

## **Jane Lomax-Smith citation**

*Thursday 4th of May 2017  
2:00pm – Faculty of Sciences*

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Jane Diane Lomax-Smith.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science is being awarded to Dr Jane Lomax-Smith in acknowledgement of her outstanding contribution to the medical profession, to science, to South Australian politics, and to the community.

Jane Lomax-Smith was born in London on the 19th of June, 1950. She was the first in her family to continue formal education past the age of 13. Jane attended the Woodford County High School and received a grant to attend the London Hospital Medical College, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science (Honours), Human anatomy in 1971. Following this, in 1974, Jane obtained a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and a Bachelor of Science (Honours).

During the early part of her career, Dr Lomax-Smith worked as a clinical pathologist, medical researcher and teacher.

In 1984, she migrated to Australia and was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. In 1985, she received a PhD from the University of Adelaide on "IgA Nephropathy and Liver Disease". In 1996, she became the Foundation Fellow in the Faculty of Oral Pathology with the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

Dr Lomax-Smith first entered politics in 1991. She served three terms as an Adelaide City Councillor, and two terms as Lord Mayor of Adelaide, from 1997-2000. During this time she achieved heritage listing for more than 1300 buildings, supported Reconciliation and 'Sorry' agreements, secured additional investment in low-cost housing, and contributed to a coordinated marketing strategy for international student recruitment with the State Government and the three public universities through Study Adelaide.

In 2002, Dr Lomax-Smith was elected to the South Australian Parliament as the Member for the seat of Adelaide. She served in that role with distinction until 2010.

Dr Lomax-Smith served as a Minister in several portfolios, including: Science and Information Economy; Employment, Training & Further Education; Small Business; Tourism; and Education & Children's Services. She also served as Minister for the City of Adelaide and Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and she was the lead Minister for the Bioscience Precinct Project.

In 2011, Dr Lomax-Smith was appointed as the new chair of the South Australian Museum board, a position she still holds. She has played a key role in fostering the very strong science-based links between the South Australian Museum and the University of Adelaide.

Dr Lomax-Smith has been a long-term, outstanding advocate for science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. She has made a lasting impact in this area, including her work on education policy, STEM awareness and the role of science in society.

Throughout her career, Dr Lomax-Smith has had both direct and indirect impacts on the University of Adelaide – as a Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Pathology for the University's Medical School, and a member of the Board of Examiners for both Medicine and Dentistry; in her work as a councillor and Lord Mayor of Adelaide; as a member of the University of Adelaide's Council; as a Trustee of the Don Dunstan Foundation; as a Member of

Parliament and government Minister; but also in her roles as Acting Director of the Royal Institution of Australia (RIAus), and as Chair of the SA Museum Board.

In 2013, Dr Lomax-Smith was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2013 for significant service to the Parliament and the community of South Australia.

I am very pleased and proud to present to you Chancellor, Dr Jane Diane Lomax-Smith, Bachelor of Science (Honours), Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Fellow Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, Doctor of Philosophy, Foundation Fellow Faculty Oral Pathology (Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia), Member Order of Australia, for admission to the honorary degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa).