

Citation for Mr Adam Roy Goodes
Wednesday 24 April, 2019 at 3:00pm

Officiator: Ms Pauline Carr, Chancellor

Award being conferred: Doctor of the University (DUniv)

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

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 Mr Adam Roy Goodes for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his distinguished service to the community.

Adam Goodes is Chief Executive Officer of the Indigenous Defence Consortium which was established to help Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs capitalise on the National Innovation and Science Agenda by delivering skills, innovations, services and supplies to Australian infrastructure projects in the defence sector.

A former professional Australian Rules footballer who played for the Sydney Swans for more than 16 years, he holds an elite place in AFL/VFL history: he retired from AFL in 2015, leaving the field as the Swans' games record holder on 372, and was one of the most decorated players of all time.

Some of the many accolades Mr Goodes received during his career include: the prestigious Rising Star medal in his debut year -1999; leading his team as co-captain from 2009 to 2012; celebrating premierships in 2005 and in 2012; and being awarded the AFL's highest honour, the Brownlow Medal which he won twice - in 2003 and 2006.

An Andyamathanha (UD YA MUT NA) and Norungga (NA RUN GA) man born in Wallaroo South Australia, Mr Goodes is proud of his heritage and passionate about eliminating discrimination in society. His commitment to invigorate support pathways for communities lead to the creation of The Goodes-O'Loughlin

Foundation (GO Foundation) with fellow Indigenous teammate Michael O'Loughlin to create opportunities for Indigenous youth through education.

In 2014, Mr Goodes was named the 2014 Australian of the Year in recognition of his empowering the next generation of Indigenous role models and as an advocate for the fight against racism.

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