

Dr Guy Lawrence Geoffrey Debelle

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you an outstanding candidate for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa): Dr Guy Lawrence Geoffrey Debelle.

One of Australia's most influential economists, Guy Debelle's understanding of the interaction between central banks and the government, and the effects this has on economic outcomes, has ensured a major contribution to leadership in Australian financial markets and fiscal and monetary policy over many years.

Guy loved maths and science at school, and the Adelaide punk-rock music scene while at university, but it was in economics that he found his vocation. After graduating from the University of Adelaide in 1988 with a first-class honours degree in economics, and a University Half-Blue Award in athletics, Guy spent two and a half years working at the Australian Treasury before moving to the United States to complete a PhD in Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Returning to Australia, he joined the Reserve Bank of Australia in 1994 and spent a year in the Research Department before moving to the International Monetary Fund, where he was based in Washington DC for two years. Guy returned to the Reserve Bank of Australia in 1997 just prior to the meltdown of the Asian economy, and contributed to policies which helped steer the Australian

Throughout his career, Guy has demonstrated significant leadership, impact and excellence in his profession. He is widely recognised by peers – both within Australia and internationally – and he brings great distinction to the University of Adelaide.

Today we extend that recognition, in awarding the highest honour the University can bestow.

Chancellor, I am pleased to present to you Dr Guy Lawrence Geoffrey DeBelle, Bachelor of Economics (Honours), Doctor of Philosophy, for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa).

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