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Chair Prof Carol Pollock awarded Officer of the Order of Australia in Queens Birthday Honours List

Kidney Health Australia congratulates Chair, Professor Carol Pollock for recognition of her significant contribution to the field of nephrology, receiving the Office of the Order of Australia (OA) in the Queen's Birthday 2021 honours list.

Prof Pollock is an academic nephrologist and renal transplant physician and was awarded the OA for her distinguished service to medical research, education, and science, to nephrology, and to clinical practice and governance.

Kidney Health Australia is very proud that Prof Pollock has received well deserved recognition for her incredible contribution to the field of nephrology and as Chair of Kidney Health Australia, a position she has held since 2017. She joined the Kidney Health Australia Board in 2014.

As well as her service on the Board of Kidney Health Australia, Professor Pollock's award was based on a number of achievements, some of which are listed below:

- Professor Pollock authored over 350 publications relevant to kidney disease and its treatment.
- She is an inaugural Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (2015) and recognised as a 'Distinguished Professor' by the University of Sydney (2012).
- In 2014 she was the recipient of the Ministerial Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Research.
- She was Scientific Chairman of the 2013 World Congress of Nephrology and is the current Chair of the NSW Bureau of Health Information.
- She is also a Director of the Photobionics Research Institute, Deputy Chair of the Australian Organ Tissue and Transplant Authority, Director of Certa Therapeutics and a member of Council of NHMRC.

For a full list of Prof Pollock's achievements and service see

<https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2009262>

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Interviews

Prof Carol Pollock, Academic Nephrologist and Chair, Kidney Health Australia

About Kidney Health Australia

Kidney Health Australia is a not-for-profit and the peak body for kidney health in Australia with the aim to protect 5 million at risk Australians from developing end stage kidney disease, and to save and improve the lives of people already affected by the disease

through support services and funding crucial research. To find out more visit www.kidney.org.au

Kidney Health Facts

- Kidneys are essential to a person's health and wellbeing. They rid your body of waste (through urine), clean your blood of waste and toxins, regulate your blood pressure and manage the production of Vitamin D – essential to strong bones, muscles and overall health!
- Kidney-related disease kills more people than breast cancer, prostate cancer and road accidents
- Figures released by the Bureau of Statistics late last year revealed that about 63 people are dying with kidney-related disease every day
- Kidney disease sufferers can lose 90% of kidney function without experiencing any symptoms
- One in three people living in Australia is at risk of developing chronic kidney disease
- Of the staggering 1.7 million people affected by kidney disease, 1.5 million are not aware they have it
- One in five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have indicators of chronic kidney disease and are four times more likely to die from it than the non-Indigenous population
- Chronic Kidney Disease costs the economy more than \$5 billion per year

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