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Newington Medallist 2011 **Mr James Service, AO (ON '49)**



Jim Service attended Newington College from 1945–1949 and achieved significant academic and College honours during his time as a student. A very keen and sharp scholar, he gained his Intermediate Certificate in 1946 and Leaving Certificate in 1948 in which he obtained First Class Honours in English. In his final year he added First Class Honours in both Chemistry and Geology. Recognition for his academic ability and diligence saw him awarded the Wigram Allen Scholarship in 1947; the Edwin & May Grainger Scholarship and the Holliday Scholarship in 1948; and the RT Baker Scholarship in 1949.

In 1981, Jim founded JG Service Pty Ltd, a national property and development consulting company. His extensive experience in the areas of financial services and property led him to positions in public company leadership and governance across a variety of sectors including tourism, finance, utilities, telecommunications and development, including National President of the Property Council of Australia and Deputy Chairman of Advance Bank. Jim is currently a Director of CapitaMall Trust Management Ltd in Singapore.

Jim has been involved in a number of company boards and committees such as the Canberra Chamber of Commerce, the CFMEU Children's Healthcare Trust, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the ACT Cancer Society Committee, and many more that serve the community.

Jim has received numerous national and community honours for service to, and beyond, the business world. He was a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977; Member of the Order of Australia in 1990 for his service to the community; Canberra Citizen of the Year in 2001 and Order of Centenary Medal for service in developing Australia's construction industry, also in 2001. He received Officer in the Order of Australia in 2004 for service to business and to the community through support for the arts, cultural and charitable organisations. In 2009, Jim was an ACT Finalist for Senior Australian of the Year 2009 where he was described as a 'philanthropic businessman'.

An original member of the re-established Newington College Foundation Board from 2006–2010, Jim's involvement in business, his tireless service to the broader community and his dedication to the College is exemplar. With this medal we proudly recognise this philanthropic business leader and most valued member of the Newington College community.