

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Doctors' vital contribution recognised in Australia Day Honours

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) congratulates all doctors recognised in the 2026 Australia Day Honours list for their outstanding service and exceptional dedication to improving the health and wellbeing of Australians.

AMA President Dr Danielle McMullen said the doctors acknowledged this year have demonstrated exceptional commitment to improving patient care and strengthening the health system.

"These honours reflect the profound impact doctors have every day — in clinics, hospitals, research labs, and communities across the country," Dr McMullen said.

"I am especially proud of our AMA members whose contributions have been formally recognised for advancing medicine and strengthening the health of their communities.

"The honours awarded today highlight the breadth of dedication across the profession. Each of these doctors has made a significant contribution to their communities and to the medical profession."

AMA recipients include Emeritus Professor Bruce Armstrong, of Western Australia, who was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for eminent service to medical research, to environmental and genetic cancer epidemiology, to screening service development, to academia, and to public health administration.

Other AMA members recognised include Professor Anne Buist, of Victoria, who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to psychiatry and for advancing best practice in perinatal mental health research and treatment, and mental health education.

Associate Professor Anthony Lynham, of Queensland, was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to trauma medicine as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, to the Parliament of Queensland and to the community.

AMA members in the Australia Day Honours are:

### **AC (Companion of the Order of Australia)**

Emeritus Professor Bruce Armstrong, of Western Australia, for eminent service to medical research, to environmental and genetic cancer epidemiology, to screening service development, to academia, and to public health administration.

### **AO (Officer of the Order of Australia)**

Professor Anne Buist, of Victoria, for distinguished service to psychiatry, to advancing best practice in perinatal mental health research and treatment, and to mental health education.

Associate Professor Anthony Lynham, of Queensland, for distinguished service to trauma medicine as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, to the Parliament of Queensland, and to the community.

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### **AM (Member of the Order of Australia)**

Mr Robert Fitzpatrick, of Western Australia, for significant service to plastic and reconstructive surgery, and to the community of Western Australia.

The late Professor Peter Holmes, of Victoria, for significant service to medicine as a respiratory physician, clinician and teacher.

Dr Susan Jacobs, of New South Wales, for significant service to women's health in the fields of obstetrics and gynaecology.

Dr Leon Pitchon, of South Australia, for significant service to medicine as a plastic surgeon, and to the arts through philanthropy.

Dr Andrew Wines, of New South Wales, for significant service to orthopaedic surgery, and to the community.

### **OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia)**

Dr Victor Buccheri, of Victoria, for service to the Italian community of Melbourne.

Clinical Professor Lesley Cala, of Western Australia, for service to tertiary education.

Dr Gordon Campbell, of New South Wales, for service to obstetrics and gynaecology.

Dr Felix Ho, of the Northern Territory, for service to community health.

Dr Andrew Kwong, of New South Wales, for service to general practice medicine.

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