

## NORTON JACKSON AM Citation

Chancellor, the University of South Australia awards the Honorary Doctorate Degree to a recipient who has made “a distinguished contribution to the knowledge and understanding of a branch of learning which gives the candidate authoritative standing and general recognition by scholars in the field”.

Norton Jackson is a graduate of the School of Mines and Industries and the University of Adelaide [1936 to 1942]. He holds Diplomas in Applied Science and Mining and a Bachelor of Engineering in Metallurgy. He was the Klug Medallist in his final year of undergraduate engineering studies. Norton was awarded a Master of Engineering by the University of Melbourne in 1964. His service to the mining industry was recognized by the award of an Order of Australia in 1987 and a Centenary Medal in 2001. His career is both one of distinction and variety.

Following his tertiary studies, Norton enlisted in the Australian Citizen Military Forces in the November of that year and was subsequently commissioned Lieutenant in April 1943. He was then seconded to the Second Australian Imperial Force. He served in Australia, New Guinea and New Britain from 1943 until February 1946.

Norton joined the Emperor Mining Co in Fiji and worked as a Research Chemist and in Production Control from 1946 until 1948. He was then appointed to the position of Chief Metallurgist at the South Australian Department of Mines. He served the State with great distinction in this position until 1957 before he was recruited by the American Cyanamid Company [now Cytec] in 1958. Norton rose from Field Engineer to the position of Regional Director Hong Kong, then “Eastern Region” and “Europe Africa” in the USA office of American Cyanamid. From 1976 until 1977 Norton was the Managing Director of Cynamid B.V, based in Holland and was responsible for the manufacturing and sales activities of the company’s industrial products in Europe and Africa. The American Cyanamid Company, before its dissection into smaller components, was one of the world’s major chemical companies during the period from 1958 until 1977, with some 45,000 employees worldwide.

The attraction from South Australia has always been strong for Norton and in 1978 he was appointed Managing Director of the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories. He held this position until mid 1983, before accepting positions as Director of Aberfoyle Ltd, Poseidon Ltd, Commercial Minerals and Adelaide Wallaroo Fertilizers, as well as Luminis Ltd., responsibilities that he held until 1991. Since 1991 Norton has been a strong supporter of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, was a Director of SX Holdings for 5 years and was Chairman of Norminco Ltd for 3 years. Norton served as a Member of the Australian Mineral Foundation Council and Executive Committee from 1978 until 1999.

Norton was a Member of Council for this University from 1995 until 1998 and is presently a Member of the Development Board, University of South Australia Foundation. He currently holds positions as Director for Centrex Resources, Australasia Gold Ltd and is a specialist Member of the Major development Panel of the department of Transport and Urban Planning for the SA State Government.

Norton Jackson is a tireless supporter of this University and it is a great pleasure to present this splendid man for the award of an Honorary Doctorate. This is a fitting tribute to a man who was elected Fellow of the University of South Australia in 1999.

Chancellor, I present Norton Jackson for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University.