

HEALTH — KING’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Statement by Minister for Health

MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Minister for Health) [9.19 am]: I rise to inform the house of the Western Australians whose notable contributions to the field of health and medicine have been acknowledged in the 2023 King’s Birthday honours list. Emeritus Professor Caroline Bower was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in the General Division. Professor Bower was recognised for her eminent service to medical research as a paediatric epidemiologist, to health and welfare through public health initiatives, and to medical education. Professor Bower notably set up the birth defects register with Professor Fiona Stanley and was instrumental in the fortification of bread flour that has led to a noticeable reduction in neural tube defects.

I also acknowledge one of the health professionals who was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia in the General Division. Mr Gerald Williams was recognised for his distinguished service to critical care nursing, medical education and professional organisations and as a mentor. I also recognise the six health professionals who have been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division: Mr John De’Laney, Mr Andrew Davies, Ms Susan Goddard, Ms Eugenie Jelly, Mrs Gail Matthews and Mrs Wendy Williams.

I also acknowledge the seven health professionals who have been awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division: Dr David Blacker, Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua, Dr Margaret Crowley, Dr George Galvin, Mrs Kelly Howlett, Ms Pia Turcinov and Dr Kenneth Whiting. Finally, for their outstanding public service through contributions to the Western Australian government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr Paul Armstrong, Dr Tudor Codreanu, Dr Clare Huppertz and Ms Elizabeth Macleod were awarded Public Service Medals and added to the COVID-19 Honour Roll. I give my congratulations to all those honoured and thank them for their service to the health system.