

**UniSA Graduation Ceremony
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Citation for Professor Mary Barton

Professor Barton has served the University for 15 years in senior roles and has contributed to professional development, research and the veterinary profession at national and international levels, bringing significant recognition to the University.

A veterinary diagnostic microbiologist, Professor Barton has a strong research background in bacterial infections of animals and in antibiotic resistance, has contributed more broadly to national issues of food safety and public health, and has played a significant role in government taskforces on policies concerning antibiotic use in food animals.

From 2001 to 2004, Professor Barton was Head of the School of Pharmaceutical, Molecular and Biomedical Science, which is now the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences. Since 1997 she has headed the Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Research Group, a part of the Sansom Institute for Health Research.

She has received many externally-funded research grants; she has authored a range of books and book chapters and has contributed to more than 100 refereed journal articles and conference papers and she has given a large number of invited presentations. Her significant research outputs include postgraduate supervision of no less than 43 research students.

Professor Barton has led or been a central figure in many key professional agencies and associations, and continues to serve on numerous committees of national significance. She is a foundation member of the NHMRC Animal Welfare Committee, Fellow of the Australian Veterinary Association, and recipient of the Australian Veterinary Association Meritorious Service Award.

In 2006, Professor Barton received the award of Honorary Doctor of Veterinary Science from the University of Melbourne and was also conferred with the Belle Bruce Reid Medal for outstanding veterinary science graduates.

It is perhaps timely that just last week, as part of the celebrations for the 250 year anniversary of the Veterinary profession world wide, Professor Barton was acknowledged in Federal Parliament in the House of Representatives and the Senate, for significant contributions and achievements to the Australian veterinary profession as a leading veterinary bacteriologist. She was one of just three prominent Australians acknowledged along with a Nobel prize winner and a world famous equine surgeon. Good company indeed.

**Professor Allan Evans
Pro Vice Chancellor: Division of Health Sciences**