

Ms Ann Minette Corlett AM

The honorary Fellowship of the University was conferred upon Annie Corlett by the Chancellor, Ms Belinda Hutchinson AM at a Faculty of Business graduation at 2.00pm at 4.00pm on 13 October 2017.

Citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Mrs Ann Minette Corlett AM to you for an honorary fellowship of the University.

Annie attended North Sydney Girls High School and graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Economics in 1980 majoring in Economics and Government.

Annie commenced work in the financial sector and became an executive director of two publicly listed Australian mining companies, Nicron Resources and Petrocarb Exploration. During her tenure as Executive Director of Nicron Resources Ltd, the company's market capitalisation grew from less than \$5 million to be taken over for \$120 million. She held these roles for 8 years before turning her focus to not-for-profit organisations.

Annie invested herself in a number of voluntary community activities. For 15 years, she supported the Art Gallery of NSW in various roles including as a guide, lecture co-ordinator and co-ordinator of the Gallery Guides.

Annie is passionate about supporting victims of crime and those in need. She joined Lifeline in 2007 and for five years held the role of telephone crisis supporter, facilitator and in-shift supervisor. In 2011 she became a National Board Member of Lifeline Australia, stepping down in May this year. She continues to work with Lifeline as a co-opted member of the Lifeline Australia Board Services Committee. She is also a Volunteer Court Supporter and Counsellor for the Homicide Victims Support Group (NSW).

Annie has been an incredibly important member of the University community since she graduated in 1980 through many roles.

In 2008 she became an inaugural member the External Advisory Committee of the Department of Government and International Relations of the University of Sydney, which was established to cultivate relationships with community partners including those who support student prizes and scholarships, organisations that host placements for student interns, and employers of graduates and to respond to the challenges of the future. Annie's experience in negotiating and her positive attitude led her to quickly become the Deputy Chair of this committee.

In 2010 Annie joined the Alumni Council and in 2013 she was elected President, a role she held until April of this year. Annie's dedication, intelligence and calm leadership created an ideal forum to support the University and the Division of Alumni and Development in their endeavours to grow alumni engagement across the university community. She remains highly engaged with the Council as a Member of the Volunteer Management and International Engagement committees.

Additionally, Annie is Co-Convenor of the University's Business Alumni Network Start Up Group and was the member of the Alumni Council representing the Business School for 7 years. She has made a significant contribution to facilitating the Business School's aspirations to become a leading global Business School.

She has been a constant source of advice, feedback, and encouragement for students, either through the student societies with which the Alumni Council works, or individually by attending and hosting events with students. Annie's effectiveness in bringing alumni together to support the University is an inspiration to all graduates.

Annie is a long-time supporter of sport at the University and is currently the University's Senate representative on the Sydney University Sport and Fitness General Committee/Management Committee.

Annie and her husband Bruce are committed and dedicated philanthropists and this year have generously donated the Corlett Family Sporting Scholarship to be awarded annually to a female student athlete who is a member of the Elite Athlete Program.

In 2016, Annie was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list with a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community through a range of social welfare, not-for-profit, visual arts , academic alumni and victim support groups.

Chancellor, I present Mrs Ann Minette Corlett AM, and invite you to confer the title of Honorary Fellow of the University upon her.