

Mr Gerard Stevens AM

For his outstanding contribution beyond the expectations of the person's particular field of endeavour which has influenced the thinking or general well-being of the wider community.

*Master of Pharmacy (honoris causa) [Hon MPharm]
Conferring ceremony: 6 March 2015*

Citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Gerard Stevens AM to you for admission to the degree of Master of Pharmacy (*honoris causa*).

Mr Gerard Stevens AM, founder and Managing Director of Manrex Pty Ltd-Webstercare, is an exceptional leader in the pharmacy industry.

Gerard graduated with the Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1968 and went on to found his company Webstercare. For more than 30 years, Webstercare has been an innovation-led company at the vanguard of solving the problems Australians have with managing their medication.

Webstercare has developed more than 600 products and services that each offer smart solutions to medication management concerns across a range of sectors. The now widely-used Webster-pak was an early development that became an industry standard; and newer innovations include the robotically enhanced MedsPro mini-dispensary system that utilises the Virtual Pill Count software, which supports large numbers of patients requiring medication management support.

The first pharmacist in Australia to qualify for Residential Medication Management Reviews (RMMR), Gerard has now become the leading provider of RMMR services in Australia today.

Gerard's continued passion and commitment to research, development and better patient care has enabled Webstercare to remain at the forefront of the industry. His innovations are used throughout the pharmacy, aged care, community and health sectors and his commitment has led to better health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

This passion, commitment and resulting contributions were recognised in 2013 when Gerard was appointed a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in recognition for his "significant service to the pharmaceutical industry, and to community health".

He has also received national and international recognition for his innovation, forward thinking and commitment to the industry and patients.

In 2010 Gerard was honoured by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia with a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his dedication to promoting excellence in the pharmacy profession over a substantial period of time. In the same year he was also the recipient of the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations (FAPA) Ishidate Award for Community Pharmacy. In March 2011, Gerard was elevated to the status of Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. He has also been nominated on three occasions for the Pharmacist of the Year Award.

Gerard also contributes his time and expertise to helping the next generation of pharmacists. He was the Chairman of the Community Pharmacy Reference Group of our Faculty of Pharmacy, providing feedback to the University's Dean of Pharmacy about the relevance of pharmacy course curriculums to community pharmacy, reinforcing his drive to deliver improved pharmacy services to the community and solidifying the outstanding contribution which has influenced the thinking and general well-being of the wider community. He is also a Councillor of the Faculty of Pharmacy Foundation.

Mr Gerard Stevens is a worthy recipient of an Honorary Master of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Sydney in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the Australian community in the area of quality use of medicines.

Chancellor, I present Gerard Stevens AM for admission to the degree of Master of Pharmacy (*honoris causa*), and I invite you to confer the degree upon him.