

Citation for Emeritus Professor Max Brennan AO

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Officiator:	Dr Ian Gould AM
Award recipient:	Emeritus Professor Max Brennan AO BSc, PhD (Syd.), Hon. DSc (Flinders), DUniv (QUT), FAA, FAIP
Award being conferred:	Honorary Doctor of the University of South Australia (DUniv)
Citation delivered by:	Professor Andrew Parfitt BE(Hons) PhD FIEAust

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 Emeritus Professor Max Brennan AO for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his distinguished career in academia and research leadership.

Emeritus Professor Maxwell Howard Brennan has made a significant contribution to science and scientific enquiry, particularly in the fields of cosmic rays, nuclear physics and plasma physics, as well as to the growth and development of two Australian universities.

A graduate of the University of Sydney, he spent three years as a research associate at Princeton University before returning to the academic staff of the University. In 1964 he was appointed Foundation Professor of Physics at the new Flinders University in Adelaide.

He moved back to Sydney in 1981 to become Professor of Physics and later Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Sydney.

Emeritus Professor Brennan has served on numerous international and national committees, and chaired both the Australian Atomic Commission and the Australian Research Council.

He retired in 1997, but appears to have been no less busy since then. Among other activities he has consulted for the World Bank and served as Chief Scientist for South Australia, and he currently is a Director of CRC CARE, based at UniSA, and Chairman of eResearch SA, a joint venture between the three South Australian universities.

Emeritus Professor Brennan was made an Officer in the Order of Australia in 1985 and elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 1988.

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