



Honorary Doctorate Degree (Science) honoris causa

Professor Bruce Scoggins

The late Professor Bruce Scoggins, who died in March 2022, had a distinguished career in science and research and an ongoing relationship with Lincoln University for more than 60 years, as evidenced by his 2007 Bledisloe Medal win.

Professor Scoggins began studying for a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at Lincoln College in 1958 and went on to pursue a Master of Agricultural Science (1st Class Hons) in Wool Science.

Through his leadership of the Health Research Council and Cure Kids, he was involved in awarding research grants to support ongoing Lincoln research into Batten Disease, a project founded by Emeritus Professor David Palmer and continued by his colleagues at the university.

From 1964 to 1989, Professor Scoggins worked for the Howard Florey Institute in Melbourne, conducting world class physiological research in sheep, looking primarily at the control of salt excretion and regulation of blood pressure.

He developed the first method for the measurement of the salt regulatory hormone, aldosterone, in blood, an assay used later to lateralise adrenal gland tumours in patients with Conn's Syndrome.

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Professor Grant Edwards
Vice-Chancellor

He also conducted significant research on the mechanism of stress-induced hypertension in humans, and on trace element deficiencies in cattle at a King Racn property in Florida.

He spent 1976 as a Senior Fulbright Fellow in Boston and from 1989 to 1991, he served as the Gordon Meiklejohn Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado in Denver.

From 1991 to 2006, he was Chief Executive of the Health Research Council in NZ, reporting to the Minister of Health and responsible for developing and implementing best practice policies and processes to manage the Government's investment in health research. During this time, he represented New Zealand on the WHO's Regional Research Committee.

In 2007, he became chair of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee of Cure Kids. As a board member, he was involved in an impact evaluation of 50 years of the charity's investments in child health research. He also initiated an annual review of the state of child health in New Zealand. His work for the charity was honorary.

This award was presented posthumously.

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Bruce Gemmell
Chancellor