



Professor Emeritus Arthur Brownlea AM (1930–2011)

Arthur Brownlea was appointed a Foundation Professor in the School of Australian Environmental Studies at Griffith University in 1974. In this position he was responsible for the development of the environmental, community and public health emphasis in the School. As well as supervising the University's first PhD student, he conceived and negotiated the Masters Degree in Public Health, a collaborative offering by the three Brisbane universities supported by the State Department of Health. This collaboration was a national first for public health education in Australia.

From 1989 – 1990, Professor Brownlea served as interim Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences, playing a major role in developing that Faculty's innovative approach to the education of health and human service professionals. In addition to his significant contributions as Foundation Head of the School of Occupational Health and Safety and as Deputy Dean (Research), he was Director of two research Centres – the Institute of Applied Social Research and the Centre for Strategic Human Services. He supervised the only three PhD graduates in occupational health and safety in Queensland

and won national competitive grants totalling almost one million dollars for research in erosion control, genetic manipulation, risk management, doctor patient relationships, occupational health and safety, health care in remote areas and self helping health care. Professor Brownlea's distinguished service to community health was recognised in January 1992 when he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the University for over twenty years, Professor Brownlea was conferred Griffith's honorary degree of 'Doctor of the University', as well as the title of Professor Emeritus, in 1996.