

## Citation for Professor Mary Barton

Graduation: Thursday 31 March 2011, 3 pm



**Officiator:** Dr Ian Gould

**Award recipient:** Professor Mary Barton  
BVSc(Hons), PhD, Dip Bact, MBA, FACVSc, HonDVSc

**Award being conferred:** Emeritus Professor Award

**Citation delivered by:** Professor Allan Evans  
BPharm PhD

**Chancellor, the University of South Australia confers the honorary title of Emeritus Professor upon retired academic staff holding the title of Professor who have given distinguished service to this institution. It is my pleasure to present to you Professor Mary Barton for the title of Emeritus Professor in recognition of such service.**

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 in the Sansom Institute for Health Research.

She has received many industry-funded research grants; she has authored books, chapters and 67 refereed journal articles; and she has given dozens of invited presentations. Her significant research outputs include postgraduate supervision of 43 completed and current 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 women veterinary science graduates.

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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 with a distinguished career in government and in veterinary public health. She was one of just three prominent Australians acknowledged along with a Nobel prize winner and a renown equine surgeon.

**Chancellor, on behalf of the University of South Australia, I am pleased to present Professor Mary Barton to you for the honorary title of Emeritus Professor in recognition of her distinguished service to this institution and the community.**