

The University of South Australia awards the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to public service, or a field of academic endeavour or artistic pursuit.

It is my pleasure to present Philip Alexander Liggett, for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his enormous contribution to cycling worldwide and to the success of the Tour Down Under which showcases South Australia to the world every January.

His interest in cycling began by riding on the Wirral in north west England.

He tried his hand at zookeeping for a while and got almost through studies as an accountant before training as a journalist in Fleet Street where he worked on the IPC magazine *Cycling* for four years.

Freelance positions followed with the *Guardian* and the *Observer* and he was eventually named as international editor of *Cycle Sport* magazine.

Phil moved to Belgium to try his luck as a full-time rider and from there he built an international career.

He is now known as the Voice of Cycling.

Phil has worked on the highly successful Tour Down Under in Adelaide Australia since inception in 1999. The race has become the most popular event in Australia and Phil has amassed a large number of major awards.

In 2005 he became a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours list and in 2007 he was given a Lifetime Achievement award by the United States Hall of Fame.

In 2010 Phil was one of the first 50 inductees into the newly created British Cycling Hall of Fame, and in 2016, he was awarded the Bidlake Plaque for services to cycling.

Last year he was appointed the Honorary Australian of the Year at the London Embassy's Australia Day celebrations and later that year he was presented with the Chairman's Award at the annual Amgen Tour of California, a prestigious award for services to the race.

Today it is our turn to give him the recognition of a grateful sponsor of the Tour Down Under and a university that values its community and the people who work towards making it great.

Chancellor: On behalf of the University of South Australia, I am pleased to present Philip Alexander Liggett for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his distinguished service to the global community.