

Citation: Mr Hamish Ramsay

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Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Mr Hamish Ramsay.

Mr Hamish Ramsay is being admitted to the degree of Doctor of the University as a person who has rendered distinguished service to the University of Adelaide.

Hamish Ramsay is a great friend to our University. His philanthropic spirit and belief in the transformative power of higher education has seen him generously support the advancement of scientific research at the University of Adelaide. The Ramsay Fellowships are used to encourage outstanding Australian doctorates to return to Adelaide and use their scientific knowledge and experience to advance scientific research in Australia.

These Fellowships have helped to raise the profile of the University of Adelaide while supporting the next generation of ground-breaking scientists in this country. They reinforce the formidable reputation of the University of Adelaide as a centre of research excellence both at home and overseas. And they also increase research opportunities that we would not otherwise be able to provide without such generous philanthropic support. In establishing the Fellowships, Hamish Ramsay has fulfilled his late stepmother's wish to support scientific research. In 2009 he said that: "Science played a large part in creating the family assets." Those assets, included Kiwi International, best known for manufacturing Kiwi shoe polish, now sold in almost 180 countries around the world.

Hamish's connection to the Science has been no doubt also shaped by his late father, Tom Ramsay, himself a graduate in Science from the University of Melbourne.

Hamish' leadership, vision and benefaction will help to ensure the future of outstanding science University research that delivers real benefit to the local community.

I am very pleased and proud to present to you Chancellor, for admission to the degree of Doctor of the University — Mr Hamish Ramsay.