

## Mr Esmond Ross Brown AM

The title of Honorary Fellow of the University was conferred upon Esmond Ross Brown AM by the Pro-Chancellor John McCarthy QC at the Faculty of Pharmacy graduation ceremony held at 11.30am on 20 March 2009.



The Pro-Chancellor and Mr Brown, *photo, copyright Memento Photography.*

### Citation

Pro Chancellor, I have the honour to present Esmond Ross Brown for the conferring of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

Mr Ross Brown has been a tireless ambassador in the promotion of the University, especially the Faculty of Pharmacy for over 50 years since he qualified as a pharmacist in 1952. He actively fosters links between the University and other key institutions within Australia and abroad, and is an advocate for the University's resource needs to ensure continued growth and diversification.

Currently, Mr Brown is the President of the Pharmacy Alumni Association, a Director of the Herbal Medicine Research and Education Centre (since 1998), a governor of the Pharmacy Practice Foundation since 1978 and most recently he helped the Faculty raise over \$1 million as Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Pharmacy's Building Expansion Campaign (2006-2008). Not only does Mr Brown give selflessly of his time but he has also been a generous benefactor to the university through his philanthropy. Mr Brown's donations have allowed the Faculty to expand and improve its facilities, provide support to its students and so much more.

Always focussing on the enhancement of the Pharmacy profession, Mr Brown never seeks public recognition for his generous contributions despite such opportunities being made available to him.

Under Mr Brown's presidency, the Pharmacy Alumni Association has witnessed significant growth in the support it receives from former students and the community at large. As a diligent worker who regularly attends the meetings of the Pharmacy Alumni Association, the Pharmacy Practice Foundation and the Campaign Advisory Committee, Mr Brown has been instrumental in securing commitments from many potential donors. His tremendous successes as a fundraiser have not gone unnoticed by others in the University and have resulted in his invitation to join the Sydney University Sport Foundation Council.

With a desire to see the Pharmacy profession move forward, Ross Brown saw the need for the establishment of a Chair in Pharmacy Practice. He was the driving force behind establishing the concept and promulgating it to the profession and industry, as well as the key organiser of a drive to raise over \$1.3 million for the Chair, which was established in 1990.

The list of Mr Brown's appointments, roles, and responsibilities in the Pharmacy profession is extensive. He has a long and active history with the Faculty of Pharmacy and the pharmacy industry at large. In March 1997, Mr Brown's achievements and service to The University of Sydney were recognised when he was conferred with the Degree of Master of Pharmacy (*honoris causa*).

Words cannot begin to describe, Mr Brown's extreme generosity to the University, the wider community and in particular to the Pharmacy profession. He has an outstanding record of service and is a driving force in ensuring his profession remains progressive through his exceptional contributions both financial and as a role model for future generations of pharmacists.

Pro Chancellor, I present Esmond Ross Brown for the conferring of the title of Honorary Fellow of the University.