



Professor Peter Høj

MSc PhD DUniv (honoris causa), FTSE

Professor Peter Høj commenced as Vice Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia on 1 June 2007.

Prior to this he was Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Research Council (2004 -07) and Managing Director of the Australian Wine Research Institute, based in Adelaide (1997-2004).

Professor Høj was educated at the University of Copenhagen, majoring in biochemistry and chemistry. He has a Master of Science in biochemistry and genetics and a PhD in photosynthesis. He holds an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Copenhagen.

Since arriving in Australia in 1987, Professor Høj has also worked as a lecturer and senior lecturer in biochemistry at La Trobe University, and as Professor of Viticultural Science and Oenology at the University of Adelaide.

In 1992 he was awarded the Boehringer-Mannheim Medal by the Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and in 2003 he received a Centenary Medal for his service to Australian society through wine research and science.

Professor Høj is a board member and Deputy Chair of Universities Australia, a board member of CSIRO and a member of the National Research Infrastructure Committee, the Higher Education Research Reference Group and the Australian Qualifications Framework Council.

He is also a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

He has served as a private member of the Prime Minister's Science Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC) from 1999-2004, and as an ex-officio member from 2006-2007. He is also a former member of the Australian Institute of Marine Science Council, the Cooperative Research Centres Committee, and the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Committee.

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