

Citation for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of the University (DUniv)

Dr Patricia (Pat) Miller AO DLitt CDU

Dr Patricia (Pat) Miller AO was born in Alice Springs and has lived in Central Australia all her life. Dr Miller is a member of the well-known Liddle family which has both traditional and pioneering ties in Central Australia. Her mother, Polly Liddle, is a member of the Allyuwerre tribe of Central Australia and her father, Milton Liddle, was Arrernte/Scottish, and part-owner of Angus Downs Station, south west of Alice Springs. Over her life, she has made an inestimable contribution to the legal, social, sporting and higher education development of Central Australia and the Northern Territory.

In 1978 Dr Miller joined the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service. She started working with the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service as a filing clerk, and progressed through the organisation. She has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service and has overseen its growth and development since 1982.

Dr Miller was appointed as Deputy of the Administrator of the Northern Territory in 2002. As Deputy of the Administrator she carries out a range of ceremonial duties on behalf of the Administrator in Central Australia.

Dr Miller also currently plays a prominent role, by virtue of being a native titleholder, within the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation which represents Arrernte Native Title Holders and is the Chairperson of Lhere Artepe Enterprise.

Dr Miller has a keen interest in basketball and hockey and has represented Alice Springs in basketball and represented the Northern Territory in hockey. She has served on the committees of Alice Springs Hockey Association and the Alice Springs Basketball Association.

Dr Miller has served on the committees of governance of numerous regional organisations. She joined the Board of Management of the Centre for Remote Health in 2008 as a member representing the Alice Springs community. Over this time, she has worked tirelessly to promote higher education and the development of Flinders University activities within the region and within the Northern Territory.

Dr Miller has received many awards which acknowledge her contributions to the local community and the Northern Territory. These include: NAIDOC Aboriginal of the Year, awarded for her commitment and contribution to Aboriginal Affairs in 1995; the Centenary of Federation Medal, awarded in 2003 for service to the community as a member of many organisations and groups; and the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship, also awarded in 2003, in appreciation of the tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among people of the world.

Dr Miller was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2004 and, in 2006, Charles Darwin University conferred on her the Doctor of Letters *honoris causa*.