Emeritus Professor Wayne Robinson, over a span of 40 years, has made significant and sustained contributions to the advancement of knowledge in veterinary pathology and infectious disease, tertiary education and university leadership.

He has published over 150 articles including national and international journals, book chapters, and edited textbooks. He has advanced our knowledge of: the pathology and pathogenesis of cardiovascular diseases; the pathology, pathogenesis and epidemiology of retrovirus infections in 3 species; the clinical description, pathology and genetics of inherited canine chronic renal diseases; and, the pathologic characteristics of canine bone cancer and the correlation of these characteristics to clinical outcomes. This outstanding contribution was recognised through the receipt of the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award by the Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association. In addition, Professor Robinson’s international recognition as an authority in the field of cardiovascular diseases resulted in an invitation to author the most comprehensive exposition of the diseases of the heart in four editions of the internationally renowned book, *the Pathology of Domestic Animals* with the most recent, the 6th edition, published in 2016.

Professor Robinson has made significant contributions to teaching and learning at the discipline, faculty, and university-wide levels in undergraduate programs and postgraduate supervision. Broader contributions include editing the textbook, *Clinicopathologic Principles for Veterinary Medicine* published by Cambridge University Press in 1988, which brought to prominence the need for undergraduate veterinary students to understand the strong interrelationship between pathology and medicine. Sold globally, both in hardcopy and as an e-book, it remains in continuous print. Its wide international acceptance, value and popularity is recognised, for example, through a citation in Wikipedia in a general article on veterinary medicine.

Professor Robinson has also made significant contributions as Deputy Vice-Chancellor [Academic and Research] at the University of Ballarat through leadership of research direction at a university-wide level, in particular, authoring and implementing the University of Ballarat’s Research Plan. He has also made significant contributions to the authorship of university-wide learning and teaching plans and their implementation at the University of Queensland, Deakin University and the University of Ballarat. More recently, he has continued his leadership in teaching and learning and research as Chair of the Academic Board at the Melbourne Institute of Technology and as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute.

For the above reasons, Emeritus Professor Wayne Robinson is a worthy recipient of the honorary degree of *Doctor of Veterinary Science*. 