

# MICHAEL DAWSON AWARD

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MICHAEL DAWSON WAS A DEDICATED ACADEMIC AND AN ADVOCATE FOR THE STUDENT. MICHAEL COMPLETED HIS UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN PHARMACY WHICH LED TO A LECTURING POSITION IN ANALYTICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY. IT WAS DURING HIS EARLY LECTURING CAREER THAT MICHAEL RECOGNISED THE POTENTIAL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST FORENSIC SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE, A VISION AND AWARENESS THAT HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON FORENSIC SCIENCE EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA.

DURING HIS CAREER HE WAS AN ACTIVE RESEARCHER IN THE FIELD OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE ANALYSIS OF LICIT AND ILLICIT DRUGS. HIS IMPACT IN THIS FIELD CAN STILL BE GAUGED BY HIS EXTENSIVE PUBLICATION RECORD AND CONTRIBUTION TO EXPERT EVIDENCE TESTIMONY IN COURT CASES.

MICHAEL'S DEDICATION TO DRAWING THE BEST FROM HIS STUDENTS WAS RENOWNED AND IN RETURN MICHAEL WAS LOVED AND APPRECIATED BY THEM. IT WAS A PRIORITY FOR MICHAEL TO HELP ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF STUDENTS AND HE NEVER MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THEM GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA OF FORENSIC SCIENCE.

FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES MICHAEL HELPED ORCHESTRATE, HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND IT IS THE HOPE OF THE NSW BRANCH OF THE ANZFSS THAT THIS AWARD WILL ADD TO HIS MEMORIAL. THIS AWARD, TO ATTEND THE ANZFSS SYMPOSIA IS VALUED AT \$1,500 AND IS OPEN TO PRACTITIONERS AND STUDENTS.