

Emeritus Professor Wilfred David (Mick) Borrie CBE



The honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Economics was conferred upon Emeritus Professor Wilfred David Borrie CBE at a conferring of degrees ceremony in 1979.

Profile

Australia's first full-time academic researcher in population studies, Borrie was born in New Zealand in 1913 and educated at Otago and Cambridge universities, and came to Sydney in 1941. After teaching social history in the University of Sydney, he joined the very new Australian National University in 1948 as staff member in charge of population studies. He remained Professor of Demography until retirement in 1978, his being the first Chair of Demography anywhere in the world. He, and the team he built up at the Australian National University from 1951 onwards, made Australia's name well known throughout the world for high-quality work on population trends and policies in Australia, the Pacific, Asia, Europe, North America and other parts of the world. Borrie himself wrote in most of these areas, including an important book in 1970 on 'The Growth and Control of World Population'.

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