his service as Chair of the National Advisory Group on Science and Technology Awareness and Promotion. He continues active mathematical research and is on the board of several international journals.

On 1 April 1996, it was announced that Professor Brown had been appointed as Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Sydney. He commenced duties on 1 July 1996.

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