

Citation for Alice McCleary

Graduation: Tuesday 29 March 2011, 10:30am



Officiator:	Dr Ian Gould
Award recipient:	Ms Alice McCleary B.Ec, FCA, FTIA (Life), FAICD
Award being conferred:	Honorary Doctor of the University of South Australia (DUniv)
Citation delivered by:	Professor Gerry Griffin B.Com(Hons), MBS, PhD

Chancellor, the University of South Australia awards the Honorary Doctorate Degree to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to public service or a field of academic endeavour. It is my pleasure to present to you Ms Alice McCleary for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community and to the growth and development of the University of South Australia.

A director of several listed and unlisted companies, Ms McCleary is a chartered accountant with wide experience in leadership, corporate governance, professional practice, and policy development.

She became a member of the University of South Australia Council in 1998 and served as Deputy Chancellor from 2002 until December 2009. During that time she was Presiding Officer of the University's Finance Committee from its establishment in 1998 to 2009. She also played a significant role in the creation of the Governance and Legislation Working Party and the reorganisation of the University's governance structure, and assisted with the development of ITEK as the focus for commercialisation of the University's intellectual property.

Ms McCleary has been a corporate tax partner in Coopers & Lybrand, was intimately involved with the Ralph Review of Business Taxation in the late 1990s, and in 2001 was President of the Taxation Institute of Australia – the youngest person, and the first woman, to hold that position in the Institute's history.

In recent years, Ms McCleary has played a pivotal role in floating four companies on the Australian Stock Exchange – three successful minerals exploration companies, as well as the first Chinese manufacturer to list in Australia. She also represents Australia on the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which sets the ethical standards for the world's two and a half million accountants.

In 2003 she was awarded a Centenary Medal for services to higher education and the community.

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