

Mr Esmond Ross Brown AM

The honorary degree of Master of Pharmacy was conferred upon pharmacist Esmond Ross Brown AM by the Chancellor Dame Leonie Kramer AC DBE at the ceremony held at 11.30am on 26 March 1997 for his services to pharmacy, to the community and to the University.



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Citation

Presented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Judith Kinnear

Chancellor

I have the honour to present Esmond Ross Brown for the conferring of the degree of Master of Pharmacy (Honoris Causa).

Mr Brown has an outstanding record of service to the profession of pharmacy, to the community and specifically to this University. He qualified as a pharmacist in 1952, acquired his first pharmacy in 1955 and has been in community practice ever since. He is currently a partner in two pharmacies in the Sydney suburb of Strathfield. Whilst at the University, he was a member of the University Regiment and from the Army Reserve he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has received several honours and awards including the Order of Australia for services to the Army Reserve.

At 29 years of age he was elected to the Board of Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd (API).

In 1963 he became a Councillor of the then Pharmaceutical Society of NSW. In 1970 he became President of the Society and served in this capacity for two years. In 1976 the Pharmaceutical Society awarded him a Fellowship of the Society in recognition of his service to the profession.

In 1978, with the desire to see the profession move forward, Ross Brown saw the need for the establishment of a Chair in Pharmacy Practice. In the initial stages he was an energetic force behind establishing the concept and promulgating it to the profession and industry. He has been a Foundation Governor since 1978 of the Pharmacy Practice Foundation. He was the organiser of the drive to raise over \$1.6 million for the Chair, which was achieved in 1990. He is currently still actively involved in the Foundation and has been one of the major advocates for the current Pharmacy Practice Strategic Plan, which envisages raising over \$5 million over the years up to 2000. Ross Brown is the Chair of the committee looking at establishing the position of Professor in Clinical Pharmacy by that year, which will be the first such position in Australia.

From 1980-81 he served as the National President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, and still serves on the Council of the Society (NSW Branch). From 1981-85 and then 1987 to the present Ross Brown has chaired the NSW Branch Committee for Pharmacy Practice and Development. He is Foundation President of the Chapter of Pharmacy History. In educational terms he has been closely involved with the University by being the Pharmaceutical Society's representative on the Pharmacy Department's Fourth Year Professional Advisory Group.

Ross Brown is also the Chair of the Pharmacy Practice Foundation Year 2000 Committee which will help the University celebrate its sesquicentary by raising funds to launch a book on the history of pharmacy education in Australia as part of its contribution to the celebration.

In 1993 Ross Brown became an Honorary Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society. He received the Merck Sharp and Dohme (Australia) Medal in 1994, which was awarded for services to Pharmacy Practice and judged by a panel of his peers. Ross' love and respect for his chosen profession manifests itself in his support and encouragement for the next generation of pharmacists.

Chancellor, I have great pleasure in presenting Esmond Ross Brown, AM, for admission to the degree of Master of Pharmacy (Honoris Causa).