

DAME (AD) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO, NSW

For extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to the administration, public life, and people of New South Wales, to medicine, particularly as an advocate for improved mental health outcomes for the young, marginalised and disadvantaged, to international relations, through the promotion of collaborative health programs, and as a leader in tertiary education

Professor Marie Bashir is a medical graduate of the University of Sydney, a former medical resident officer of St Vincent's Hospital and of The Children's Hospital. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

1987: appointed Director of the Community Health Services in the Central Sydney Area
1993: appointed Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Sydney
1994: appointed Clinical Director of Mental Health Services for the Central Sydney Area.

1995: in a partnership with the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern, established the Aboriginal Mental Health Unit,

Appointed by the Hon Craig Knowles MP, Minister for Health, to chair the Implementation Group on Mental Health

March 2001: Appointed Governor of New South Wales.

June 2007: Elected the 17th Chancellor of The University of Sydney

Since her appointment to the Order of Australia in 1988 Professor Bashir has continued to devote her attention to mental and social issues for young people and indigenous Australians. She has also continued to promote collaborative health programs between Australia and Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar.

Honorary appointments

Professor Bashir holds numerous honorary degrees, honorary fellowships, life and honorary memberships in a variety of areas and patronages, including:

2004: Honorary Member of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

2007: Honorary Life Member of the Master Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors' Association of New South Wales, and presented with an Honorary Contractor Licence for Plumbing, Draining and Gasfitting, issued by the New South Wales Office of Fair Trading.

2008: Honorary Commodore, Navy Warfare Training, Royal Australian Navy
Honorary Fellow of the College of Nursing Australia.

Awards/recognition

Mother of the Year in 1971

1988 appointed an Officer, and in 2001 a Companion in the Order of Australia.

Centenary Medal in 2003

2001: appointed a Dame of the Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem

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2003: received the Mental Health Princess Award, awarded by HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana of Thailand, for contribution to collaborative Mental Health programs between Australia and Thailand.

The Writers' Council Award in Beirut, Lebanon.

2006: invested by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO).

Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Club of Sydney

2007: elected as one of Australia's Living National Treasures

2009: Chevalier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur by His Excellency M. Michel Filhol, Ambassador, on behalf of His Excellency M. Sarkozy, President of the French Republic. In 2014 Professor Bashir was promoted to Officier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur.

2012: Lebanese National Order of the Cedar, Grand Cordon Grade, by the President of the Republic of Lebanon, His Excellency General Michel Sleiman.