

OUR 2018  
**AUSTRALIAN**  
KNIGHT



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Australia's standing within the global community is nurtured by forward thinking, creative and innovative Scientists, Researchers, Surgeons, Engineers and Business Leaders; to name a few.

At The Knight we wish to acknowledge Professor Fiona Wood, AM as our Australian of the Year; our 2018 Australian Knight.

Professor Fiona Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive surgeon and world leading burns specialist; pioneering burns medicine.

Professor Wood met her husband Tony in the UK when they were trainee doctors - they had a whirlwind romance and Tony said if they were to be together she would have to move to Perth (Australia) not Perth (Scotland).

In 1987 Professor Wood found herself in Australia after which she completed her medical training. During this time Professor Wood was inspired by Professor Harold McComb and who, in Professor Woods own words, was an *'extraordinary man and an extraordinary surgeon.'*

From the poem 'My Country' Dorothea Mackellar penned words such as *'sunburnt country'* and *'land of flood, fire and famine.'*

It is fortunate that Professor Wood chose Australia as her adopted home. At the time of the Bali bombings Professor Wood coordinated a major recovery unit, and using her innovative burns treatment lives were saved and the outcome for many others was vastly improved.

As quoted by Professor Wood *"Everything we learn means that we do better tomorrow. The first patient I treated with culture skin changed the lives of many, many people who came afterwards. It's only by learning the hard lessons that we get better."*

Professor Wood is highly regarded as she has been recognised as an Australian Living Treasure.

The Fiona Wood Foundation follows in the footsteps of the McComb Foundation and it is this Foundation and those who contribute to it that will greatly assist Professor Wood in her ongoing quest to continue to make a difference to people's lives.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. Every Australia Day, staff at The Knight recognise a worthy recipient(s), for our 'Australian Knight' award, who has demonstrated qualities that personify those of a Knight.
2. The Knight has gifted \$10,000 to Fiona Wood Foundation.
3. For further information about Fiona Wood Foundation, please go to: <https://www.fionawoodfoundation.com/>



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Australia Day is an opportunity for all of us to come together to celebrate our country and our unique culture.

Cheers from

and all at The Knight  
(refer over)





Almyra Rogador  
Andrea Pluckhahn  
Anna Rattana  
Ardian Beqa  
Ashley Gittus  
Bella Guo  
Ben Zalkauskas  
Claire Garanganao  
Clare Ryan  
Dianne Burton  
Dianne Draper  
Elena Adriani  
Gary Harper  
Grace Guo  
Gregor Evans  
Joyce Evans  
Julie Esparon  
Lloyd Martin  
Madre Clarke

Mariah Whitefoot  
Mark Reed  
Maureen Brill  
Melody Dardovski  
Melissa De Silva-Jayasekera  
Nicole Wright  
Robert Evans  
Scott McCann  
Sharmela Thirugnanam  
Sheena De Silva-Jayasekera  
Sri Maryan Poobalasingam  
Sruthi Krishna Gopalakrishnan  
Stewart Martin  
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