

Biographical Note

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Award of Companion of the University

In 1971, Dr Roger Sexton was one of Flinders University's earliest graduates, with the award of a Bachelor of Economics degree at Honours level. He was awarded a Masters degree and then a PhD degree from North Carolina University.

Over the next decade he held various senior management positions with the Commonwealth and State Governments. He has continued to make his expertise available to the South Australian Government, in recent years through his involvement with successful negotiations over the sale of various State Government assets, which were noteworthy for the concern that was shown for achieving outcomes that would minimise the adverse impact of the resulting workplace changes.

His present appointments include Chief Executive of Challenger Beston Ltd, a subsidiary of international investment bank Challenger International Limited, Deputy Chair, Beston Wine Industry Trust, Chair of the Board of the IOOF SA, and Deputy Chair, IOOF Ltd, the Motor Accident Commission of South Australia and Korvest Ltd. He is a Director of IBIS Business Information Pty Ltd, and has served as a Director on a number of other boards. He was the founding Chairperson of the Centre for South Australian Economic Studies.

For the past sixteen years, in his career as an investment banker, Dr Sexton has devoted his energies to finding venture capital to develop and commercialise innovative entrepreneurial ideas, and in doing so, creating economic wealth for South Australia.

He has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to giving back to the community through a range of activities including his service to the South Australian Committee of Enterprise Australia, the State Development Council and the Westminster School Council. During his career he has worked on a United Nations development project in Thailand and on an Australian Government development project in China.

Dr Sexton served as on the Board of Governors of the former Flinders University Foundation from 1989 until 1999 and was Chairperson of the Board from 1994. During this time he contributed significantly to successful fund raising initiatives for several major projects, including the Lincoln Marine Science Centre and the Flinders Cancer Centre in the School of Medicine. Dr Sexton has traveled extensively, and has been a valuable international ambassador for the University.

The award of the title of Companion of the University is fitting recognition of an outstanding contribution, both to Flinders and the South Australian community.