

DOCTOR GEOFFREY WAUGH



CURRENT ROLE

Dr Geoff Waugh retired in 2004. He was an Associate Professor in the School of Economics at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), teaching environmental natural resources, tourism and macroeconomics. At the time of the Award, he had been working for 35 years in universities. He chose to retire in 2004 to focus on his daughters' development and made it his role to support them through their academic studies. Geoff continues to enjoy to hear about his past students' accomplishments.

WHAT THE AWARD HAS MEANT

Voice inside and outside institution |
Wider ordinance | Networking opportunities

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2000 Invited keynote speaker on education at a number of Australian universities;
- 2000 Students in Free Enterprise Inaugural Competition – led a team of biology students from my environment class who were First Runner Up;
- 1990, Recipient of the VC's Award for
1995 Teaching Excellence, UNSW;
- 1984– Advisory Board of the journal
2016 Marine Resource Economics;
- 1987– Member Organizing Committee of the
1988 NATO Advanced Research Workshop for the Scientific Foundations of Rights Based Fishing, Reykjavik, Iceland.

NETWORKS

Informal

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR 1999 UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

DISCIPLINE

Economics

RESEARCH AREAS

Fisheries development and management
Environmental resource economics

► [timeshighereducation.com/news/star-turn/151771.article](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/star-turn/151771.article)

BACKGROUND

Geoff Waugh has a BSc from Sydney University, a MCom and PhD from the UNSW. He worked as an industrial chemist and taught mathematics at TAFE prior to commencing full time at UNSW in 1974. At UNSW, he was researching national and international environmental and resource economics, fisheries development, and management. He held a number of external local and international positions involving fisheries and fishing industry research. He was invited to be a consultant to state and federal government agencies and also international agencies including the World Bank and the United Nations Development Program. In 1987 he was Head Economist, Forum Fisheries Agency, Honiara, Solomon Islands, on leave from the UNSW, and represented the South Pacific Forum Countries at the first governing Council Meeting of Infofish in Bangkok, The World Tuna Conference in California, and the Global Statistics Conference of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations in La Jolla, California.

IMPACT ON LEARNING & TEACHING

At the time of the Award there were a number of articles and interviews on Doctor Waugh at the local, national and international level. He was invited to present his learning and teaching ideas at conferences and at universities across Australia. The higher profile as a result of the Award, gave him a level of recognition and he was invited to mentor colleagues within his Department at UNSW. The Award provided him with recognition, funding and network opportunities. He used some of the funds from the Award to support economics and biology students involved in developing sustainable and financially viable practices at the Manly Food and Wine Festival. His learning and teaching research publications increased, as did his participation in learning and teaching conferences.

IMPACT ON CAREER

As a result of the Award, Doctor Waugh was appointed to contribute to department and faculty education committees, mentoring of School colleagues and his advice was more sought after. He felt that not only was he given a more legitimate voice amongst his colleagues, and the leadership, in regard to his learning and teaching philosophy and methods, but also his students were given a more credible voice as well. It was well understood that discipline research dominated promotion at the time, however Geoff's own words clearly showed his passion for teaching: *"Teaching has become the most important part of my university life. I would not have been promoted without research as well, but teaching is where the pressing need is."* – Star Turn (2000).