

**Monday 14 June 2021****Queen's Birthday Honours for Dementia Australia CEO**

Dementia Australia congratulates CEO, Maree McCabe AM on her inclusion in the Queen's Birthday Honours List announced today.

Ms McCabe was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to people living with Alzheimer's and Dementia, and to the aged care sector, and included in the COVID-19 Honour Roll for contribution in support of Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair Dementia Australia Prof Graeme Samuel AC said he was delighted to congratulate Ms McCabe on behalf of the Board, executive, staff, clients and volunteers of Dementia Australia on this prestigious and well-deserved acknowledgment.

"Maree's prominent career within the aged care and mental health sectors for both Victorian and national roles has demonstrated her dedication and commitment to all Australians impacted by dementia," Prof Samuel said.

"Across these sectors, all levels of government and the community I know many will applaud this acknowledgment of the significant contribution she has made and continues to make to the lives of people of all ages, living with all forms of dementia, their families and carers.

"We are also immensely pleased and proud of Maree's inclusion in the COVID Honour Roll as recognition of her sector leadership through the unprecedented challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has presented."

Ms McCabe embraces her role as Dementia Australia CEO as it provides the opportunity to advocate for the almost half a million Australians living with dementia and the more 1.6 million people involved in their care.

"It is an extraordinary honour and humbling to be recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours," Ms McCabe said.

"This award truly is for everybody at Dementia Australia and for everyone who has been involved with and supports our organisation.

"It is a testament to everything we have achieved together to bring about change and work towards improving the quality of life and care for people living with dementia, their families and carers.

"It is people living with a diagnosis of dementia or experiencing life as a carer who are a constant inspiration.

"I extend my gratitude to everyone who supported this nomination and will use this award to continue to elevate the voices of all people impacted by dementia and advocate for the human rights, dignity and care they deserve."

Dementia Australia is the source of trusted information, education and services for the estimated half a million Australians living with dementia, and the almost 1.6 million people involved in their care. We advocate for positive change and support vital research. We are here to support people impacted by dementia, and to enable them to live as well as possible. No matter how you are impacted by dementia or who you are, we are here for you.

For support, please contact the **National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500**. An interpreter service is available and the Helpline is open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday excluding public holidays. The National Dementia Helpline is funded by the Australian Government. People looking for information can also visit **[dementia.org.au](https://dementia.org.au)**

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