

Mr Allen Bolaffi

Citation for the Award of Companion of the University

Mr Allen Bolaffi was born in Adelaide in 1956 and passed away after a short illness on 1 June 2014.

He was an experienced chartered accountant, having graduated from the University of South Australia with a Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy, business advisor and company director. His extensive governance experience covered both the public and private sectors. He was a director of several public and large private companies, a Justice of the Peace and, for 20 years, Chair of the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce in South Australia. He was heavily involved in local government through membership of a number of audit committees, the development of information papers and by presenting education and training seminars for the Local Government Association of South Australia.

Mr Bolaffi was a managing partner of UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants and his most recent directorships included Drake Supermarkets and John Shearer Holdings. He was also Chair of South Australian Innovation Investment Fund Advisory Committee and a director of the Southern Adelaide Fleurieu Kangaroo Island Medicare Local and the Southern Adelaide Economic Development Board.

At Flinders University he was a member of the Audit Committee, where he made an invaluable contribution over 10 years, and more recently a member of the New Venture Institute Advisory Committee, where his commitment to the University and optimism for the future development of entrepreneurs and in Australia's economic growth was evident.

He had an enduring passion for Judaism and Israel and was committed to promoting Jewish community life in Adelaide, demonstrated by his establishment of the Adelaide Jewish Museum and role as Chair of that organisation, confirming his commitment to advancing and documenting the social, historical and cultural life of the community.

He was known for his passion for South Australia and was a well known and respected community and business leader and a great contributor to the state.

His enthusiasm and commitment to the University, to business and to the community of South Australia, particularly to the southern area of Adelaide, make him a worthy recipient of the Companion of the University