



*In recognition of those who have made
an outstanding contribution to
suicide prevention within Australia*

Professor Robert Goldney, Emeritus Professor, University of Adelaide

Professor Robert Goldney has had a long and illustrious career in the field of suicide prevention.

Over many decades, he has contributed to numerous books and written more than 160 articles, based on research undertaken in areas as wide-ranging as Aboriginal deaths in custody, antidepressants and suicide, the role of media reports and suicide, outpatient follow-up of suicide attempts, access to means, postvention in schools, and audits of clinical practice guidelines for suicide prevention.

Professor Goldney is recognised as one of the world's foremost researchers of suicide and depression, receiving a number of international awards for his work.

In 2007, the American Association of Suicidology acknowledged his ongoing contributions to suicide prevention with the Louis I. Dublin Award; presented annually in recognition of a career of outstanding service and contributions to the field of suicide prevention, as evidenced by leadership, devotion and creativity. Professor Goldney is only the second Australian in the history of the award to receive the honour.

Appointed Head of the Discipline of Psychiatry at the University of Adelaide in the same year, Professor Goldney has enjoyed a long association with the university. He gained his medical degree there in 1967 and commenced psychiatry in 1969. Between 1974 and 1981, he was a lecturer in the Discipline of Psychiatry before establishing a research unit at Glenside Hospital. In 1987, Professor Goldney went into private practice, continuing his research into suicide and suicide prevention.

He was appointed Clinical Professor at the University of Adelaide in 1992 and, in 1996, became the Professor and Medical Director at The Adelaide Clinic; a leading provider of psychiatric services in South Australia.

Professor Goldney is a Fellow of both the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and the Royal College of Psychiatrists (UK). He is also a Past President of both the International Association for Suicide Prevention and the International Academy of Suicide Prevention.