

Menzies researchers' finalists in the 2019 Telstra Business Women's Awards

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Two researchers from Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) have been named finalists in the 2019 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

Professor Amanda Leach is the leader of the Menzies Ear Health Research Program, Child Health Division in Darwin. She has been announced as a finalist in the Northern Territory For Purpose and Social Enterprise category. She is recognised for her drive to improve ear health, hearing and learning outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Professor Gail Garvey is based in Brisbane and is the Deputy Division Leader of Menzies Wellbeing and Preventable Chronic Diseases division. Prof Garvey is a finalist in Queensland Public Sector and Academia Award category. She is recognised for her leadership in research to address cancer needs amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Professor Alan Cass, Director of Menzies School of Health Research, said he was delighted that both women had been named as finalists in their respective categories.

'It is well-deserved acknowledgement for the amazing work undertaken by Professors Leach and Garvey,' said Professor Cass.

'We have been aware of their high quality research and their passion to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders for many years. It is great to see them being recognised outside of the medical research sector.'

Professor Cass wished both women all the best in the finals.

Researcher Profiles:

Professor Amanda Leach

As a Principal Senior Research Fellow of Menzies School of Health Research, Professor Leach has a passion for Aboriginal health research.

Amanda works tirelessly to ensure that the health and medical priorities of Indigenous Australians and other disadvantaged populations benefit from the huge investments in health innovations that other groups receive.

Amanda wishes to bring the issues threatening the health and education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to the attention of the Australian population.

Read More on our website

https://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Our_People/Researchers/Amanda_Leach/.

Professor Gail Garvey

Professor Gail Garvey is a Kamilaroi woman, and a Senior Principal Research Fellow,

Professor Garvey plays an important leadership role in Indigenous cancer research nationally and internationally. Her research into the psychosocial aspects of cancer care is critical to improving cancer outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

She has a strong track record of research translation into policy and practice and advocates involving the relevant stakeholders throughout the research process to achieve maximum impact. Her record that spans many years in building capacity among Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, researchers, and health professionals.

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Menzies School of Health Research

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. Menzies has a history of over 30 years of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the frontline, joining with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia. Menzies collaborates to create new knowledge, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.