



# Order of Australia Recipients

**The MLC community celebrates Old Collegians recognised in the Australia Day and Queen's/King's Birthday honours in acknowledgement of their remarkable achievements and contributions to their fields.**



***Listed by most recently awarded***

Name	Alumnae Year	Award	Year Awarded	Reason for Award
Judith Schiff	1954	OAM	2026	For service to the Jewish community of Victoria.
Anne Congleton	1978	PSM	2026	For outstanding public service in policy and service design, corporate resources management and operational service delivery..
Lynette Grocke	1958	OAM	2025	For service to sustainable housing, and to the environment.
Tara Robson (Gupta)	1973	PSM	2025	For outstanding public service in developing legislation for children's rights and wellbeing.
Margaret Garde	1974	OAM	2025	For service to medicine, particularly through education.
Kay Martin	1970	OAM	2025	For service to the communities of Merbein, Mildura and Mallee.
Jocelyn Osmond	1951	OAM	2025	For service to the community of Albury.
Margaret Plant	1957	OAM	2025	For service to visual arts, and to art history.
Tessa Sullivan	2001	OAM	2025	For service to the community through a range of organisations.

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Belinda Hunter	1968	OAM	2024	For service to medicine, particularly pathology.
Karen Noonan	1974	OAM	2024	For service to community music, and through emergency response organisations.
Margaret O’Leary	1956	OAM	2024	For service to military history.
Lara Giddings	1990	AO	2024	For distinguished service to the people and Parliament of Tasmania, and to the community.
Sharman Stone	1969	AM	2024	For significant service to the people and Parliament of Australia, and to the community through executive positions.
Helen Murray	1957	AM	2024	For significant service to the community, particularly as a social worker and educator.
Evelyn Halls	1989	OAM	2024	For service to sports administration, and to fencing.
Yvonne Panagacos	1957	OAM	2024	For service to the Greek community of Melbourne.
Helen Walker	1980	OAM	2024	For service to women through a range of roles.

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Alison Taylor	1970	AM	2023	For significant service to the Anglican Church, and to conservation.
Barbara Champion	1965	AM	2023	For significant service to children through play advocacy, to local government, and to education.
Beth Graham	1952	AM	2023	For significant service to the bilingual education of Indigenous language speaking students.
Miriam Bass	1972	OAM	2023	For service to the Jewish community.
Gayle Porter	1977	OAM	2023	For service to community health as a speech pathologist.
Meredith Freeman	1961	OAM	2023	For service to conservation and the environment.
Christine Howard-Bobenko	1969	OAM	2023	For service to the performing arts through dance.
Diane Bilka	1972	OAM	2023	For service to nursing.
Phyllis Murphy	1941	AM	2022	For significant service to architecture, and to built heritage conservation.
Barbara Carter	1963	OAM	2022	For service to community.
Jane Trembath	1963	OAM	2022	For service to community health.
Jill Tabart	1958	OAM	2022	For service to the Uniting Church in Australia.
Dorothy Heard	1961	OAM	2022	For service to the community of Numurkah.

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Lynne Kelly	1968	AM	2022	For significant service to science education as a writer and researcher.
Heather Douglas	1983	AM	2022	For significant service to tertiary law education, and to the community.
Deborra-Lee Furness	1986	AO	2022	For distinguished service to children as an adoption advocate, to not-for-profit organisations as an ambassador, and to the arts.
Valerie Yule	1945	OAM	2021	For service to psychology as a clinician and author.
Jacqueline Wright	1979	OAM	2021	For service to international health.
Lesley Tan	1953	OAM	2021	For service to audiology.
Lesley Sowell	1949	OAM	2021	For service to the community of the South Coast.
Helen Shardey	1962	OAM	2021	For service to the Jewish community of Victoria.
Kaye Roberts-Thomson	1965	OAM	2021	For service to dentistry, and to the community.
Josie Millard	1985	OAM	2021	For service to rowing
Deborah Halpern	1974	OAM	2021	For service to the arts.
Margaret Adams	1954	OAM	2021	For service to the community of Boroondara.
Cathy Kiss	1979	AM	2021	For significant service to the parks and recreation industry, and to children's wellbeing.

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Jenny Lumsden	1983	CSC and Bar	2020	For outstanding achievement in Specialist Reserve health services for the Australian Defence Force.
Jenny Wilson	1988	APM	2020	Awarded the Australian Police Medal.
Alison Plain	1976	OAM	2020	For service to the international community of Indonesia through eye health programs.
Sue Kenny	1971	AM	2020	For significant service to the law, and to the judiciary, particularly to the Federal Court of Australia.
Jenny Batrouney	1980	AM	2020	For significant service to the law, to the legal profession, and to women lawyers.
Carole Woods	1961	OAM	2020	For service to community history.
Vicki Vidor	1960	OAM	2007	For service to youth through the Lighthouse Foundation, and to the community as a supporter of a range of charitable organisations.
Carolyn Brown	1961	OAM	2019	For service to the community through a range of organisations.
Marjorie Quinn	1962	OAM	2019	For service to the community, to social welfare organisations, and to education.
Una Hobday	1962	OAM	2019	For service to the community through a range of organisations.
Kirsty Gardner-Berry	1989	OAM	2019	For service to audiology.
Janice Davies	1968	OAM	2019	For service to community health.
Valda Cuming	1946	OAM	2019	Service to the visual arts.

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Alisa Camplin-Warner	1992	AM	2019	Service to the community through support for paediatric health care.
Christine Kilpatrick	1970	AO	2019	For service to medicine through senior administrative roles, to the promotion of quality in health care, and to neurology.
Noelle Weatherley	1968	OAM	2019	Service to horticulture.
Betty Law-Smith	1947	OAM	2019	Service to conservation and environment.
Jill Forsyth	1968	OAM	2019	Service to the community through a range of roles.
Janet Duke	1969	OAM	2019	Service to medicine as an obstetrician and gynaecologist.
Ann Buchan	1964	OAM	2019	Service to medicine as a neurological physiotherapist.
Judy Dalton	1953	AM	2019	Service to tennis as a player, to equality for women in sport, and to sporting foundations.
Pauline Gandel	1952	AC	2019	Service to the community through humanitarian, philanthropic and fundraising endeavours, to social inclusion, and to Australia-Japan relations.
Phyllis Dorey	1968	OAM	2018	For service to the Jewish community.
Diane John	1961	OAM	2018	For service to education through administrative roles.
Pamela Christensen	1949	OAM	2018	For service to the community of Caulfield.

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Pam Pryor	1967	AO	2018	For distinguished service to occupational health and safety through leadership and advisory roles, particularly in developing standards for education frameworks.
Janet McCalman	1966	AC	2018	For eminent service to education, particularly in the field of social history, as a leading academic, researcher and author, as a contributor to multidisciplinary curriculum development, and through the promotion of history to the wider community.
Victoria Bennett	1977	AO	2018	For distinguished service to the judiciary and to the law, to the improvement of the family law system and child protection, to legal education, and to improving access to justice for Indigenous families.
Isobel Morgan	1955	OAM	2017	For service to the community as a supporter and patron of social welfare and art organizations.
Maggie Maguire	1974	OAM	2017	For service to the visual and performing arts in Victoria.
Linda Madill	1961	OAM	2017	For service to the community of Launceston.
Christine Hopton	1975	OAM	2017	For service to surf lifesaving.
Claire Dobbin	1961	AM	2017	For significant service to the motion picture industry, particularly to national and international film festivals, through education, and to screenwriting.
Thelma Castles	1968	OAM	2017	For service to the community through charitable organisations.
Cate Blanchett	1986	AC	2017	For eminent service to the performing arts as an international stage and screen actor, through seminal contributions as Director of artistic organisations, as a role model for women and young performers, and as a supporter humanitarian and environmental causes.



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June Treadwell	1955	OAM	2016	For service to education, to Vision Australia, and to the Anglican Church of Australia.
Margaret Harmer	1950	OAM	2016	For service to the community.
Denise Grocke	1963	AO	2016	For distinguished service to public health as a pioneer practitioner of music therapy programs, to education as an academic, researcher, and author, and to professional associations.
Vivienne Edlund	1959	OAM	2016	For service to the community of Victoria
Barb Brook	1971	OAM	2016	For service to youth, and to the community.
Esther Wood	1960	OAM	2015	For service to education, and to hockey.
Gillian Webb	1961	AM	2015	For significant service to community health in the field of physiotherapy, as a contributor to professional organisations, and to education.
Marjorie Nicholas	1956	OAM	2015	For service to the not-for-profit sector and to the community of Howlong.
Dianne Foggo	1965	AM	2015	For significant service to tertiary education administration, to the advancement of women and to industrial relations.
Joan Clemenger	1948	AO	2015	For distinguished service to the visual and performing arts as a benefactor, patron and supporter, and through philanthropic contributions to a range of charitable organisations, and to the community.
Heather Barnes	1968	OAM	2015	for service to early childhood education.
Terri Adams	1948	OAM	2015	For service to the broadcast media as a volunteer radio presenter.

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Eugenie Tuck	1960	PSM	2014	For outstanding public service in the area of healthcare in correctional services.
Rosemary Shaw	1962	OAM	2014	For service to community through a range of volunteer roles.
Ingrid Scheffer	1976	AO	2014	For distinguished service to medicine in the field of paediatric neurology as a clinician, academic and mentor, and to research into the identification of epilepsy syndromes and genes.
Margaret Russell	1961	OAM	2014	For service to community , and to the Uniting Church.
Jennie Russell	1961	OAM	2014	For service to women's affairs, and to the community.
Delysia Pahoff	1953	OAM	2014	For service to the community through a range of charitable organisations.
Pauline Jones	1957	OAM	2014	For service to people with a disability and their families.
Wendy Drowley	1956	OAM	2014	For service to the performing arts.
Elsie Brown	1946	OAM	2014	For service to the community, particularly through charitable and church organisations.
Natalie Miller	1954	AO	2013	For distinguished service to the film industry through promotion of screen culture, as a mentor to emerging film makers, particularly women, and contributions to advisory and professional organisations.
Jenny Lumsden	1983	CSC	2013	For outstanding achievement as Chief of Staff, Director General Health Reserves - Air Force and in developing the Military Critical Care Aeromedical Evacuation Capability.

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Joan Daniels	1946	OAM	2013	For service to the community, particularly through Rotary International
Di Bresciani	1959	OAM	2013	For her service to music, the Visual Arts and to the community.
Ruth Wraith	1957	OAM	2012	For service to community health, particularly the treatment of children recovering from trauma.
Judith Troeth	1957	AM	2012	For service to the Parliament of Australia and to the community through contributions to public policy development and support for asylum seekers and women's rights.
Jan Millikan	1956	OAM	2012	For service to early childhood education.
Joan McMeeken	1960	AM	2012	For service to the tertiary education in the discipline of physiotherapy as an academic, researcher and educator, to professional organisations, and to the community.
Lydia Lassila	1999	OAM	2012	For service to sport as a Gold Medallist at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games.
Elizabeth Williams	1965	OAM	2011	For service to paediatric physiotherapy, and to the rural community of Victoria.
Helen Richards	1958	OAM	2011	For service to horticulture through the cultivation and propagation of orchids.
Jane Elton-Brown	1955	OAM	2011	For service to music.
Beris Campbell	1962	OAM	2011	For service to aged persons through the Wesley Homeshare Program.

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Joan Webster	1946	OAM	2010	For service to the community in raising awareness of bushfire safety.
Patricia Maxwell	1974	OAM	2010	For service to the community of Williamstown through heritage, maritime and social welfare.
Beverley Grant	1956	OAM	2010	For service to the community through youth and social welfare organisations.
Elizabeth Adnams	1958	OAM	2010	For service youth in Guiding Movement.
Marion Palmer	1954	OAM	2009	For service to the community, particularly through the Country Women's Association and the Uniting Church in Australia.
Patricia Maggs	1945	OAM	2009	For service to people with dementia and their carers.
Gayle Corr	1964	OAM	2009	For service to the community of Arthurs Creek through contributions to emergency service, environmental and cultural organisations.
Coralie Wood	1958	OAM	2008	For service to the entertainment industry in the ACT
Jennifer O'Sullivan	1956	OAM	2008	For service to the community as a speech pathologist, particularly to people with hearing impairments and as a contributor to the development of cognitive thinking techniques.
Elizabeth Carew-Reid	1964	OAM	2008	For service to medicine and to the community.
Louise Adler	1972	AM	2008	For service to literature as a publisher, through support for and the promotion of emerging authors, to tertiary education, and the community.
Alisa Camplin	1992	OAM	2007	For service to sport as a Gold Medallist at the Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympics.

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Heather Smith	1962	AO	2006	For service to the international community through the provision of humanitarian aid to people with leprosy and to people with physical disabilities, particularly through the programs with the McKean Rehabilitation centre in Thailand.
Elizabeth Lucas	1935	OAM	2006	For service to the community, particularly women through the Zonta International, and to ex service women.
Anne Davie	1952	OAM	2006	For service to the community of the West Gippsland region through environmental, cultural and social welfare organisations.
Beris Bird	1952	AM	2006	For service to International Relations, particularly through the establishment of palliative care services at Nazerath hospital, Israel, Kijabe Medical Center, Kenya and the Baptist Mission Hospitals, Cameroon, and as a nurse educator in support of medical aid programs in developing countries.
Shirley Barnett	1948	OAM	2006	For service to the community of Coffs Harbour, particularly through theatrical arts initiatives for young performers.
Sandra Hacker	1963	AO	2005	For service to medicine, particularly in the field of psychiatry, and to excellence in professional education and promotion of the highest standards of health care in Australia.
Glenn Fisher	1965	AM	2005	For service to the community, particularly through the Turner Syndrome Association of Australia and the development of a range of support services.
Ruth Baker	1957	OAM	2005	For services to the community through a range of organisations, particularly in relation to mental health services and to education.

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Eugenie Tuck	1960	OAM	2004	For service to the welfare of prisoners through the development of improved practices in the management of State Correctional health systems.
Elizabeth Higgs	1941	OAM	2004	For service to the community, particularly through the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.
Adrienne Clarke	1953	AC	2004	For service to science and academia as a leading international researcher, for the application of economic benefit to scientific discovery, and for mentoring future leaders.
Anne Cain	1951	OAM	2004	For service to youth through the Guiding Movement, and to people with disabilities.
Yvonne Burns	1953	AO	2004	For service in the field of paediatric physiotherapy through teaching, clinical practice and research, and to the community through chaplaincy support roles.
Sandra Bardas	1959	OAM	2004	For service to the community through programs supporting indigenous youth and education through a range of cultural and health organisations.
Joan Backwell	1947	OAM	2004	For service to the community, particularly through the Vision Australia Foundation.
Pamela Russell	1959	AM	2003	For service to medical research in the field of oncology, particularly in improving detection methods and in developing preventative approaches for prostate cancer.
Ainslie Lamb	1956	AM	2003	For service to the legal profession, particularly as an educator in the areas of cross-cultural and indigenous issues, and to the community, particularly in education.

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Margery Kennett	1957	OAM	2003	For service to public health in laboratory biosafety and polio education.
Lyndsey Cattermole	1965	AM	2003	For service to information and communications technology industry, and to the community, particularly through women's and children's health organisations.
Margaret Rosenthal	1953	AM	2002	For service to the promotion and development of tertiary nursing education, and to the development of youth through guides Australia.
Mary Lilja	1945	OAM	2002	For service to the community as a foster parent, particularly of children with disabilities.
Jean Hamley	1944	OAM	2001	For service to the community, particularly through the Executive Council of Auxiliaries of the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear hospital.
Elizabeth Dax	1965	AM	2001	For service to medical research, particularly in the fields of public health, HIV/AIDS, and drug addiction.
Diane Shteinman	1952	AM	2000	For service to the Jewish community, particularly through the Executive council of Australian Jewry.
Margaret Lanz	1958	OAM	2000	For service to gymnastics as a competitor, judge, team manager and coach.
Enid Fraser	1940	OAM	2000	For service to the community through the Australian Red Cross and the Peninsula and Red Hill Hospice.
Norma Danks	1944	OAM	2000	For service to the community, particularly through the Board of Management and Auxiliaries of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.
Heather Barton	1962	AM	1999	For service to youth through Guides Victoria.

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Joyce Pope	1934	OAM	1998	For service to the community of Ashburton and Glen Iris for over thirty-five years.
Gwenda Davey	1948	AM	1998	For service to the protection and preservation of Australia's traditional folklore and folklife.
Dorothea Cerutti	1930	OAM	1998	For service to education, music, drama, the arts and the community.
Jean Chambers	1925	OAM	1997	In recognition of service to the community and the education of girls through the organisation fundraising projects.
Mavis Latham	1926	AM	1996	In recognition of service to the arts as the author of children's literature and as an active member of the writers organisation in Australia.
Jessie Peart	1940	OAM	1994	For service to the community, particularly through the Keilor Road Uniting Church Kindergarten and Orana Family Services Council.
Shirley Jeffrey	1947	AM	1993	For service to marine science.
Anne Fraser	1946	AM	1993	For service to the arts as a theatre set and costume designer.
Lois Woodward	1942	AM	1992	For service to the community, particularly through the Victorian Hospital's Association and the Royal Women's Hospital.
Joan Wilkinson	1945	AM	1991	For service to nursing, particularly in the field of education and administration.
Beverley Piper	1940	OAM	1991	For service to the community particularly through Meals on Wheels and as a children's hospital visitor.
Merle Mitchell	1951	AM	1991	For services to the community.



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Janet Galley	1955	OAM	1991	For service to the community, particularly through women's organisations.
Adrienne Clarke	1953	AC	1991	For service to science and industry, particularly through the application of biotechnology.
Diana Cavaye	1942	OAM	1991	In recognition of services to the community and public.
Margaret McGregor	1941	OAM	1990	For service to the community, particularly to the foster grandparent scheme.
Gretna Weste	1934	AM	1989	For service to science, particularly in the field of botany
Eve Mahlab	1953	AO	1988	For service to business, to government and to the community, particularly women.
Yvonne James	1945	OAM	1988	For service to Girl Guides Association.
Shirley Horne	1938	AM	1988	For service to the community, particularly to the National Council of Women.
Anne Scott	1957	OAM	1986	For service to the Girl Guides Association.
Marjorie West	1947	AM	1984	For service to the community particularly to the Girl Guides Association.
Cecile Storey	1950	AM	1984	For service to international relations and education.

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Joyce Nicholson	1935	AM	1983	For service to literature and to the book publishing industry.
Ruth Walker	1936	AM	1982	For service to medicine.
Elsie Rockefeller	1929	OAM	1981	For Community service.
Sheila Kruse	1929	OAM	1980	For Community service.

If you, or a family member, have obtained an honour since 1980 and do not appear on the list, please contact MLC's Alumnae office so that we can update our records:  
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