

COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Mr Donald Robert ARGUS AO, PO Box 252, Caulfield East Vic 3145

For eminent service to business and commerce through leadership in the mining and finance industries, and to the community through the promotion of philanthropy, and executive roles in conservation, health, charitable and sporting organisations.

Mr Argus was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day 1998 Honours List for his service to banking and finance, particularly as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Australia Bank Ltd, and for his contributions as a member and supporter of a wide range of community and sporting organisations.

The following summarises his service and involvement since then.

Chairman, BHP Billiton Ltd, since 2001; Chairman, BHP Ltd, since 1999; Director since, 1996.

Director, Australian Foundation Investment Company, since 1999.

Member, International Advisory Committee, Board of Directors, New York Stock Exchange, since 2005.

Member, International Advisory Council, Allianz Aktiengesellschaft, since 2000.

Chairman, Brambles Ltd, 1999-2008; Director, 1991-2001.

Director, Southcorp Ltd, 1999-2003.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, National Australia Bank, 1990-1999.

Member, Financial Sector Advisory Council, resigned 1999.

Steering Committee Member, Australian Future Directions Forum.

Senior Fellow, Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Fellow, Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

Fellow, Australian Institute of Bankers.

Fellow, Australian Institute of Company Directors; Member, since 1990.

Chair, Advisory Council, Council for the Encouragement of Philanthropy in Australia.

Member, Management Committee Trust Fund, Great Barrier Reef Research Foundation.

Chairman, Corporate Fundraising Committee, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

Co-Patron, Vision Australia.

Director, Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation.

Other awards/recognition include:

Honorary Degree (Doctor of Business), University of Queensland, 2008.

Honorary Degree (Doctor of Laws), Monash University.

Honorary Degree (Doctor of the University), Griffith University.

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Professor Elizabeth Helen BLACKBURN,

Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, University of California,
San Francisco CA 94158-2517, United States of America

For eminent service to science as a leader in the field of biomedical research, particularly through the discovery of telomerase and its role in the development of cancer and ageing of cells and through contributions as an international adviser in Bioethics.

Professor Blackburn and her (then) graduate student Carol Greider were jointly conducting research into molecular biology and co-discovered the telomerase enzyme which boosts a cancer cell's ability to divide and multiply. 85% of all cancers require telomerase for the cells to continue spreading. Controlling the production of telomerase can prevent the 'immortality' of cancer cells and therefore cancer formation. This pioneering discovery explains how telomeres act in protecting chromosomes from damage, in regulating cell division and cell death, in stabilising cancer cells, and in such processes as aging and its associated diseases. Professor Blackburn is now working on telomeres biology and ways to change telomerase action for therapeutic purposes.

Current Research Scientist and Leader in telomere/telomerase research, Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California, San Francisco USA; Co-Discovered the enzyme telomerase; Morris Herzstein Professor of Biology and Physiology, Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, since 1990; Department Chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, 1993-1999.

Professor, Department Molecular Biology, University of California, Berkeley USA, 1986-1990; Associate Professor, 1983-1986; Assistant Professor, 1978-1983; Member, Miller Institute.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale University, 1975-1977.

Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Sydney, since 1998.

President-Elect, American Association for Cancer Research, 2009; Member, Board of Directors, 2006; Chairperson, several award selection committees; Member, Stand Up To Cancer Scientific Advisory Committee (a national, multi-million dollar grant program).

Director, American Association for Cancer Research, 2006-2009.

Council Member, President's Council on Bioethics, USA, 2002-2004.

Board Member, Genetics Society of America, 2000-2002. Member, Institute of Medicine, elected 2000.

President, American Society for Cell Biology, 1998. Foreign Associate, National Academy of Sciences, USA, elected 1993. Non-Resident Fellow, Salk Institute, since 2001.

Author, 140 papers in refereed scientific journals; 57 invited reviews, book chapters and articles.

Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2000; Fellow, American Academy for Microbiology, 1993; Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1991; Fellow, Royal Society of London UK, elected 1992.

Awards/recognition include:

Nobel Prize in medicine (shared with Carol W Greider and Jack W Szostak), 2009.

Voted one of the 'Most Influential People in World', *Time* magazine, 2007.

Albany Medical Centre (New York) Prize, (US\$500,000 prize), 2009.

Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize, 2009.

L'Oreal-Unesco Award for Women in Science, 2008.

Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize, Columbia University, 2007.

Shared the Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research, Lasker Foundation, 2006.

Genetics Prize, Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation, 2006.

Kirk A Landon Prize for Basic Cancer Research, American Association for Cancer Research, 2005.

Benjamin Franklin Medal in Life Sciences, Franklin Institute, 2005.

Dr A H Heineken Prize for Medicine, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2004.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Award for Distinguished Achievement in Cancer Research, 2003.

Robert J and Claire Pasarow Foundation Medical Research Award, 2003.

International Award for Cancer Research, Pezcoller Foundation-American Association for Cancer Research, 2001.

E B Wilson Award, American Society for Cell Biology, 2001.

Alfred P Sloan Award, General Motors Cancer Research Foundation, 2001.

G H A Clowes Memorial Award, American Association for Cancer Research, 2000.

Medal of Honour, American Cancer Society, 2000.

Dickson Prize in Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, 1999-2000.

Prime Minister's Science Prize, Australian Federal Government, 1998.

Honorary Doctorate of Science from the following universities:

Cambridge University, 2009; Princeton University, 2007; Harvard University, 2006; Yale University, 1991; University of Chicago, 2004; Branders University, 2004; University of Pennsylvania, 2004; and Bard College, 2004.

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Mr James Oswald FAIRFAX AO, Retford Park, Old South Road, Bowral NSW 2576
For eminent service to the community through support and philanthropy for the visual arts, conservation organisations and building programs for medical research and educational facilities.

Mr Fairfax was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in The Queen's Birthday 1993 Honours List. for his service to the arts and to the community.

The following summarises his service and involvement since then.

Councillor, International Council of the Museum of Modern Art, New York USA, 1971-1999.

Has continued as a sponsor and donor to a wide range of organisations and institutions in the arts, nature and the environment, medicine and education. They include:

National Gallery of Australia: an ongoing program of donations of art works by renowned Australian artists as well as financial assistance towards the acquisition of specific works of art for the collection.

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV): significant contributor to the redevelopment of the NGV International in recognition of which the Trustees named a gallery of 18th century European paintings in his honour.

Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW): since 1991, an ongoing program of donations of Old Master paintings in appreciation of which the AGNSW renamed the former Old Master's Gallery the 'James Fairfax Galleries' and mounted an exhibition of *The James Fairfax Collection* of Old Master works in 2003.

Museum of Contemporary Art: support for the establishment of the Visual Resources Centre and assistance to purchase equipment for the Members' Reading Room, James Fairfax Boardroom named in recognition of this support.

Wollongong City Gallery: support for the gallery's building renovation program.

In addition, support has also been given to the following institutions by way of monetary donations for specific causes or the donation of art works:

- Art Foundation of Tasmania.
- Art Gallery of Western Australia.
- Asian Australian Artists Association Inc.
- Australian Ballet Foundation.
- Australian Opera.
- Australiana Fund.
- National Portrait Gallery.
- New England Regional Art Museum.
- Queensland Art Gallery Foundation.

Australian Museum Trust: support for the research and development of the Canowindra Devonian fossil fish project.

World Wildlife Fund for Nature, Australia: a longstanding, ongoing commitment to various environmental and endangered species projects.

Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research: fit out costs for the P3 Laboratory facility for HIV Aids research, subsequently named the James Fairfax Laboratory.

Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney: the James Fairfax Visiting Research Fellowship in Prosthodontics support research and scholarship for the work of the Jaw Function and Orofacial Pain Research Unit at Westmead Hospital.

Children's Hospital Westmead: since 1993 donations have supported the work of the James Fairfax Institute of Paediatric Clinical Nutrition which, in 2000, was endowed by the University of Sydney as the James Fairfax Chair of Paediatric Nutrition.

Children's Medical Research Institute: substantial support for the Embryology Research Group over many years.

Geelong Grammar School Foundation: support for the establishment and building of the Michael Collins Perse Archives Centre.

Women's College, University of Sydney: contribution towards the restoration of the Miss Mary Fairfax Rooms.

Cranbrook School: donations to the school building fund and, specifically, in the new Science and Technology facility.

COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

The Honourable Justice Robert Shenton FRENCH, Mosman Park WA 6012

For eminent service to the law and to the judiciary, to legal education and administration in the areas of constitutional, competition and native title law, and to legal reform.

Chief Justice, High Court of Australia, since 2008; Head, Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand.

Judge, Federal Court of Australia, 1986-2008; served at various times as a Member of Policy and Planning Committee; Practice Committee, Rules Committee and Finance Committee; contributed to the work of the Federal Court through a range of other committees.

Additional Judge, Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, 2004-2008.

Judge, Supreme Court of Fiji, 2003-2008.

President, Australian Competition Tribunal, 2008; Presidential Member, 2005-2008.

President, Australian Association of Constitutional Law, 2001-2005.

Part-time Commissioner, Australian Law Reform Commission, 2006-2008.

Foundation Member, Australian Academy of Law, 2007.

Council Member, Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, 1992-1998.

Honorary Life Member, Law Society of Western Australia.

Inaugural Chancellor, Edith Cowan University, 1991-1997; Chair, Council of the Western Australian College of Advanced Education (now known as the Edith Cowan University).

Inaugural President, National Native Title Tribunal, 1994-1998.

Founding Chairman, Aboriginal Legal Service, 1973-1975.

Publications include

Judicial Exchange, Debalkanising the Courts, 2006.

Co-operative Federalism: A Constitutional Reality or a Political Slogan, 2005.

Competition Law - Covering a Multitude of Sins, 2004.

A Hitchhikers Guide to the Native Title Act, 1999.

Awards/recognition include:

Centenary Medal, 2001.