Honour award to David Runia

Australia Day 2025

Appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division for significant service to tertiary education and as an academic in the fields of the humanities and social sciences.

Asked how he felt when he heard the news that he was to receive an award in the Order of Australia, Prof Runia said it was really quite unexpected. But on reflection he was particularly pleased to receive the honour because it is a recognition of the importance of the various fields in which he has been active, not only at the university and in academic contexts, but also in the community. He noted that in the record of service accompanying the citation, mention was made of his work for the Friends of Vellore at a national and state level.