

Citation for the Award of Companion of the University

Mr Alan Young AM

Mr Young began his career as a leading Fund Manager at National Mutual (now AXA), managing some of the company's best performing Investment Portfolios in Australia for several years.

In his twenties he entered Stockbroking and became both a member of the Australian Stock Exchange and co-founder/co-owner with David Baker of his own Stockbroking business, Baker Young. He is a leader in his field and is one of the most informed and innovative Stockbrokers in Australia.

Mr Young has wide-ranging business interests and is heavily involved in a number of South Australian based and owned businesses covering investment, viticulture, horticulture, health, education and the arts, and print & online publishing. His strengths lie in funding, establishing and developing new businesses and enterprises to trade in the long-term and in business management advice. He is passionate supporter of South Australian business, innovation and partnership.

In recent years Mr Young has created the vision for and spear-headed the implementation of three major innovative projects in South Australia, including the planning, fund-raising and construction phases:

- \$30million Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer (FCIC), a comprehensive cancer centre located adjacent to Flinders Medical Centre at Bedford Park, housing more than 100 Flinders University health and medical researchers, working alongside a multi-disciplinary cancer care team.
- \$200 million South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) which will house more than 700 Health and Medical Researchers working together to search for better treatments and cures across themes including: cancer, nutrition & metabolism, infection and immunity, health mothers babies and children, heart disease and mind & brain embedding a special focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. SAHMRI will become South Australia's Flagship Health and Medical Research Institute and whilst independent it has uniquely the State's three Universities and the Government as stakeholders.
- A home for the Adelaide Central School of Art (ACSA) through the acquisition of five iconic buildings on the fringe of Adelaide's CBD at Glenside (also home of the South Australia Film Corporation) and the restoration and upgrade of these buildings at a cost of more than \$10million. ACSA is a leader in Visual Arts Education in South Australia and has a unique Studio Based Fine Art Practice.

In the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours, Mr Young was awarded an Order of Australia as a Member in the General Division for service to the community, particularly through business advisory roles with health, medical research and educational organisations.

Mr Young's contribution to Flinders University has been especially evident through his leadership of the Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) Foundation. He joined the Board of the Foundation in 1998 and became the Chair in 2001. Under his leadership, the FMC Foundation has provided in excess of \$7 million of funding for research projects and research equipment in FMC and the School of Medicine.

Mr Young worked closely with FMC Foundation CEO Deborah Heithersay and Flinders University's Professor Graeme Young to lobby Federal and State Government for funding to develop the Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer, a joint venture between the Foundation, Flinders

University and the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network. The \$30 million FCIC, which opened in April 2012, is a comprehensive cancer centre with a unique focus on cancer prevention, linking research, patient care and education within a single state-of-the-art building. The FCIC is a vital part of the University's strategic plan for research and engagement with SAHMRI.

Mr Young's demonstrated commitment to growing health and medical research in South Australia and fostering a long-standing fruitful relationship between the FMC Foundation and Flinders University makes him a worthy recipient for the award of Companion of the University.