

**Citation for Mr Kevin O'Loughlin OAM
Tuesday 15 August 2017 at 10:30am**

Officiator: Mr Jim McDowell

Award recipient: Mr Kevin O'Loughlin OAM

Award being conferred: Honorary Doctor of the University (DUniv)

Citation delivered by: Professor Simon Beecham
Pro Vice Chancellor the Division of Information Technology,
Engineering and the Environment

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 Kevin O'Loughlin OAM for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his distinguished service to the community.

Kevin O'Loughlin, or Uncle Dookie as he is more popularly known, is a highly respected Narungga-Kaurna elder, an educator, story teller and cultural consultant. He serves the Aboriginal community and fosters understanding and reconciliation with the non-Indigenous community through his involvement on various committees including the Narungga Language Committee, the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee -NAIDOC - and the UniSA Mawson Lakes Reconciliation Committee.

His wealth of traditional cultural knowledge contributes enormously to educational resources and publications. This cultural knowledge continues to inform environmental issues, such as land protection for migratory birds, waterholes and the Parafield Vernal Pools, the pre-European habitat at Parafield Airport which has the last known population of vernal pools within the Adelaide metro area.

Mr O'Loughlin is well known for generously imparting his knowledge of the Aboriginal culture to students and staff in UniSA's Divisions of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment and the Business School. He has become instrumental in teaching culture in the UniSA Environmental Science course, with a program called Traditional Ecological Knowledge. He has

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contributed to curriculum development and the teaching of Tourism and Indigenous Peoples, and is committed to fostering greater student engagement and learning.

A major aspect of his contribution to the Reconciliation committee at Mawson Lakes was providing us with connections to Elders, community members and groups who have come on campus to share culture with our students.

In 2006, Mr O'Loughlin was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the community as a contributor to the development of teaching programs providing insight into Indigenous culture and through contributions to the reconciliation process.

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