

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

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### 2020

No awards

### 2019

**Dr James Muecke AM**, M B B S 1988

For outstanding achievement by an alumnus or alumna and impact on their profession and/or community

**Dr Claudia Paul**, M B B S 2016

For outstanding achievement and impact within Indigenous and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.

**Miss Hannah Wandel OAM**, B Media 2010, LL B 2012

For outstanding achievement by a young alumnus or alumna within their profession and/or community.

### 2018

No awards

### 2017

**Dr John Beard**, M B B S 1979

In recognition of his dedication to the field of healthy ageing, including guiding many countries on their policy responses to population ageing.

**Mr John Crosby**, R D A 1971

In recognition of his advocacy for farmers and the Australian farming industry.

**Ms Moya Dodd**, LL B (Hons) 1988

In recognition of her service to women's football, as a player and a fierce advocate for change to benefit the sport.

**Ms Léonie Ebert**, B Sc 1968

In recognition of Ms Ebert's dedication to education, advocacy for women and Aboriginal education, and support of social justice.

**Mr Simon Hackett**, B Sc (Math) 1987

In recognition of his contribution to advancing the IT industry, including involvement in bringing the internet to Australia in the late '80s, and through his company Internode, launching Australia's first ADSL2+ broadband service.

**Dr Anthony Lake AM**, B D S 1970

In recognition of Dr Lake's service to the dental industry, including his involvement in Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) for state, national and international incidents.

**The Honourable Margaret Nyland AM**, LL B 1964

In recognition of her service to law, as a lawyer, judge, justice and commissioner, including leading the Royal Commission into child protection in South Australia (2014-2016).

## 2016

**Professor Adrian Cheok** B E (Elec) 1994, PhD (E) 1999

In recognition of his contribution in the field of Computing, Engineering and Multisensory communication.

**Dr Kenneth Collins AM** MBBS 1960

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution nationally and internationally in the field of Community Service.

**Dr Wally Melnitchouk** B Sc 1988, B Sc Hons 1999, PhD Sc 1994

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution in the field of Nuclear and Particle Physics.

**Ms Jane Sloane** BA 1984, BA Hons 1985

In recognition of her contribution in the field Women's Human Rights.

## 2015

**Dr Richard Gun AO**, M B B S 1960

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution in the field of public and community service.

**Professor Emeritus Geoff Harcourt AO**, M Ec 1959

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution nationally and internationally in the field of economics.

**Professor Philip Harris**, B Arch 1980

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution in the field of architecture.

## 2014

**Her Excellency Ms Frances Adamson**, B Ec 1985

In recognition of her outstanding leadership and contribution to the field of International Relations.

**Professor David David AC**, M B B S 1966, M D 1999

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution to the field of Craniofacial Surgery.

**Mr Philip Laffer AM**, R D A 1961, R D Oen 1963

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution to the Global Wine Industry.

**Mr Philip Wollen OAM**, B Ec 1977

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and humanitarian commitments to children, aspiring youth, animals, the environment, and to the terminally ill.

## 2013

**Professor Roger Byard AO PSM**, M D 1994, M Med Sc 1997

In recognition of his leadership and outstanding contribution to the field of Forensic Science.

**The Honourable Julia Gillard MP**

In recognition of her leadership and outstanding contribution in the field of Public Service.

**Mr Philip Hoffmann AM**, B Sc 1968, B Sc (Hons) 1969, Dip Ed 1971

In recognition of his leadership and outstanding contribution to the field of Tourism.

**Professor Oliver Mayo FAATSE FAAS**, B Sc 1964; D Sc 1989; B A 2008

In recognition of his leadership and outstanding contribution to the field of Genetics.

**Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM**, B A 1991

In recognition of her leadership and outstanding contribution to the fields of Public and Community Service.

## 2012

**Professor Michael Alpers AO**, B Sc 1956, M B B S 1961

In recognition of his leadership and outstanding contribution to the field of Medical Research.

**Professor James Crawford AC SC FBA**, B A 1972, LL B (Hons) 1972

In recognition of his leadership and outstanding contribution to the field of international law.

**Mr Keith Conlon OAM**, LL B, B A 1968

In recognition of his contribution to the cultural life of South Australia, to economic development particularly through tourism promotion, and to arts and education.

## 2011

**Dr Arthur Ray Beckwith OAM**, R D A 1932, D Univ 2004

In recognition of his highly significant contribution to the field of Oenology and to the wine industry in Australia and internationally.

**The Hon. Catherine Branson QC**, LL B 1970, B A 1977

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to Australian Law and Human Rights.

**Mr Barry Grear AO**, B Tech (Elec) 1967

In recognition of his leadership to the Australian and World Engineering Profession and his significant contribution to emergency services organisations in South Australia and nationally

**Mr Siong Guan Lim**, B E (Mech)(Hons)

In recognition of his outstanding visionary leadership and extensive contributions to Singapore and its Civil Service.

**Emeritus Professor Colin Matthews**, M D 1970

In recognition of his leadership and outstanding contribution nationally and internationally in the field of Reproductive Medicine.

## 2010

**Chris Chow Pang Chong**, B E (Mech) (Hons) 1961

In recognition of his significant contribution to the engineering profession in Malaysia and his ongoing support and commitment to the University's alumni relations program over many years.

**William Middleton Griggs AM ASM, M B B S 1981, M B A 2009 (Awarded 2010)**

In recognition of his significant achievement as an authority on the medical treatment of trauma victims, and for his humanitarian response in regions struck by disaster.

## 2009

**Dr Barbara Rosemary Hardy AO, B Sc 1947, D Univ 2010**

In recognition of her lifelong commitment and significant contribution to the advancement of Science Education, Science Awareness and Environmental Conservation.

**Dr Rex John Lipman AO, B D S 1951**

In recognition of his significant contribution and leadership over many years in the area of Dentistry, Business, Diplomacy and Education and his lifelong commitment to the Adelaide University Regiment.

**Mr John Laurence Menadue AO, B Ec 1956, B Ec (Hons) 1957**

In recognition of his significant and lifelong contribution to Australian Society as a Public Servant, Diplomat, Critical Thinker, Board Director, Advisor and Public Commentator.

## 2008

**Dr Robert Benjamin Cooter AM, M B B S 1952**

In recognition of his outstanding and innovative vision for rural health which has been important in laying the foundation for rural health training in general practice in South Australia, together with his continued contact and support of the University of Adelaide over many years.

**Professor Gwendoline Fay Gale AO**

In recognition of her outstanding teaching influence and achievements in Women's Studies and University Equity, in Human Geography and Aboriginal Studies (awarded posthumously).

**Mrs Elizabeth Silsbury OAM, Dip Mus 1953, B A 1956**

In recognition of her exceptional contribution to music and music education in South Australia at primary, secondary and tertiary levels; the value of her talents and skills promoting South Australia through national and international organizations and publications, and her service to the University of Adelaide.

## 2007

### **Ms Beryl Kimber OBE**

In recognition of her sustained and distinguished service in the Performing Arts, both nationally and internationally, as one of Australia's leading violinists and pedagogues; together with her continued contact with and support of the Elder Conservatorium of the University of Adelaide over many years. Beryl Kimber was an Associate Professor of violin with the Elder Conservatorium of the University of Adelaide from 1964 to 1998.

### **Mr Clemens Leske AM**, B Mus 1966

In recognition of his sustained and outstanding service to the Elder Conservatorium of the University of Adelaide over many years as well as his distinguished national and international profile as a pianist. Clemens Leske graduated with B Mus 1966 (University of Adelaide).

## 2006

### **The Honourable Greg Crafter AO**, LL B 1978, D Univ 2010

In recognition of his sustained and distinguished service to higher education and the South Australian Parliament, as well as his continued contact with, and support of, the University of Adelaide over many years both as a member of Council and Chair of the Alumni Association. Greg Crafter graduated with an L B in 1978 (University of Adelaide).

### **Mr Sim See Kee**, B Tech (Elec) 1965

In recognition of his sustained and distinguished service to the Alumni Association in Malaysia and Singapore as well as his leadership in commercial and industrial activities and contributions to the community over many years. Sim See Kee graduated with B Tech in 1965 (University of Adelaide).

## 2005

### **Dr Richard Brock**, M B B S 1949

In recognition of his sustained and distinguished service to the medical profession, and in particular to the improvement of aboriginal health, and for his vision and ongoing commitment as Curator of the Florey Exhibition, as well as his continued contact with and support of the University of Adelaide over many years. Richard Brock graduated with MB BS in 1949 (University of Adelaide).

### **Maurice John de Rohan OBE, AO**

In recognition of his sustained and distinguished service to Australian management, architectural and planning practices and as South Australia's Agent-General in London, and his continued contact with and support of the University of Adelaide over many years, particularly the UK Alumni Chapter.

## 2004

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**Professor Wyatt Rory Hume**, D B S 1969, Ph D 1974

In recognition of his sustained and distinguished service to the field of dentistry, as a teacher, a researcher, an author, a professor, dean and administrator, and his continued contact with and support of the University of Adelaide over many years.

**Dr Miriam Beatrice Hyde AO OBE**

In recognition of her sustained and distinguished service to Australia's musical life, both as a composer and as a pianist, and her continued contact with and support of the University of Adelaide over many years.

**Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam**, PhD (Applied Mathematics) 1968

In recognition of his sustained and distinguished service to education, industry, the community and government in Singapore, and his support of the University of Adelaide over many years.

## 2002

**Mr Harry Lancelot Dossor**

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the University and to his profession as performing artist and teacher. Lance Dossor is an Associate of the Royal College of Music (London).

**The Right Hon Chief Minister of Sarawak, YAB Pehin Sri Dr Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud AO**, LL B 1961, D Univ 1994

In recognition of his illustrious service to the people of Sarawak, his extraordinary commitment and generosity to the University of Adelaide and its alumni, his notable dedication to supporting education, and his devotion to fostering relationships between Malaysia and Australia. Abdul Taib Bin Mahmud graduated with a LL B in 1961, D Univ in 1994 (University of Adelaide) and D Tech in 2000 (Curtin University).

**Dr Richard Hin Yung**

In recognition of his lifetime devotion to and significant achievements in Medicine and the Singapore Armed Forces, and for his commitment to the establishment and development of a Singapore alumni chapter of The University of Adelaide. Richard Yung graduated with MB BS in 1960 (University of Adelaide).

**Mr Michael Khor Teik Hean**, B E (Elec) (Hons), M E 1964

In recognition of his lifetime devotion to and significant achievements in Government and community service, and for the quality of his leadership in the establishment and development of a Singapore alumni chapter of The University of Adelaide. Michael Khor graduated with honours in Electrical Engineering in 1959 and Master of Engineering in 1964 (University of Adelaide).

## 2001

**Dr Edwin Harry Medlin**

In recognition of more than half a century (1946-2001) of dedicated and illustrious service to tertiary education and the Adelaide University, most notably an extraordinary contribution to staff and student well being and services, governance, alumni relations and as alumni envoy to East and South East Asia. Harry Medlin graduated with a B Sc in 1949, B Sc with First Class Honours in Physics in 1951, Ph D in 1956 and D Univ in 1987 (University of Adelaide).

## 2000

**Mr Ong Teng Cheong**

In recognition of his sustained and illustrious service to the alumni of The University of Adelaide and, auspiciously, to the people of Singapore. Ong Teng Cheong graduated with B Arch in 1962 (University of Adelaide). Former and First Elected President of the Republic of Singapore (1993-1999).

## 1999



## 1998

**Dr Cheong Choong Kong**, B Sc 1963, B Sc (Hons) 1964

In recognition of sustained and distinguished service as an alumnus to management and communication especially in Singapore. Cheong Choong Kong graduated with First Class Honours in Mathematics in 1963 (University of Adelaide), PhD in Mathematics (Australian National University).

**Mr Frederick Leonard Hall AM**

In recognition of his extensive service to his profession and also to education generally. Frederick Hall graduated in Economics in 1955 (University of Adelaide), Masters of Arts and Hon. DUniv (Macquarie University).

## 1997

**Mr John James Messenger**, R D A 1957

In recognition of his distinguished service as an alumnus to the students, staff and graduates of the University and to the extended community through his Chairmanship of Unibooks. Jack Messenger was awarded the Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture in 1957.

**Tan Sri Yong Poh Kon**, B E (Mech) 1968

In recognition of 30 years of outstanding service as an engineering alumnus, to manufacturing and management in Malaysia. Yong Poh Kon graduated with B E in 1968 (University of Adelaide).

**Mr Raymond Wells Whitrod AC, AM**

In recognition of seminal services to the identifying and amelioration of problems encountered by the Victims of Crime. Raymond Whitrod graduated with BEc, MA and LLD (Australian National University), and Diploma of Criminology (Cambridge University).

## 1996

**Dato' Lee Yee Cheong AO**, B E (Elec)(Hons)

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession of engineering in Malaysia and internationally and to the development of his country. Lee Cheong graduated with B E (Hons) in 1961 (University of Adelaide).

**Mr Colin Milton Thiele AC**

In recognition of his profound and sustained services through his books and stories to the lives of the children of the world. Colin Thiele graduated with B A in 1941, Dip Ed in 1947 and Dip T (University of Adelaide).

**Dr Andrew Sydney Withiel Thomas AO**, B E (Mech) (Hons) 1973, PhD 1978

In recognition of his unique pioneering role as Payload Commander of the Space Shuttle Endeavour in May 1996, and for his inspiring of our schoolchildren in the basic engineering sciences. Andrew Thomas graduated with Ph D in 1978, and B E in 1973 (University of Adelaide).

**Dr John Robin Warren AC**, M B B S 1961, M D 2000, D Univ 2006

In recognition of his contribution to the healing of peptic ulcers, to the relief of human suffering and to huge world-wide economic savings. John Warren graduated with MB BS in 1961 and MD (University of Adelaide), Hon. MD (University of Western Australia)

## 1995

**Datuk Dr Samuel C E Abraham**, M B B S 1959

In recognition of profound and sustained services to the health of the children of the world. Samuel Abraham graduated with MB BS in 1959 (University of Adelaide).

**Dr Basil Stuart Hetzel AC**, M B B S 1944, M D 1949

In recognition of profound contributions to the community health of Aborigines, of urban societies, and of the victims of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. Basil Hetzel graduated with M D in 1949, and MB BS in 1944 (University of Adelaide).

## 1994

**Mr Charles Robin Ashwin**, B A (Hons) 1952

In recognition of, at critical times, outstanding service to Australia in the Department of Foreign Affairs, especially in the North Pacific and Europe. Charles Ashwin graduated with M A from Oxford, and B A in 1952 from the University of Adelaide.

**Dr Elizabeth Ann Coates**, B D S 1971, M D S 1998

In recognition of outstanding service to the Dental profession in the treatment of HIV, oncology and other medically compromised patients. Elizabeth Coates graduated with B D S in 1971, and M D S in 1998 (University of Adelaide).

**Dato' Dr Gopal Ayer Sreenevasan**

In recognition of sustained and outstanding Medical services to, among others, the people of Malaysia. Gopal Sreenevasan graduated with MB BS in 1952 (University of Adelaide).

## 1993

### **Dr William Andrew Dibden, M B B S 1939**

In recognition of a lifetime of service to psychological and psychiatric medicine, and as Director General of Medical Services and to the community. William Dibden graduated with MB BS in 1939 (University of Adelaide).

### **Mr Maxwell Henley Harris**

In recognition of profound contributions made to cultural creativity as the founding father of Australian modernism in the Arts. Maxwell Harris qualified for the degrees of B A and B Ec (University of Adelaide).

### **Ms Rosemary Joan Taylor**

In recognition of years of outstanding service often at great personal risk in the general cause of humanity with particular devotion to the handicapped children and orphans of war. Rosemary Taylor graduated with B A in 1960 (University of Adelaide).

## 1992

### **Dr Albert Walter Jones AO**

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to what are now the three South Australian Universities, to the extended scholarly community, and in his chosen field of education. Albert Jones graduated with PhD in 1985 at the University of New England, M A in 1944, B A in 1937, B Sc in 1932, all from the University of Adelaide.

### **Mr Gavin Walkley**

In recognition of his contribution to the two Universities on North Terrace, to St Mark's College, to the community and to the profession of architecture and planning. Gavin Walkley graduated with M A in 1949 and B E in 1934 (University of Adelaide)