

## **Associate Professor William Griggs AM ASM**

### **Citation for conferral of Doctor of the University (honoris causa) Ceremony 13, Tuesday 6 May 2014, 2:00pm**

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Associate Professor William Griggs AM ASM.

Associate Professor William Griggs is one of the most respected doctors in South Australia.

He has had a long and distinguished career in the SA Ambulance Service as well as active service with the Air Force Health Reserves. He has had multiple deployments overseas including the Gulf War, East Timor and Bali.

Associate Professor Griggs obtained his MBBS from the University of Adelaide in 1981 and specialist qualifications in both Anaesthesia (1986) and Intensive Care (1989).

He gained a tertiary aerospace medicine qualification from the University of Otago in 2000 and completed a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Adelaide in 2009.

He joined the Consultant Staff of the RAH in 1989 and assumed his current position as the Director of the Trauma Service in 1995. Major areas of clinical interest relate to acute trauma, disaster/mass casualty management and prehospital care, including retrievals and patient transport.

Other position held by Associate Professor Griggs include:

- Director, Retrieval Coordination, MedSTAR Emergency Medical Retrieval
- State Controller (Health and Medical), S A Health
- Clinical Associate Professor, Adelaide University
- Regional Ambulance Service Medical Officer, SA Ambulance Service
- Director Air Force Health Reserves SA/WA, Royal Australian Air Force
- Medical Officer, St John Ambulance Australia (Operations Branch)
- Board member of the Phoenix Society, Prince Alfred College, and Super SA -.

He also has strong interests in aviation/aerospace medicine, injury prevention and governance. In 2004 he conceived and created the *Roads2Survival* young driver road safety program.

Associate Professor Griggs has received a number of awards in recognition of his service, including:

- Member of the Order of Australia in the Queens Birthday Honours List in 2003.
- South Australian Recipient and National Finalist for the 2006 "Australian of the Year" Award.
- the "Key to the City" of the City of Adelaide in 2006.
- Ambulance Service Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours List in 2009.
- "South Australian of the Year" in 2009.

Associate Professor Griggs invented and patented the "Griggs Kit" Forceps and the associated percutaneous tracheostomy technique which is sold worldwide.

He has over 75 publications in a variety of journals including multiple publications related to the dilation technique of percutaneous tracheostomy and many others related to acute trauma and pre-hospital care.

I am very pleased and proud to present to you Chancellor, for admission to the honorary degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa) — Associate Professor William Griggs AM ASM.