

## Mr David Campbell Glenn

The degree of Master of Surgery (honoris causa) was conferred upon David Campbell Glenn in 1997.

### Citation

*Presented by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Gavin Brown*

Chancellor,

I have the honour to present David Campbell Glenn, for admission to the degree of Master of Surgery, honoris causa.

In 1948 David Glenn enrolled as a new medical student at the University of Sydney. He graduated with honours, Bachelor of Science (Medical) and then Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, also with honours. Following graduation he was appointed a Resident Medical Officer at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital where he trained as a surgeon gaining his Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1959.

During his training he was the Surgical Registrar in the Professorial Unit of the late Sir John Loewenthal, and it was here that he commenced teaching surgery to undergraduate students. He did this very well and was one of those fortunate people who have the ability and enthusiasm to make teaching sessions a pleasurable as well as an educational experience. Following appointment as an Honorary Surgeon to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in 1961 he has lectured and conducted weekly tutorials regularly to the present time.

The University has always depended on dedicated surgeons such as Dr Glenn for undergraduate teaching since the number of full-time members of the Department of Surgery has never been adequate to cope with the 200 plus students in each of the clinical years. Much of his 40 year period of outstanding undergraduate teaching has been performed in an honorary capacity and conducted in term times that extend well beyond the University calendar terms. Dr Glenn has also been a committed teacher at the postgraduate level being endowed with that special skill required to stand on the opposite side of the operating table and guide a surgical trainee through the practical aspects of surgical procedures. Many current members of the Department of Surgery are testament to David Glenn's ability in this role.

He has served his profession widely. He was appointed to the Court of Examiners of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and served in this capacity for 12 years. He was also one of the first general surgeons to recognise the importance of sub-specialisation. He was a pioneer of colorectal surgery and the results he achieved in this sub-speciality in its formative years have not been bettered. He is the 'doctor's doctor' having operated on a vast number of his medical colleagues and their families. His statesmanlike behaviour and leadership have always ensured that teaching did not suffer during periods of medico-political conflict.

Chancellor, I have great pleasure in presenting David Campbell Glenn for admission to the degree of Master of Surgery, honoris causa.