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Ron Castan Humanitarian Award 2014 Winner Dr Hilton Immerman OAM

Dr Hilton Immerman is the CEO of The Shalom Institute and Shalom College at the University of New South Wales – a position he has held for 26 years, since January 1989.

In 2004, he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to Adult Education and Leadership Development.

In 2012, he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the University of NSW for “eminent service to the community and the University” particularly for his work on the Shalom Gamarada Indigenous Scholarship Program at Shalom College, UNSW.

Hilton has seven university degrees that he completed in four different continents: Australia, the United States, Israel and South Africa – and they include three masters’ degrees and a Ph.D.

He lectured at UNSW in a Master’s program in leadership and management for 10 years and served as the Head of Moriah College’s English Department from 1977 – 1987.

He has served as a honorary consultant to a number of not-for-profit organisations and has lectured on diverse fields such as leadership training and development, experiential education, the portrait of the Jew in English Literature and Jewish responses to the problem of evil.

Hilton is married to Marilyn, a former Jewish studies teacher and now an executive member of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and chair of its Education Committee. They have 2 sons, a daughter-in-law and 2 grandchildren.

About the Ron Castan Humanitarian Award

The awards are named in honour of the late Ron Castan AM QC who made an enormous contribution to the Australian public in general and the indigenous community in particular. The Awards seek to recognize Jewish individuals who have attained excellence and renown in their chosen humanitarian fields and whose actions, in addition to their achievement, embody the characteristics of Ron Castan that include wisdom, empathy, a sharp intellect, and graciousness. The Young Humanitarian Award seeks to recognise an individual under the age of 30.

Ron was a distinguished barrister and human rights advocate who played a leading role in some of Australia's most significant legal cases, such as the Gove land rights case; the Franklin Dam case and most prominently; the Eddie Mabo case which overturned the doctrine of terra nullius (ie that Australia was “empty land”) recognising Aboriginal Land Rights in Australian law for the first time.



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