**Citation – Dr Barry Catchlove AM**

Doctor of Medicine & Health - Thursday, 21 April 2022, 9.30am

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Dr Barry Catchlove AM to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Health (honoris causa) in recognition of his outstanding contribution as a medical professional and administrator to positively impacting the delivery of health care and improving population health.

Barry commenced his tertiary studies at the age of 16 here at the University of Sydney and graduated from the University’s Sydney Medical School in 1966.

After completing his medical studies and training as a physician at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Barry pursued an impressive career in medicine, healthcare management and education spanning five decades. In 2016, in recognition of significant service to medical administration, particularly in health, to international business co-operation, and to education, Barry was named a Member of the Order of Australia.

Early in his career Barry worked in executive positions at Royal North Shore then as CEO of the Royal Children’s hospital in Melbourne. While at the Royal Children’s hospital Barry implemented many changes targeting the health of adolescence, community paediatrics and was instrumental in restoring the recognition of the hospital as one of the top paediatric institutions in the world. He introduced a new management structure giving clinicians a greater role in management.

Having worked in the public health sector in senior positions for over a decade, Barry was then appointed to the position of Managing Director of Health Care of Australia, a Mayne Nickless subsidiary. Barry helped to grow its operations across Australia and South East Asia to become Australia’s largest high technology private hospital pathology and radiology operator. Using his medical and administrative expertise Barry was successful in creating a new form of partnership that saw the private management of public hospitals and the development of co-located private hospitals associated with major teaching institutions. He also served as President of the Australian Hospitals Association and Chair of the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards.

Working as an advisor to the World Bank and the IMF, Barry’s innovations have been responsible for a number of initiatives that have improved the health of people around the world and have supported Australia’s international foreign relations efforts.

Barry’s work to rejuvenate the University of Sydney medical alumni and alumni generally has made a substantial contribution to alumni relations with the University. While generously devoting his time as a volunteer with the Medical Alumni Association and the Alumni Council, Barry focused on reconnecting with alumni through events and reunions to build a sense of community. He has also been an enthusiastic ambassador in promoting the University to the community at large for the last 20 years, as President of the Medical Graduates Association, through his active involvement with the Sydney University Medical Foundation and as President of the University’s Alumni Council. He also played a major role as the local representative of the Sydney University Graduates of North America Association.

In 2008, Barry’s contributions to the University were recognised when he was made an Honorary Fellow of the University. He served for six years as a Fellow of Senate, chaired the Safety and Risk Management Committee and as Pro-Chancellor, officiated at many graduation ceremonies.

Since 2016, Barry has donated to the University’s Charles Perkins Centre in support of early career researchers investigating diabetes, cardiovascular disease and obesity through the Nicholas Catchlove Early Career Researcher Development Fund, honouring the memory of his late son, Nick. Barry also established the biennial Nicholas Catchlove Lecture which aims to educate and inform the wider community about global health issues, developments and discoveries. Open to the public, the event highlights a guest lecturer who is an eminent Australian or overseas expert in their field.

Barry’s stellar career has been as an innovative and ground-breaking medical professional and health administrator. He is a world expert in health systems in both the public and private sectors across the globe and his work has positively impacted the delivery of health care and improving population health.

Chancellor, I present Dr Barry Catchlove AM for admission to the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Health (honoris causa) and invite you to confer the degree upon him.