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## Elite company

From small-town general practitioners to World Health Organization directors, Australian medical professionals led the way in the Australia Day Honours list.

**E**MERITUS Professor Robert Ouvrier leads a pack of impressive medical professionals named in the Australia Day Honours list for 2016.



Professor Ouvrier, who is Foundation Advisor of the Institute for Neuroscience and Muscle Research at The Children's Hospital at Westmead in Sydney, adds the Companion in

General Division of the Order of Australia (AC) to a long list of awards, including the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite (1996) and the Chevalier de L'Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur (2001) from the Republic of France, and the 75th Anniversary Award for significant contribution to the field of health from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (2014).

Honoured for "eminent service to medicine, particularly to the discipline of paediatric neurology, through pioneering efforts in neuromuscular research, to a range of medical professional organisations at the national and international level, and as an author and educator", Professor Ouvrier is a past president of the International Child Neurology Association.

In a group that included tennis legend Rod Laver MBE, philanthropist Dr Susan Alberti AO, and former South Australian premier Michael Rann, Professor Ouvrier was the only medical professional to be awarded an AC.



### OFFICER IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (AO)

#### Dr Graeme Clugston



Medical Director of the Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, in Kathmandu, Nepal — "For distinguished service to medicine, and to the international community of Nepal, particularly to people with leprosy, and to global health and nutrition." Dr Clugston has been director of the World Health Organization's Global Nutrition Program (Division of Health and Promotion); director of WHO's Food and Nutrition Program; and WHO's regional nutrition advisor for South-East Asia.

#### Professor David Copolov OAM



Monash University, Melbourne — "For distinguished service to tertiary education administration, to medicine in the field of psychiatry, to mental health research, and to the community." Professor Copolov has been Pro Vice-Chancellor (Major Campuses and Student Engagement) of Monash University since 2009; as well as Governor and Honorary Professorial Fellow of the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health since 2012.

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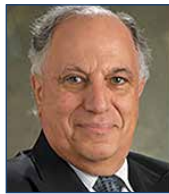
**Professor Minas Coroneo**



Sydney — “For distinguished service to ophthalmology, to the research and development of innovative surgical technologies and devices, and to eye health in

regional and Indigenous communities.” Professor Coroneo has been chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Prince of Wales Hospital and Sydney Children’s Hospital since 1992; and director of the Outback Eye Service since 1994.

**Emeritus Professor Douglas Joshua AM**



Sydney — “For distinguished service to medicine, and to medical education, as an haematologist and academic, to myeloma research, and to public

health organisations.” Professor Joshua has been emeritus professor of haematology at the University of Sydney since 2014, and was director of the Institute of Haematology at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital from 1995 to 2014.

**Professor Katherine Leslie**



Royal Melbourne Hospital — “For distinguished service to medicine in the field of anaesthesia and pain management as a clinician and researcher, to higher education,

and to professional medical groups.” Professor Leslie has been head of Research at the Department of Anaesthesia and Pain Management at RMH since 2003, and is a former president of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists. She has been director of the Australian Medical Council since 2013.

**Professor Finlay Macrae**



Royal Melbourne Hospital — “For distinguished service to medicine in the field of gastroenterology and genomic disorders as a clinician and academic, and to human health

through the Human Variome Project.” Professor Macrae has been the head of Colorectal Medicine and Genetics at RMH since 2002 and is Regional Scientific Director of the Human Variome Project International. He is also Principal Fellow in the University of Melbourne’s Department of Medicine.

**The Honourable Dr Brendan Nelson**



Canberra — “For distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, to the community, to the advancement of Australia’s international relations, and

to major cultural institutions.” Dr Nelson was president of the Australian Medical Association (1993–1995), is a former Member of the Parliament of Australia, Ambassador to NATO, and has been Director of the Australian War Memorial since 2012.

**Professor Robyn O’Hehir**



Melbourne — “For distinguished service to clinical immunology and respiratory medicine as an academic and clinician, to tertiary education, and to specialist

health and medical organisations.” Professor O’Hehir has been head of the Department of Allergy, Clinical Immunology and Respiratory Medicine at Monash University since 2003, and has been Director of the Department of Allergy, Immunology Respiratory Medicine at the Alfred Hospital since 2003.

**Professor Eleanor Ozanne-Smith**

Melbourne — “For distinguished service to public health, particularly in the area of accident and injury prevention, to forensic medicine, and to higher education as an academic.” Professor Ozanne-Smith was director of the Victorian Injury Surveillance System from 1990–1997, and was Head of WHO’s Collaborating Centre for Violence, Injuries and Disabilities from 2005–2009. She was director of Kidsafe Australia from 1996 to 2002.

**Professor Peter Sly**



Brisbane — “For distinguished service to medical research and education in the area of paediatric respiratory medicine, as an academic, author, and clinician, and

to professional organisations.” Professor Sly has been Deputy Director of the Queensland Children’s Medical Research Institute at the University of Queensland since 2010 and has consulted in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine at Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane, since 2010.

**MEMBER IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (AM)**

**Mr Ian Carlisle**

Melbourne — “For significant service to medicine in the field of faciomaxillary and reconstructive surgery, to professional organisations, and to the international community.”

**Dr Barry Catchlove**



Como — “For significant service to medical administration, particularly health care systems, to international business cooperation, and to education.”

**Dr Jay Chandra**

“For significant service to medicine in the field of ophthalmology as a clinician, and to the international community through eye care programs.”

**Associate Professor David Cherry**

Adelaide — “For significant service to golf through executive roles, and to pain management medicine as an academic and researcher.”

**Dr Timothy Cooper**



Perth — “For significant service to medicine in the field of plastic and reconstructive surgery as a clinician, and to professional medical associations.”

**Dr Vlasis Efstathis OAM RFD**

Flinders View, Qld — “For significant service to community health through leadership roles with a range of organisations, and to medicine as a practitioner.”

**Professor Jeffrey Flack**

Castle Hill, NSW — “For significant service to medicine in the field of endocrinology as a clinician, and to diabetes research, management and education.”

**Dr Peter Ford**

Melbourne — “For significant service to medicine and to professional medical organisations, to health care delivery for the aged, and to the community.”

**Professor Mark Frydenberg**

Melbourne — “For significant service to medicine as a clinician, educator and author in the specialty of urology, and to professional medical organisations.”

**Dr Michael Gardner**

Brisbane — “For significant service to cardio-thoracic medicine as a surgeon and teacher in Australia and overseas, and to professional medical groups.”

**Dr Myrle Gray**

Tasmania — “For significant service to rural medicine in Tasmania, to professional medical associations, as a general practitioner, and to the community.”

**Dr Kenneth Mackey**

Lockhart, NSW — “For significant service to rural and remote medicine through leadership roles of professional medical organisations, and to general practice.”

**Dr Paul Mara**

Gundagai, NSW — “For significant service to medicine, particularly through the recruitment and retention of medical practitioners in rural and remote areas.”

**Dr Oswald Petrucco RFD**

Burnside, SA — “For significant service to medicine and education in the field of obstetrics, human reproduction, and child health, and to professional groups.”

**Dr Peter Pratten**

Mosman Park, WA — “For significant service to medicine, particularly in the field of radiology as a practitioner, to education, and to professional bodies.”

**Dr Lyon Robinson**

NSW — “For significant service to medicine, particularly as a pioneer in the field of ophthalmic surgery.”

**Professor Ego Seeman**

Department of Endocrinology, Repatriation Campus, Heidelberg, Vic — “For significant service to medicine, as a researcher in the fields of osteoporosis and endocrinology, and as a clinician and academic.”

**Dr Brian Spain**

Nakara, NT — “For significant service to medicine in the discipline of anaesthesia, as a clinician, to healthcare standards, and to professional medical bodies.”

**Dr Roderic Sutherland**

Natimuk, Vic — “For significant service to medicine as a general practitioner, and to the community of Natimuk.”

**Dr John Vorrath**

Drysdale, Vic — “For significant service to medicine as an otolaryngologist, and through the invention and development of specialist surgical instruments.”

**Associate Professor David Watson**

East Perth, WA — “For significant service to medicine, and to medical education, to professional organisations, and to the community.”

**Associate Professor Julian White**

Stirling, SA — “For significant service to medicine, particularly in the field of toxicology, through clinical and leadership roles, and to professional groups.”

**Associate Professor Michael Woodward**

Rosanna, Vic — “For significant service to medicine, particularly aged care, geriatric medical research, and Alzheimers disease, as an author, and to professional groups.”

**MEDAL IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (OAM)****Dr Graeme Bertuch**

Ararat, Vic — “For service to medicine, and to the community.”

**Mr John Cunningham**

Richmond, Vic — “For service to medicine, and to the promotion of immunisation.”

**Professor James Denham**

Tingira Heights, NSW — “For service to medicine, and to medical research.”

**Dr Jennifer Farnden**

Myponga, SA — “For service to people with an acquired brain injury, and their families.”

**Dr Peter Greenberg**

Royal Melbourne Hospital — “For service to medicine, and to population health.”

**Dr Anthony Harrington**

Woombye, Qld — “For service to medicine, and to the community of the Sunshine Coast.”

**Dr Susan Jenkins**

Iluka, WA — “For service to medicine, particularly in the field of pulmonary rehabilitation.”

**Dr Maureen McCluskey**

Calvary Retirement Community, Bruce, ACT — “For service to medicine and to aged care.”

**Dr Jeffrey Shapiro**

Caulfield South, Vic — “For service to medicine as a general practitioner, and to the community.”

**Adjunct Associate Professor Rashmi Sharma**

Isabella Plains Medical Centre, Isabella Plains, ACT — “For service to medicine, and to professional organisations.”

**Dr John Tucker**

Drysdale, Vic — “For service to medicine, particularly anaesthetics, to the blueberry industry, and to the community.”

**Dr Richard Waugh**

RPA Hospital, Sydney — “For service to radiology as a practitioner and educator.”

**Dr Edward Weaver**

Nambour, Qld — “For service to medicine, and to medical education.”

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# Around the universities



Emeritus Professor Alan Lopez, from the **University of Melbourne**, has been named among the top 10 most influential academics worldwide, in a new analysis of thousands of academic

papers by Thomson-Reuters. The *World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2015* report is based on the number of cited research papers an academic published from 2003 to 2013. The report also includes a ranking of the "hottest researchers", whose recently published papers were cited at extraordinarily high levels over a short period of time. Professor Alan Lopez, who directs the Global Burden of Disease group of researchers in the School of Population and Global Health within the University's Medicine, Health and Dentistry Sciences Faculty, was ranked ninth in the world on this list, the only Australian to feature. He published 16 highly-cited papers between 2013 and 2014. Overall, Australia ranked fifth, behind the US, UK, Germany and China with 103 highly-cited researchers. The **University of California** System in the US was the leading university represented with 160 highly cited researchers, followed by **Harvard University**. The Australian medical researchers named in the report include Professor John Mattick (**Garvan Institute**); Professor Richard Simpson (**La Trobe University**); Professor Rinaldo Bellomo (**Monash University**); Professor John Forbes (**University of Newcastle**); Professor Timothy Hughes (**University of Adelaide**); Professor Henry Krum (**Monash University**); Professor Stephen McMahon (**University of Sydney**); Professor Bruce Neal (**University of Sydney**); Professor Mark Woodward (**University of Sydney**); Professor Paul Zimmet (**Baker IDI**); Professor Mark Smythe (**QIMR**); Professor Matthew Brown (**University of Queensland**); Professor David Evans (**University of Queensland**); Professor Nicholas Martin (**QIMR**); Professor Grant Montgomery (**University of Queensland**); Professor Peter Visscher (**University of Queensland**); Professor Ashley Bush (**University of Melbourne**); Professor Colin Masters (**University of Melbourne**); Professor Michael Berk (**Deakin University**); Professor Patrick McGorry (**University of Melbourne**); Professor Christos Pantelis (**University of Melbourne**); and Professor Murat Yucel (**Monash University**).

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<http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/laureate-professor-alan-lopez-only-australian-top-10-hottest-scientists-list>



Researchers from the **Doherty Institute** have collectively been awarded over half a million dollars in RMH Home Lottery Grants, including two at the highest level of funding available

as part of the program. Professor Elizabeth Vincan, deputy section head of Molecular Microbiology and head of the Molecular Oncology Laboratory, along with Dr Toby Pheasant who recently joined the Doherty Institute, received a \$240 000 Project Grant for their study *Mini-liver organoids, an innovative tool to understand oncogenic Wnt signalling and HBV infection*. This project brings together an international team of scientists to establish tissue and tumour organoids — miniature organs grown in vitro — as tools for research and diagnostic purposes. Associate Professor Ben Cowie, Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis, was the recipient of \$228 000 for his project titled *Liver cancer prevention: linking viral hepatitis diagnosis, treatment and outcomes*. Doctors Karen Laurie and Sheena Sullivan, both from the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza, were each awarded \$25 000 Grants in Aid for studies on respiratory syncytial virus and influenza vaccination in health care workers respectively, while PhD student, Dustin Flanagan also received a \$25 000 Early Career Researcher grant to study a novel therapy for gastric cancer.

<http://www.doherty.edu.au/news-events/news/half-a-million-in-rmh-home-lottery-grants-awarded-to-doherty-institute-researchers>

**Bond University's** medical program is offering a new curriculum to medical students in 2016, retaining its status as the fastest pathway available to graduate as an intern eligible to practice medicine in Australia or New Zealand. The Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine has transitioned its medical program from the former double undergraduate degree to a sequential Bachelors/Masters program, meaning the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) will become a Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine (MD) for new applicants enrolling from May 2016. The updated curriculum commenced on 11 January 2016, for current Bond medical students returning for their second, third and fourth year of the Medical program who will also graduate with an MD. Professor Peter Jones, Dean of Medicine at Bond University, said the

move to the MD would reward Bond students with the level of qualification they deserved after the completion of an intense 14 semester medical program.

<https://bond.edu.au/news/47509/bond-medical-program-offer-cutting-edge-curriculum>



Professor Sandy Heriot, Director of Cancer Surgery at the **Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre**, has been awarded the 2016 John Mitchell Crouch Fellowship — the Royal Australian College

of Surgeons' most prestigious research award. The Fellowship was first awarded in 1979 to recognise Fellows of the College making an outstanding contribution to cutting-edge surgical advancement and scientific research. Past recipients include Professor Graham Milbourne Clark, who developed cochlear implants, and Professor Graham Hill. Professor Heriot specialises in the multi-disciplinary management of lower gastrointestinal cancer. On the clinical side this includes assessment of outcomes of multimodality therapy, molecular imaging, quality of life studies, and banking of tumour tissue. Across the laboratory side it includes genomics (RNA and DNA sequencing), analysis of molecular markers and generation of human tumour xenografts.

<http://www.petermac.org/news/professor-sandy-heriot-awarded-2016-john-mitchell-crouch-fellowship>



The **Doherty Institute** has welcomed Dr Deborah Williamson to the role of deputy director of the Microbiological Diagnostic Unit Public Health Laboratory. Born

and bred in Scotland, Deborah's most recent role was as a Clinical Microbiologist at the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) in Wellington, New Zealand. Deborah completed a science degree and attended medical school in Glasgow before moving to London where she conducted her postgraduate training at St Mary's Hospital and Imperial College. She then moved to Auckland in 2007 to train in microbiology and completed her PhD at the University of Auckland.

<http://www.doherty.edu.au/news-events/news/deborah-williamson-appointed-deputy-director-of-the-microbiological-diagnostic-unit>

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