**Introducing our new Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tony McGrew**

I moved continents to come to La Trobe. I knew of La Trobe a long time ago. My own academic work in international relations and La Trobe had a very strong reputation in the area of international relations but I suppose there’s a kind of wider set of attractions for me at La Trobe.

One is it’s got a very strong sense of mission and I mean mission in terms of providing an opportunity for our local communities particularly in Melbourne. I think it’s got a very strong international feel to it and that’s very attractive to me.

It’s going through a period of transformation here at La Trobe, the creation of two new colleges and that’s also very, very exciting not just for me as a kind of academic and an academic leader but also I think for our students and for our staff so we’re kind of ... we’re revisioning La Trobe and we’re in a sense building on the traditions and strengths which exist here in La Trobe.

And I think one of those significant strengths is being engaged in our communities and engaged with our local communities so I think it’s a very outward-focused university and that’s again something which really excites me and there’s great opportunities here and I think our students should take every chance to take those opportunities.