

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST

Statement by Minister for Health

MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Minister for Health) [9.17 am]: I rise to extend my sincere congratulations to the Western Australians whose contributions to our state's health system have been acknowledged in the 2023 Australia Day honours list.

I would like to acknowledge Dr David Russell-Weisz, director general of the WA Department of Health, who was recognised for his outstanding public service through leadership and management in response to the COVID-19 pandemic with a Public Service Medal. Ms Rebecca Brown, director general of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, was also awarded a Public Service Medal for outstanding public service as director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet through leadership and management in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout their years of service and more recently in a time of unprecedented stress on our services, Dr Russell-Weisz's and Ms Brown's leadership has made a real difference to the health and wellbeing of Western Australians.

I also congratulate Dr Michael David Levitt, consultant medical director at the WA Country Health Service, who was made a Member of the Order of Australia in acknowledgement of his significant service to medical administration and to professional associations; and Ms Susan Terese Kiely who was recognised for outstanding public service through the delivery of the Western Australian COVID-19 vaccination program with a Public Service Medal. Dr Geoffrey John Dobb was awarded for his significant service to intensive care medicine and to professional associations by being made a Member of the Order of Australia. Professor Helen Milroy was also recognised for her significant service to public health and to the Indigenous community by being made a Member of the Order of Australia.

Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Thomas Wells Cottee was also made a Member of the Order of Australia for his significant service to obstetrics and gynaecology. Professor Patricia Lynette Dudgeon was made a Member of the Order of Australia for her significant service to Indigenous mental health and wellbeing and to education. Joy Rowland, medical services director at the Department of Justice, was acknowledged for an outstanding commitment to those in her care, with an Australian Corrections Medal. Emeritus Professor Ian Puddey was made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of his significant service to medical education, research and administration. These inspiring Western Australians have made significant contributions and provided exceptional service to the WA health system. I commend and congratulate them all for being acknowledged in the prestigious Australia Day honours list.