



Bill Tweddell
Chancellor, James Cook University
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Bill Tweddell has been elected as Chancellor for a five-year term, beginning on 26 March 2016. He will be the University's fifth Chancellor, and the first alumnus to be elected to the role. In 2010, Mr Tweddell was recognised as one of JCU's Outstanding Alumni.

Mr Tweddell has enjoyed a distinguished career in Australia's diplomatic service spanning four decades. Most recently he served as Australia's Ambassador to the Philippines from January 2012 to January 2016.

Mr Tweddell was a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He has previously served as Head of the Americas and Africa Division of the Department in Canberra, as Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Consul-General, Hong Kong and Macau, High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and Deputy High Commissioner, India, with earlier postings to Greece and Bangladesh. He was also Chief of Staff to the former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer.