

**CITATION DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR GERARD SUTTON, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ADMISSION OF FRANCIS DANIEL HAYES TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS, HONORIS CAUSA, ON 1 OCTOBER 1999.**

Chancellor I present Francis Daniel Hayes

Chancellor, Francis Daniel Hayes, is honoured today as a man of extraordinary ability and humanity. He has been a scholar, a social reformer and an untiring worker in a challenging field. A builder of bridges between people in many different walks of life, he has earned the respect and, indeed, the love of his colleagues and those whose lives he has touched.

Frank Hayes was born on 9 June 1921 and gained his intermediate certificate at St. Joseph's College, Hunters Hills, Sydney. He subsequently studied for his matriculation during war service in the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF from 1941 to 1945. He entered Sydney University in 1946 and was awarded his first degree - a Bachelor of Arts - in 1950. He went on to gain, from four institutions over three decades, an impressive array of awards including Diplomas in Social Studies, Criminology, Sociology and Education; a Master of Arts (Honours) and a Master of Letters. Frank is currently enrolled in a PhD program at this University.

During all his years of study, Frank Hayes also pursued a career of amazing depth and diversity in the fields of probation and parole, social welfare, public administration, social policy development and implementation, penal reform and criminology. Among his major appointments were: Director of the NSW Probation and Parole Service; Assistant Director (Community Services), in the Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs; Founding Director of the School of Community and Welfare Studies at Milperra College of Advanced Education; Commissioner of the NSW Corrective Services Commission; and member of the NSW Parole Board.

Frank Hayes has taught at the University of Western Sydney, the Australian Police Force Academy and the University of Wollongong. On this campus, he has been a popular teacher of both Arts and Law students and has been the driving force behind the proposal to establish a Crime and Justice Centre on this campus. He is a pioneer in the development of new course materials in his field and has also made a considerable contribution to research and scholarship. He collaborated with Professor Tony Vinson on major projects and has produced a number articles and conference papers on crime prevention, psychology and social work. Until his recent illness he was working on a book project with Professor Helen Gamble from the Faculty of Law and law students based on his lecture material for the Sociology of Punishment.

In a career of many and varied achievements, some shine out as examples of Frank Hayes's passion and skill. He established the first Work Release Program in NSW and accommodation services for ex-prisoners. In 1985, he was chosen as a member of the *Australian Delegation to the United Nations Congress on the Prevention and Treatment of Offenders*. He pioneered many ideas which are now accepted as common practice, including rehabilitation services for prisoners and their families and changes to custodial rules to enable women prisoners to keep their children with them.

Undaunted by opposition, Frank Hayes has worked tirelessly for the reform of the penal system in this country. His courage and the respect which he commanded were dramatically demonstrated when he was one of the only negotiators able to walk into the burning gaols of NSW during the strife-torn era of the 1960s and 1970s. He subsequently advised the Nagle Royal Commission into NSW prisons and was appointed Chairperson of the Women's Prison Task Force.

Frank Hayes has worked tirelessly on a number of committees involved in crime prevention and community welfare. He is a member of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Australian Association of Social Workers and the NSW Council of Social Services. In 1983 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for Services to Social Welfare.

Chancellor, today this University acknowledges the achievements of a truly remarkable, compassionate man. Frank Hayes has played many parts in his career and all of them with style and conviction. We honour him as a colleague – a teacher, researcher and administrator - and as someone who has the courage to make a difference in Australian society.

It is my great privilege to ask you to confer upon Francis Daniel Hayes the award of the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.

(I now ask his sons, Chris and Michael, to come forward to receive the award on their father's behalf.)