

## **Public health champion honoured with Menzies Medallion**

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A trailblazer in public health in the Northern Territory for over 25 years, Dr Christine Connors has been awarded the prestigious Menzies Medallion.

Presented with the award at the recent Menzies's Oration, Dr Connors was recognised for her significant contribution to primary health care, Indigenous health and health services delivery in the Top End.

The breadth and depth of Dr Connors' work over the years is far reaching and includes working on the ground in remote Aboriginal communities with the NT Department of Health and Community Services, developing the NT Preventable Chronic Disease Strategy and becoming the Program Director of the NT Preventable Chronic Disease Program.

Menzies Director Professor Alan Cass was thrilled the award was presented to such a deserving public health expert.

"I am delighted to see Dr Christine Connors receive this year's medallion. Christine is a tireless campaigner for Aboriginal health and has been an essential partner with Menzies for many years.

"Some of her most valued work has been her active engagement in continuous quality improvement research with Menzies and the Lowitja Institute.

"Accessible and high quality primary health care is vital to Closing the Gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health outcomes and Christine's work plays a critical role in this", said Professor Cass.

The Menzies Medallion is the highest award offered by the Menzies School of Health Research.

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