Inspirational women from all walks of life

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Foreword
The Hon Heidi Victoria MP
Minister for Women's Affairs

Throughout Victoria's rich and vibrant history, many inspirational women have shown great determination and courage in their efforts to create positive change and as a result, have had a lasting impact on their communities.

Each year the Victorian Honour Roll of Women plays an important role in publicly recognising women who have shown remarkable leadership and excellence in their field of expertise, interest or endeavour, and who have advanced the status of women.

As Minister for Women's Affairs, it gives me great pleasure to share the stories of the 20 women who have been added to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2014.

Their work has contributed to real and lasting changes and reforms in areas such as multicultural affairs, science and research, business and industry, community services, Indigenous affairs, social justice, health, training and education, the arts, and international human rights.

Whether they have worked behind the scenes in support of local communities or on the international stage, these women have created better opportunities for women in Victoria, in Australia and internationally.

These women will join 518 women who have been inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women since 2001.

I hope you enjoy learning about the lives and achievements of this year's inductees to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

May their stories inspire future generations of young women to make a difference in their own way and remind us all of the strength that resides within us to achieve extraordinary things.



Hon Heidi Victoria MP
Minister for Women's Affairs



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Dr Susan Alberti AO

Dr Susan Alberti's work is multifaceted across business, medical research, sport and philanthropy. She is an inspiring leader and role model as a long-standing medical research advocate and philanthropist. In 1994, Susan founded the Walk to Cure Diabetes around Albert Park Lake. Now an annual event across Australia, the walk has raised more than \$30 million for research. In 1997, Susan received a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the community.

In 2001, Susan's only child, Danielle, died due to juvenile diabetes related complications. Since then, Susan has worked tirelessly to raise millions of dollars for research into Juvenile Type 1 Diabetes, as well other medical research. Today, Susan is the Chair of the Susan Alberti Medical Research Foundation. For 23 years, she served as National President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a voluntary support organisation.

The Susan Alberti Women in Research Award is named in honour of Susan as a long-standing medical research advocate and philanthropist. The award is presented annually to scientists to continue to support diabetes research in Victoria.

In 2007, Susan was awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia for her support of major medical research institutions, particularly as a philanthropist, fundraiser and advocate for juvenile diabetes care and research. In 2010, she became a member of the Australia Day Committee (Victoria). In 2013, Susan received the Research Australia Great Australian Philanthropy Award, in recognition of her philanthropic contributions, particularly in the area of Type 1 Diabetes research.

Susan has been a patron of the Western Bulldogs Football Club for over ten years and was the founding Co-Chair of the Western Bulldogs Forever Foundation. In 2008, she received the Australian Rules Football Woman of the Year award, and in 2012 was elected Vice President of the Western Bulldogs.



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I have always given 100 per cent to everything I have taken on in my life, from building a business, caring for my husband and daughter, supporting medical research, encouraging women in sport or helping to build a better community in Melbourne's west through my involvement with the Western Bulldogs. Giving your all brings out your best and encourages others to do the same.



Prof Marilyn Anderson FAA, FTSE

For over 35 years, Professor Marilyn Anderson has worked in scientific research in the areas of plant biochemistry and genetics. Marilyn's discovery and ongoing research found that the female sexual tissues of plants produce high concentrations of molecules to protect their reproductive capacity from fungal infection and insect predators. This has paved the way for worldwide research for the global food industry into creating new and improved crops such as corn, soya, cotton and canola, that are resistant to disease and insects.

In 1998, Marilyn was a founding scientist and Director of the Australian agribusiness research and development company Hexima Limited. Currently, she is the Chief Science Officer and an Executive Director of Hexima Limited, which employs over 30 talented scientists at La Trobe University.

Since 2008, Marilyn served as a Director of South East Water Limited and for the ten years prior, served on the board of City West Water Limited.

In 2010, Marilyn was elected to the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and in 2011 to the Australian Academy of Science, in recognition of her success and international standing in the scientific community. She is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Currently, Marilyn is Professor and Laboratory Head in the Department of Biochemistry within the La Trobe Institute of Molecular Science, La Trobe University. Marilyn is also a ministerial appointment to the La Trobe University Council and an Associate of the Botany School at the University of Melbourne.



I'm not driven to succeed. I just hate failure.

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Mrs Dianne Boddy Hon FIE Aust, CPEng In total, Dianne has created approx-

For over 55 years, Mrs Dianne Boddy, a self-taught engineer, has had a passion for innovative design. Her skills are recognised at the international level. In total, Dianne has created approximately 2000 successful designs, gaining an international reputation not only for state-of-the-art design of research equipment but for the ability to solve disparate engineering problems. Her designs have been used in industry sectors as diverse as canning, vehicle suspension, robotics, deep-sea oil drilling, mining, sheep shearing and geo-mechanic research equipment for the centrifuges installed throughout the world.

Dianne's first major invention, created in less than a week, was the development of a new automatic peach-feeding machine for canning. She went on to create a succession of world-firsts and developed several complete processing plants. In 1967, Dianne became the Executive Engineer of the Goulburn Valley Canneries, where she modernised and expanded the plant's production facilities.

Dianne has 40 international patents for original mechanisms, machinery, processing and canning plants. Two of her designs have been the subject of television technology programs and another two were exhibited at a Technology Exhibition in Paris.

Dianne has held several senior management and board positions, and in 2010 she received the AGM Michell Medal from the College of Mechanical Engineers for her contributions to the field of mechanical engineering, and demonstration of a balance of ingenuity and a range of theoretical knowledge and application.



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The author, David Shenk in his book entitled "The Genius in All of Us", expressed his opinion that genius is not just the prerogative of our inherited genes but can be acquired by those of us who have a sufficient passion for the activity or career we choose to follow.

I thank God that I was blessed with passion!



Ms Lynne Coulson Barr

Ms Lynne Coulson Barr's life has been dedicated to upholding the rights of society's most vulnerable people.

Lynne's quest to ensure inclusive practices in community services has been her lifelong mission. Through her work with Aboriginal children, Lynne introduced community-based approaches to fostering that ensured the children remained connected to their families and communities. Lynne has also extensive experience in her ongoing work in the disability field.

Lynne not only continually refines her practice, but also challenges others to ensure the rights of people with a disability are upheld in legal and dispute forums, where people with a disability have historically had little power.

In 2007, Lynne became the Deputy Commissioner of the Disability Services Commission where she has overall responsibility for advocacy and the decision-making and resolution of complaints. She also oversees the education and training activities on complaint resolution. Since 2011, Lynne has been a member of the Mental Health Review Board, and a mediator at the Mediator Standards Board.

In 2013, Lynne was one of only 11 people from around the world to be awarded a Weinstein International Fellowship from the JAMS Foundation, United States, to undertake a study of alternative dispute resolution systems. She will use this study to further develop Victoria's approach to promoting the effective resolution of complaints and disputes. In August 2013, Lynne was appointed to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in Victoria.

Lynne is currently completing a Doctorate of Juridical Science on the determination of the suitability of disputes for conciliation.



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I have been fortunate to witness the powerful changes that can happen when people who are not used to speaking up are supported to be heard, and to see how issues can be resolved in ways that promote people's rights and make improvements in their lives and services.



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Mrs Merna Curnow

Mrs Merna Curnow farms with her husband Geoff, producing grain and prime lambs on their family farm at Laanecoorie. Merna's work and achievements have established her as a role model, leader, advocate and a recognised change agent in the farm, grains and natural resources industries, influencing government and industry policy and contributing to research advancements at the local, state and national level.

Merna is a graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program and is a trail-blazer in the rural community. In 1992, she was part of a small team who met to discuss the establishment of Australian Women in Agriculture, Australia's peak organisation for women across all areas of agriculture. In 1994, Merna was a member of the organising committee for the first international conference for Women in Agriculture held in Melbourne, and in 1996, was a founding member of the Women in Grains pilot project, providing skills-based training programs for women and young people working in the grains industry.

In 1997, Merna convened the first regional Landcare Conference to raise awareness of degeneration along the North Central Region's river catchments. She was the first woman elected to the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Grains Council, which represents over 21,000 farm members across 15,000 farm enterprises. She was subsequently elected Vice President of the VFF.

In 2001, Merna became the inaugural Chair of Partners in Grain (PinG), a national organisation that provides locally relevant training for Australian grain growers. PinG was a direct outcome from the Women in Grains project. In 2003, Merna was awarded a Centenary Medal "for services to the promotion and recognition of women in primary and rural industry".

Merna is currently a member of the Victorian Catchment Management Council, Chair of the Agrifood National Regional Initiative, Loddon Mallee, and a life member of the Newbridge Football and Netball Club.



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I have a deep passion for agriculture and rural life and a belief that diversity and different perspectives around the discussion table enhances the decision making process.

I recognise that my generation of women in agriculture needs to have a presence at the tables of industry decision making to encourage the next generation of women to take their rightful place in shaping future industry decisions.



Mrs Fay Duncan

Mrs Fay Duncan is a founding member and current President of Fight Cancer Foundation, formally Bone Marrow Donor Institute (BMDI). The Foundation provides care, treatment and support for cancer patients and their families, and funds research into improved treatment methods for leukaemia and other blood cancers, in collaboration with The Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Fay's 25 years of involvement, together with her drive and determination, have established the Foundation as a leading Australian charity. The Foundation has continually expanded its support services and has raised millions of dollars to fund significant research and support projects, providing better outcomes for cancer patients.

Fay and her team were instrumental in establishing the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry and the BMDI Melbourne Cord Blood Bank, which provide cancer patients with the opportunity for a second chance at life. They have also established the Rotary Bone Marrow Research Centre and many other support programs, including accommodation respite centres for patients who need to be close to major treating hospitals.

Fight Cancer Foundation also provides educational support to young cancer patients during treatment and recovery to ensure they have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and continues to expand this vital support program.

In March 2013, Columbia University Medical Centre recognised Fay for her outstanding dedication to improving the lives of people with leukaemia and other blood cancers.

In October 2013, Fay was also honoured by the United States-based Gabrielle's Angel Foundation at their annual Angel Ball, as a tribute to her many years of hard work in developing and delivering vital support programs, and funding major research projects, for cancer patients and their families.



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I am determined to help make a difference. My passion now is to ensure that all young cancer patients are given educational support so they will have the opportunity to reach their full potential and achieve their life goals.

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Prof Trisha Dunning AM

Professor Trisha Dunning is the Chair in Nursing, Deakin University, and Director of the Centre for Nursing and Allied Health Research, Barwon Health, where she combines clinical care for people with diabetes, teaching and research.

Trisha has been a diabetes nurse educator since 1984. Through her ongoing research and writing she has made an extensive contribution, nationally and internationally, to the development of nursing and health policy practice; patient education and care; evidence-based research; and health professional education. Trisha is an active member of many local, national and international committees, including Vice President of the International Diabetes Federation and Editor-in-Chief of the Global Journal of Health Science.

In 1994, Trisha received the inaugural Nurses Care Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice, and in 2004 was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for her work in diabetes and nursing. In 2011, she also became a Distinguished Life Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (now the Australian College of Nursing).

In November 2013, as a culmination of Trisha's long-term commitment to the care of older people with diabetes, Trisha and her team launched new diabetes-specific care guidelines. The McKellar Guidelines for Managing Older People with Diabetes in Residential and Other Care Settings have been described as unique, providing nursing and medical staff with the ability to make more informed and appropriate care decisions.

Trisha has published several books and over 150 papers about diabetes. The fourth edition of her book, *Care of People with Diabetes: a Manual of Nursing Practice*, is the core text for nurses in Australian and international universities.



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I want to be the best nurse I can possibly be. That means continuing to learn new things, reading widely, constantly questioning, reflecting on a broad range of issues—and often little sleep!

I work in a profession I love, in a role that enables me to blend art, science, teaching and clinical care. This constantly challenges me to do more. However, I could not achieve this without the support of my colleagues, my friends and my four and two legged family members.



Dr Helen Durham

Dr Helen Durham is a worldrenowned expert in international humanitarian law. Helen has been engaged by governments, defence forces and institutes around the world to help them address the challenges of modern warfare, in particular, international humanitarian law and gender.

Helen's professional life has been devoted to strengthening legal protections for many of the world's most vulnerable people, the victims of war. This includes both operational humanitarian missions with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and as an advocate on humanitarian affairs within Australia and overseas. She is currently one of only a handful of international humanitarian law lawvers to assist the ICRC in an update of the Commentaries to the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, in particular, provisions relating to special protections for women.

Helen is a leader in the International Red Cross Crescent Movement, which is presently raising the issue of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons. She was a key player in the drafting of an historic resolution to prohibit the use of nuclear weapons. Helen has played a key role in the creation of the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague in 2007. The ICC is the first permanent, international criminal court established to help end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.

Helen is currently Director of International Humanitarian Law and Strategy at the Australian Red Cross and a Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law School where she teaches in the Masters of Law program. She has a PhD in international humanitarian law; is widely published in academic journals; and a member of the editorial board of the world's preeminent journal on international humanitarian law, *The International Review of the Red Cross*.



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Ensuring that we do everything we can to limit suffering during times of armed conflict, in particular for women, has been a passion of mine. Having the honour of being able to work as an international lawyer for Red Cross and meeting resilient and courageous women in situations of crisis, constantly reminds me of the importance of international humanitarian law and the need to keep raising these issues locally and globally.



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Prof Mary Galea

Professor Mary Galea has made a substantial contribution to the development of the physiotherapy profession in Australia, through her role as a clinical educator and researcher. Mary is internationally recognised for her neuroscience research, which investigates the control of voluntary movement by the brain and the factors that promote recovery following nervous system damage. She has been involved in extensive research with patients to improve recovery after stroke.

In 2001, Mary was appointed to the Foundation Chair of Clinical Physiotherapy at the University of Melbourne and Austin Health. In 2004, she established the Rehabilitation Sciences Research Centre based at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre, where she held the position of Director until 2011.

A recipient of a 2007 Churchill Fellowship, Mary investigated active rehabilitation programs for people with spinal cord injury in Europe and North America. Mary is currently leading a five-year research program in Spinal Cord Injury and Physical Activity. The program, which brings all Australian and New Zealand spinal units together in collaborative research for the first time, is investigating the effect that exercising paralysed limbs has on the recovery of function, and the health and well-being of people after spinal cord injury.

Mary is currently a Professorial Fellow in the University of Melbourne's Department of Medicine at the Royal Melbourne Hospital; an honorary appointee in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine; and a Senior Principal Fellow in the Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Heath.

In August 2013, Mary was a recipient of a Maltese Community Council of Victoria Community Award and is also a Dame of Magistral Grace in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.



From the early 1970s, Ms Lesley Hall was committed to improving the rights of women and in particular, women with disabilities. Lesley had a life-long disability and worked tirelessly, using her experience, skills and commitment to human rights, as a uniting voice in advocating for societal attitudinal change for people with a disability and to empower low-income earners and Indigenous people.

In her earlier roles, Lesley contributed to significant policy and societal shifts through her work at Action for Community Living; the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations; and the disability unit of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. Lesley was also instrumental in the establishment of the Disability Resources Centre in 1981.

In 1985, Lesley presented the report Free from this Place to the Australian Human Rights Commission, which investigated the rights of residents in Victorian institutions; the cessation of sheltered workshops; the closure of residential institutions; the promotion of people with disabilities in employment; and advocated policy changes regarding placement of young people in aged care homes.

In September 2008, Lesley was appointed Chief Executive Officer for the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations. In this role she campaigned for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, to ensure that people with a disability received certainty about their future and the care and support they need.

On 26 November 2013, the Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, presented the National Disability Awards, and renamed the Ministerial Award to the Lesley Hall Lifelong Achievement in Disability Award. Lesley also received the Prime Minister's Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Sadly, Lesley passed away on 19 October 2013, leaving an outstanding and lasting contribution to society.



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The revolutionary discovery that the nervous system is dynamic and changes throughout life, as well as after injury, has driven me to investigate and promote interventions to drive recovery in people with brain or spinal cord injury.





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Dedication, determination and tenacity.

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Ms Moira Kelly AO

For over 30 years, Ms Moira Kelly has been a humanitarian worker and advocate for children living in poverty or in war zones.

Moira's belief in the power to change the world for the better, her insight, determination and her positive attitude have made her an extraordinary role model. Her innovative thinking and leadership have supported some of the world's most disadvantaged children in countries including Australia, India, South Africa. Albania and Romania.

Early in her career, Moira worked as a special education assistant for Aboriginal children and as a probation officer for troubled young people. Later, as Regional Director of the organisation Nobody's Children, she led volunteers to provide education, dental and medical services to people in refugee camps. In this role Moira advocated strongly for the need to provide children with the best possible care, and organised the medical evacuation of hundreds of critically ill and injured children to overseas hospitals. This work involved managing a large international network of doctors, medical staff, philanthropists and volunteers.

In 1999, Moira established the Children First Foundation (Australia). With assistance from Rotary, the Foundation purchased a farm near Kilmore and built a facility for children in need of extensive rehabilitation. After their treatment, the children return to their families and communities and, where necessary, are provided with additional services such as funding for housing and education.

After participating in a medical rescue mission to Gaza in February 2004, Moira established Global Gardens of Peace. This project aims to build safe play spaces for children growing up in communities affected by war or natural disasters.

As an ambassador for Carers Victoria, Moira has raised the profile of carers and raised awareness of the challenges they experience. In her personal life she has adopted two homeless Iraqi boys and is caring for a girl with disabilities from Burma. Most recently, Moira has shared guardianship for formerly conjoined twins Trishna and Krishna.



Sometimes in life you have to do what's right, not what's popular.



Prof Christine Kilpatrick

Professor Christine Kilpatrick is widely respected for her ability to build organisational resilience through the delivery of strong financial management, combined with a demonstrated understanding of the value of people and culture. Christine trained as a neurologist, specialising in epilepsy, and later established and led the Epilepsy Program at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

In the early 2000s, Christine achieved a Master of Business Administration and made the transition to hospital management. She was appointed Executive Director Medical Services, Melbourne Health (2004/05) and later Executive Director, Royal Melbourne Hospital (2007). Christine is an acknowledged leader in a complex and resource constrained sector. She has led significant advances in the quality of care provided to children and adolescents.

In 2008, Christine was appointed Chief Executive Officer, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. She steered the organisation through the design, construction and move to its new internationally acclaimed Parkville campus, where she continues to drive innovation in health service delivery models and paediatric patient care.

Christine continues to actively contribute beyond her professional role. She has previously held the position of Chair of the Victorian Quality Council in Healthcare and of the Methodist Ladies College Board. In 2000, she was elected to the board of Women's and Children's Health, where she was appointed Deputy Chair in 2001 and Chair in 2003. She is a Director of the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation Board of Governors, and a Director of the Murdoch Children's Research Institute Board.



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My parents valued education and sent me to a school which inspired me to take opportunities, motivated me to achieve whatever I was capable of achieving and whenever possible to give back to the community. With the help and support of my family that is what I have always tried to do throughout my adult life.

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Ms Fiona McLeod SC

Ms Fiona McLeod's leadership, advocacy and pro bono work has contributed to the standing of women in the legal profession and beyond. Currently, she is a Senior Counsel at the Victorian Bar, practising in the areas of human rights, commercial law, common law and administrative law, and is a former Chair of the Victorian Bar Council. Fiona is the Vice President of the Australian Bar Association and an Executive Director of the Law Council of Australia.

As Chair of the Bar Equality and Diversity Committee, and through her role with the Law Council, Fiona has contributed over many years to professional and government policy at state and national levels.

Fiona is currently undertaking work to enhance the support and retention of women lawyers. Her efforts to increase the participation of women in the legal profession not only benefits the profession, but provides better access to justice for all women, in all walks of life.

Fiona has undertaken substantial volunteer and pro bono work for the wider community, and is recognised as a pioneer and a dedicated fighter in the field of anti-slavery and human trafficking in Australia. Fiona has provided pro bono services to victims and she pursued the first compensation claims on behalf of sex trafficking in Victoria and New South Wales. She has negotiated significant legislative change on behalf of trafficked persons.

Fiona is also highly regarded for her pro bono work in environmental and discrimination cases. She assisted in drafting advice and amendments to the Disability Act 2006 (Vic), adopted in February 2012, which provided greater rights of appeal and protection for people with an intellectual disability.



Over the past 50 years, Sister Helen Monkivitch has made an exceptional contribution to health and aged-care services throughout Victoria. She has played an integral role in the establishment of health care services at Werribee Mercy Hospital, St Vincent's Private Hospital, Mercy Private Hospital and Mercy Health and Aged Care.

In 1988, Sister Helen was appointed as the first female President of the Australian College of Health Service Executives. In 1995, she was one of the founding members of the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics, which remains in operation today.

In 1997, Sister Helen was instrumental in the creation of Mercy Health. Her vision was to bring together the various health and aged care ministries of the Sisters of Mercy under one governing structure to ensure their long-term sustainability. Today, Mercy Health is a highly regarded provider of public health, residential aged care and community-care services across Victoria, southern New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Sister Helen continues to provide her exceptional knowledge and service in her current role as Executive Director Leadership and Mission, Mercy Health.

Sister Helen was an inaugural board member and a key driver in the establishment of Catholic Health Australia. This organisation is now arguably Australia's foremost advocacy voice focused on better health and aged-care outcomes, particularly for marginalised and disadvantaged people.

In 2006, she was awarded an Officer of the General Division of the Order of Australia in recognition for her service to the community, through the establishment of major health, aged and palliative-care facilities in Victoria, and to the Catholic Church. In 2010, Sister Helen shared her wealth of knowledge and expertise in hospital administration to assist with the establishment of the medical, nursing and administrative structure of a new 100-bed Mother of Mercy Hospital in Tacloban City, Philippines.



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I enjoy working with others to solve problems and the sense that I am contributing to something worthwhile. If I see a need, a hurt or an injustice I find it difficult not to respond.

But mostly, I am moved by a certainty that the greatest happiness in life comes from kindness and generosity to others, from the sharing of ideas that fire the imagination and embolden us to take risks in pursuit of worthy goals and by simple expressions of friendship, community and love.





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As a Sister of Mercy I have been provided with leadership opportunities to assist organisations, such as Mercy Health, to continue their vision of providing care. The driving force behind my commitment to healthcare has been an absolute passion and love of serving those in need. This nurturing of others, and the ongoing collaboration with people from all walks of life, has enriched my life immeasurably.



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Ms Milly Parker

At the age of 21, Ms Milly Parker was diagnosed with Acquired Brain Injury, after being involved in a car accident. She spent a year in rehabilitation and lived for many years with depression, fatique and chronic pain. Today, Milly is an accomplished advocate for the rights of people with a disability, an intuitive leader, a businesswoman and a major contributor to furthering the disability agenda in Australia. Milly has connected with people from the community, business and politics, at local, state and national levels. In speaking out about her experiences, she has become a voice for many people who are unable to speak for themselves.

In 2004, as a member of the Transport Accident Commission's Disability Advisory Committee, Milly helped implement amendments to Victoria's transport legislation, resulting in more timely services for people injured in accidents and enabling clients to purchase their services directly.

In 2007, Milly was a United Nations Commonwealth Ambassador for the International Day of People with a Disability. Recently, she played a lead role in advocating for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), to ensure people with a disability are provided every opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to society. Her advocacy was integral to achieving cross party support for the NDIS.

Milly's current areas of involvement include managing her own business, Happy Yappers, supplying gourmet dog biscuits to companies such as David Jones and Harrods; member of the National People with a Disability and their Carers Council; inaugural Disability Ambassador for Yooralla; and part of the campaign to remove young people with disabilities from nursing homes.

She has recently established Milly's Circle of Friends, which brings together small groups of high profile women from business, government and the media, to create employment opportunities for women with a disability, including a first of its kind portal to link employers with people with a disability who are looking for work.



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Becoming a person with a disability at 21 opened up a world of pain, discrimination, depression and firsthand experience into how society treats people with disabilities. I have also become part of the disability community, a world of resilient, intelligent people committed to the right of equality for ALL people with disabilities. I have my family and the disability community to thank for what I have achieved and for who I am today, a proud advocate and business woman with a disability.



The Honourable Nicola Roxon

The Honourable Nicola Roxon has provided inspirational leadership in the field of preventative health. In 2011, she became Australia's first female Attorney-General after serving as the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing for four years, from November 2007 to December 2011.

As Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola promoted and elevated preventative health to a central and key component in Australia's overall health strategy.

Nicola established the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (2008), the National Preventative Health Taskforce (2008) and the National Health Preventative Agency (2011) to develop a National Preventative Health Strategy.

The Strategy addressed obesity and alcohol, and introduced a comprehensive action plan to reduce the health impacts of smoking. This wide ranging strategy included legislating to introduce plain packaging, the Tobacco Plain Packaging Act 2011 (Cth), and successfully defending the constitutional validity of the government's legislation to control tobacco products in the High Court of Australia.

The Strategy also included banning online tobacco promotion; price increases for tobacco products; substantial funding for media campaigns and Quit services; a new Tackling Indigenous Smoking Initiative; funding to make nicotine replacement therapy available on the pharmaceutical benefits scheme; and support for complementary State and Territory action.

These historic actions significantly reduced the appeal of tobacco products to children, encouraged more smokers to quit and saved countless lives.

Nicola is widely regarded for leading the world in tobacco control. She has received a range of awards in recognition of her contribution to public health, both in Australia and internationally. The legislation to introduce plain packaging gives effect to commitments under the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which came into force in February 2005 and has been ratified by more than 170 countries. Nicola's pioneering reforms have inspired leaders and impacted on policies around the world.



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I always found it motivating to know that some of my hard work was going to have a clear public benefit. Keeping focused on that big picture helped me through many inevitable ups and downs of public life.

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Prof (Emeritus) Sally Walker AM

On her graduation from a Bachelor of Laws, Melbourne University, Professor Sally Walker was recognised for her outstanding academic achievement and awarded the Supreme Court Prize, the Anna Brennan Memorial Prize and the inaugural Joan Rosanove Memorial Prize. For over thirty years since then, Professor Walker has dedicated herself to advancing the interests of the higher education sector.

Commencing her academic career at the University of Melbourne in 1980, Professor Walker worked in the area of Commercial Law, in particular, Trade Practices Law. Anticipating the impending importance of media and communications, she developed a new undergraduate subject of Media Law. Professor Walker also assumed wider roles within Melbourne University as Pro Vice Chancellor (1997) and Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor (2000).

In 2003, Professor Walker was appointed as Vice Chancellor and President at Deakin University, and held these positions until July 2010. Under Professor Walker's tenure, Deakin University grew in reputation within Victoria, nationally and internationally. In this period, the growth in student and staff numbers exceeded any other Australian university. She also developed a successful capital works program and a renewed focus on excellence in research and teaching.

As a result of her leadership, lobbying and commitment to rural and regional engagement, Professor Walker was instrumental in opening Victoria's third medical school at Deakin University in 2008.

Since 2010, Professor Walker has undertaken consultancy work for the Federal and Victorian Governments and she now works as a Principal at Deloitte.

In 2011, Professor Walker was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for her contributions to education, to the law as an academic and to the advancement of women.



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I see education as a key to happiness and wellbeing. In the case of women, in particular, education has saved many people from the drudgery of domestic dependence. I want to encourage and help as many people as possible to enjoy the benefits of learning from inspiring teachers and researchers in institutions that are committed to the pursuit of excellence.



Dr Sylvia Walton AO

Since 1974, Dr Sylvia Walton has been a teacher and educator in Victoria, serving on a number of state and national educational organisations. Dr Walton's experience in implementing innovative programs and setting new benchmarks for best practice throughout her career have earned her a reputation as one of Australia's foremost educators.

Dr Walton is passionate about access to, and participation in, higher education for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. She has been a longstanding member of the board of the Ardoch Youth Foundation, a children's charity providing educational support for children and young people experiencing disadvantage. She has also chaired the Equity, Access and Personal Welfare Committee of La Trobe University.

Dr Walton was Chancellor of La Trobe University from 2006 until 2011. The University established the Sylvia Walton Scholarship and the Sylvia Walton Equity and Diversity Annual Public Lecture in recognition of her outstanding leadership at the University in the area of equity and diversity and her significant contribution to education in Australia. Dr Walton has received numerous awards including: the Sir James Darling Medal for Education (1998); the Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia for her leadership and education at secondary and tertiary levels (2003); the Nganakarrawa Award (2004); and the Gold Medal, the most prestigious award conferred by Australian Council for Education Leaders (2007).



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To play a role in the education of our young people, from pre-school through to university level, is one of the greatest privileges possible, and also an enormous responsibility. Apart from parenting, I cannot conceive of a more important role in life than having the opportunity of influencing our greatest asset—our young people, our future leaders—and providing opportunities through which they can succeed in life.



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Dr Linzi Wilson-Wilde OAM

Dr Linzi Wilson-Wilde is the most senior woman scientist working in Forensic Science and wildlife species identification across Australia and New Zealand. In her position as General Manager, National Institute of Forensic Science (part of the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency), Linzi provides cross-jurisdictional strategic advice to law enforcement bodies across Australia and New Zealand.

In this role, Linzi has been responsible for facilitating the introduction of an expanded Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) Marker System in Australia; standardisation of the interpretation of DNA evidence for Australia's courts; and the development and publication of standards for the Australian forensic science community.

After the Bali bombings in October 2002, Linzi was appointed to lead the victim identification team, co-ordinating the DNA analysis of all samples involved in the disaster victim identification and criminal investigation.

In 2003, Linzi was awarded the Order of Australia and the Police Operations Medal - Operation Alliance. These honours represent official recognition of the value and exceptional contribution she made in very stressful circumstances in the wake of the Bali Bombing.

In keeping with her ethos of giving back to community, Linzi is committed to encouraging the next generation of scientists. She is active in mentoring both high school and university students in forensic related projects and careers.



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In my life I have always had a strong belief in 'doing more' for others. Anyone can have a career—but I believe we all have the potential to do and be more than that. Working in forensic science is a highly rewarding career that has allowed me to give back to my community and the world in a meaningful and tangible way.



Dr E. Marelyn Wintour-Coghlan

Dr E. Marelyn Wintour-Coghlan has spent over 46 years as a physiologist. By 1990 she was a Senior Principal Research Fellow, Howard Florey Institute, and in 2003 she was recruited to the Department of Physiology, Monash University, where she was an Honorary Professor (2005–2007).

In addition to achieving many advances in knowledge, Marelyn was among the first to apply the techniques of molecular biology to her chosen field. To date, she has produced over 230 scientific publications, mainly on the endocrinology of the pregnant mother and the developing foetus and on the effects of short periods of stress in early pregnancy, which causes hypertension in the adult offspring.

Marelyn proved that the urine of unstressed mammalian foetuses was normally dilute. This finding allowed the concentration of foetal urine to be used as a measure of stress. She has also provided a significant example that supports the Barker Hypothesis that unfavourable conditions experienced by the foetus can lead to changes that alter development and may affect adult health. Marelyn was the first to show that foetal adrenal glands were active both early and late in development, underlining the significance of cortisol treatment for premature babies. She also demonstrated the importance foetal membranes play in the regulation of foetal and amniotic fluids.

Marelyn has served on the Council of the International Union of Physiological Sciences and helped promote physiological sciences in Africa and South America. In 2002, she was elected to Life Membership of the Endocrine Society of Australia. In 2004, she was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, one of only 20 females to be elected in the Academy's first 50 years.

Marelyn's infectious delight in science is something she has passed on in her teaching role. She has seen 45 of her own students, including 40 PhDs, through their graduate studies, some of whom have now attained elected positions at Australian and overseas universities. For 13 years, Marelyn has served as a convenor of honours and graduate students at the Howard Florey Institute.

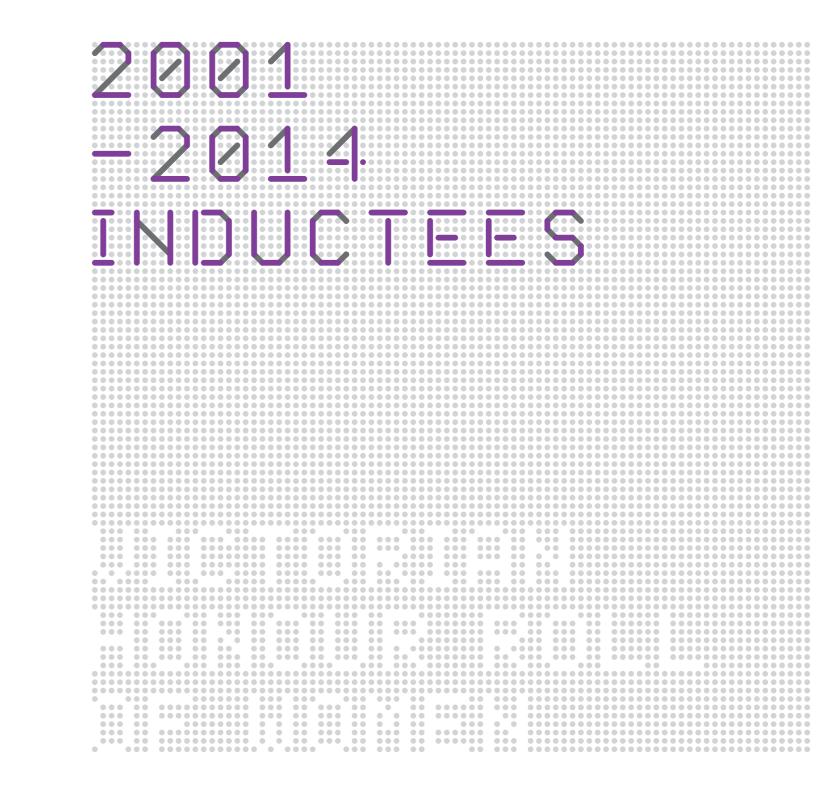


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I became interested in Physiology as an undergraduate, and now have substantial national and international reputations for impeccable discoveries on the normal development of the foetus, and the disastrous effects of stress in the mother, by epigenetic mechanisms, during early pregnancy, on the future health of the offspring.



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