Chancellor, 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 Dr Ian Gould AM for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his distinguished service to the community.

Dr Gould’s career has been based upon a strong scientific interest and belief in the importance to the community of the mining industry. Initially based on geology and mineral exploration, it broadened into commercial areas and general management within the minerals industry, leading to high level appointments in the processing and corporate business sectors. However, exploration was always an abiding interest and he was responsible for CRA Exploration, when that international group was the largest single exploration company in the world. The major Century zinc deposit in North Queensland and the Sepon gold-copper deposit in Laos were discovered on his watch.

He has been a keen and early proponent of excellence in environmental management for the industry and was a leader in development of the Minerals Industry code for Environmental Management in the 1990s, when controversy was high. He subsequently chaired the Australian Centre for Mining Environmental Research with its key role in practical implementation of rehabilitation.
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He has also been a passionate and vocal advocate for the mining industry and has composed and delivered a considerable number of addresses and submissions over the years, including to high level Government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Science Engineering and Innovation Council. He has been active on several Ministerial advisory committees to government on minerals and related issues, including the Minerals Exploration Action Agenda Implementation Group, the CSIRO and on industry-academic committees.

Ian has also been an active member of AusIMM, the Minerals Institute for 50 years and has been President of the Institute and the recipient of its most prestigious awards, including The Institute Medal for 2007. In 2008 he was appointed to the South Australian Economic Development Board and the Premier’s Science and Research Council, reflecting his strong commitment to the State of South Australia.

His portfolio of non-executive and extra-curricular activities and responsibilities reflects his inter-related interests in the community and environmental responsibility and the special importance to industry and Australian society of sustainable development and of science, research and education. This includes a long-term and ongoing involvement in the governance as Chair of prominent bodies, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Australian Institute of Marine Science and St Andrew’s Hospital, Adelaide’s largest single private hospital.

In 2008, he was appointed as Chancellor of the University of South Australia and in 2013 elected as the Convenor, or Chair, of the national University Chancellors Council.

He was made a member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2011 Queen’s Birthday Honours Awards for service to the mining industry, to education as Chancellor of the University of South Australia, and to the community.
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