

## Citation for Professor Dorothy Ann Scott

Graduation: Wednesday 11 August 2010, 10:30am



**Officiator:** Dr Ian Gould

**Award recipient:** Professor Dorothy Scott  
BA (Hons), Grad Dip Social Studies, MSW, PhD

**Award being conferred:** Emeritus Professor Award

**Citation delivered by:** Professor Pal Ahluwalia  
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**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 Dorothy Scott for the title of 'Professor Emeritus' in recognition of such service.**

Professor Scott is the Foundation Chair of Child Protection and Director, Australian Centre for Child Protection. Having been awarded the Centenary Medal for service to the community, she is also acknowledged as having made a significant contribution to UniSA. In 2005 she established the Australian Centre for Child Protection at the University of South Australia.

Prior to her involvement with UniSA she was Head of the School of Social Work at the University of Melbourne and the CEO of The Ian Potter Foundation.

Born in Wales in 1952, Dorothy came to Australia with her family when she was four and completed her education in Victorian public schools. As a teenager she volunteered to assist children in State institutional care, and said she was so moved by their suffering she committed herself to work preventing child abuse and neglect.

Professor Scott was the first person in her family to have the opportunity to attend University, and completed arts and social work degrees at the University of Melbourne, and later a Masters Research degree and PhD.

As a social worker in the 1970s Professor Scott founded the first sexual assault counselling service for women and children in Victoria, and pioneered group therapy for women suffering from post-partum psychiatric disorders.

Chief Investigator in four recent ARC grants and the author of five books and many refereed articles, Professor Scott has been influential nationally and internationally in developing and promoting a public health approach to child protection.

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