



Bill Tweddell
Chancellor, James Cook University
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Bill Tweddell was elected as Chancellor for a five-year term, beginning on 26 March 2016. He is 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 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 served as Head of the Americas and Africa Division and in other senior positions in the Department in Canberra, and as Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macau, High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and Deputy High Commissioner to India, with earlier postings to Greece and Bangladesh. He was also Chief of Staff and Principal Adviser to the former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer.

Mr Tweddell began his working life at JCU (1970 – 75).

His wife Chris Tweddell BEc *JCU* FCPA is also a JCU graduate. They have two adult sons, Andrew and Paul.