Charles Darwin University has elected a new council and chancellor. The university council elected Richard Ryan AO as chancellor and Justice Sally Thomas AM deputy chancellor. Mr Ryan said it was a new beginning for the university.

"There is tangible excitement here about building Australia's newest university," he said.

Mr Ryan is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Companion of the Institution of Engineers. He is a director of several public companies and chairman of the Menzies School of Health Research.

The new 13-member council is: Mark Dunn, Barry Ford, Professor Helen Garnett, Trevor LeLievre, Janie Mason, John McBride, Jennifer Prince, David Ross, Ippe Okazaki, Richard Ryan, Dr Steve Shanahan, Justice Sally Thomas and Professor Judith A. Whitworth.