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Doctors' crucial health role recognised in Australia Day Honours

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) congratulates all doctors who have been recognised in the 2025 Australia Day Honours list for their crucial role in advancing the health and well-being of the community.

AMA President Dr Danielle McMullen said all doctors in today's Honours List had played a vital role in delivering better healthcare for patients and the outstanding contribution they make to society.

"In particular, I highlight our AMA members who have received an honour in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the medical profession and their communities," she said.

AMA recipients include Professor Allen Cheuk-Seng Cheng, of Victoria, who was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for eminent service to medicine as an epidemiologist, to infectious and communicable disease research and education, and to national and international public health policy.

Professor Cheng's research covers a diverse area within infectious diseases, including sepsis, influenza and vaccine effectiveness, hospital infection prevention and control, antibiotic pharmacokinetics, antimicrobial drug policy and clinical infectious diseases. Professor Cheng was Victoria's deputy chief health officer and a respected voice during the Covid-19 pandemic response.

Other AMA members recognised include Dr Kym Jenkins, of Victoria, who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to psychiatry as a clinician, academic and in executive roles; Professor Stephen McDonald, of South Australia, who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), for significant service to kidney medicine as an administrator, researcher and clinician; and Professor Julian Trollor, of New South Wales, who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to people with a disability, particularly as a clinician and academic.

AMA members in the Australia Day Honours are:

AC (Companion of the Order of Australia)

Professor Allen Cheuk-Seng Cheng, eminent service to medicine as an epidemiologist, to infectious and communicable disease research and education, and to national and international public health policy, Victoria.

AM (Member of the Order of Australia)

Dr Kim Hames, significant service to the Parliament of Western Australia, to medicine, and to the community. Western Australia.

Dr Kym Jenkins, significant service to psychiatry as clinician, academic and executive roles, Victoria.

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Dr Katherine Martin, significant service to medicine, particularly trauma care and surgery and to professional associations, Victoria.

Professor Stephen McDonald, significant service to kidney medicine as an administrator, researcher and clinician, SA.

Dr Shirley Prager, significant service to psychiatry and professional organisations, Victoria.

Professor Julian Trollor, significant service to people with a disability, particularly as a clinician and academic, NSW.

OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia)

Dr Joseph Casamento, service to rugby union as a club doctor, NSW.

Dr Margaret Garde, service to medicine, particularly through education, Victoria.

Dr Samantha Pillay, services to urology, SA.

PSM (Public Service Medal)

Dr Victoria Ross, for outstanding service to public health within the Australian health system and the Australian Defence Force, ACT.

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