

## Keith John Austin Asche



**Date of Birth:** 28 November 1925

**Place of Birth:** Melbourne

**Parents:** Eric Thomas Asche and Beryl Victoria Asche (née Woinarski)

**Education:** Darwin Primary School  
Melbourne Church of England Grammar School

**Spouse:** Married Dr Valerie (née James)  
AM DStJ 11 April 1958  
1 son, 1 daughter

**Qualifications  
Appointments  
and Admissions** University of Melbourne  
Bachelor of Arts Master of Laws  
Fellow Australian College of  
Education 1992  
Queensland Bar 1951-1954  
Melbourne Bar 1954-1975  
Queen's Counsel 1972

**Military Service:** RAAF 1944-1946

**Employment History:** Called to the Bar 1951  
Judge Family Court of Australia 1976  
Vice-President RMIT 1977-1981 President 1981-1983  
Chancellor Deakin University 1983-1987  
Acting Chief Judge Family Court 1985-1986  
Judge Supreme Court of the Northern Territory  
1986-1987  
Chairman University College NT 1986-1988  
1987-1993: Chief Justice Supreme Court of the  
Northern Territory, Chairman Northern Territory  
Parole Board, President Australian Red Cross Society  
(NT Div.) and Scout Association Australia (NT Br.)  
Chancellor Northern Territory University 1989-1993  
Appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory  
1 March 1993 to 16 February 1997

**Subsequent Career** Adjunct Professor of Law Charles Darwin University  
(formerly Northern Territory University) 1997-2001  
Chairman Northern Territory Law Reform Committee  
since 1997  
Retired to Nightcliff, NT

**Honours and Awards:**

1939-1945 Star  
Defence Medal 1939-1945  
War Medal 1939-1945  
Australian Service Medal 1939-1945  
Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal 1977  
Member Australian College of Education (MACE)  
Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge in Victoria  
1984-1986 (Past Grand Master in Victorian and  
South Australian Constitutions)  
Honorary Doctor of Literature Deakin  
University 1987  
Knight of Grace of the Order of St John 1993  
Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) 1994  
Honorary Doctor of Law Northern Territory  
University 1994  
Centenary Medal 2003  
Freeman of the City of Darwin 2007