

**Professor BE Christopher Nordin AO: MD (London), FRCP (London),
FRACP (Sydney), DSc (London and Adelaide)**

It is my sad duty to inform the School of the passing of our esteemed Professor (Chris) Nordin. Professor Nordin had a long and distinguished career in the field of bone and calcium metabolism and his work reaches through the whole clinical and research bone endeavour today. His contributions to our understanding of osteoporosis have continued unabated for decades, publishing widely, debating it, treating it, preventing it, caring for its victims, educating about it. His influence is discovered by chatting to the large number of people he has mentored (whether willingly or not on their part!), assisted, taught, debated with, cared for, worked with, celebrated with and shared knowledge with in the old-fashioned way. Those of us who knew Chris well are proud to have been his friends and colleagues. May we strive to be worthy successors to this wonderful, larger than life true academic.

David M. Findlay (in a letter to the School of Medicine, University of Adelaide).

Prof BEC (Chris) Nordin

It is with considerable sadness that I inform you of the death of Prof BEC (Chris) Nordin, a remarkable man and a pioneer in the field of bone and calcium metabolism, on October 27, 2014, at the age of 94 years.

Chris was a highly idiosyncratic enthusiast and possessed an extraordinary, broad-based, intellect. In a research career extending over some 60 years he was responsible for insights fundamental to an understanding of the pathogenesis and rational management of osteoporosis. In 1981 Chris resigned as Head of the MRC Mineral Metabolism Unit in Leeds to take up a position as Senior Research Fellow at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. The UK's loss was very much Australia's gain. Chris continued to be alert and active in research until just prior to his death-often quoting Noel Coward: 'Work is more fun than fun'.

He will be missed greatly.

Michael Horowitz