

AMA QUEENSLAND MEMBERS RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

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A pathologist who helped found the medical schools at Griffith and James Cook Universities and a GP who has worked to support doctors' mental wellbeing lead the list of AMA Queensland members recognised in today's Australia Day Honours.

Professor Anthony Lam and Dr Margaret Kay have been awarded Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia – the second highest award.

A further seven members, including Past AMA Queensland President Gino Pecoraro, have been recognised with a Medal (OAM).

"This recognition shows the extraordinary dedication that these AMA Queensland members have shown to their profession and their community," AMA Queensland President Professor Chris Perry OAM said.

"Prof Lam has taught about 3,000 students over the past two decades. Pathology is the stepping stone of medicine – without it, you cannot diagnose or treat a condition.

"Dr Kay has applied her general practice skills to not only treating her patients, particularly those from migrant and refugee background, but also to helping doctors to treat themselves. Doctors face significant barriers when seeking treatment, and Dr Kay's work is helping to break down those barriers."

The other members recognised with a Medal (OAM) are:

- Dr Marie-Frances Burke for services to medicine as an oncologist
- Dr Robert Edwards for service to medicine as a thoracic physician
- Dr Stephen Godfrey for service to medicine as an ophthalmologist
- Dr Bradley Murphy for service to community health
- Dr Deborah Simmons for service to medicine through a range of roles
- Dr Harry Stalewski for service to medicine as a paediatrician surgeon and urologist.

"AMA Queensland is immensely proud of all our members. Those who have been recognised today are just the tip of the iceberg, but their service is incredible," Prof Perry said.

"We give thanks to all our members and the entire health care workforce who continue to go above and beyond to care for our community."

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