



Leading dietitian honoured

The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) this week named Sydney-based dietitian Peter Williams as an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Dr Williams' achievements will be acknowledged at the DAA National Conference in Melbourne this month.

'In awarding Peter an Honorary Life Membership of DAA, we are celebrating and supporting his exceptional contribution to the Association's activities, and to nutrition and dietetics in Australia over nearly three decades,' said DAA President Julie Dundon.

Dr Williams has been a member of DAA since 1981 and between 2001 and 2003 served as President of the Association. He was appointed one of the first Fellows of DAA in 2005 and has been awarded the Joan Woodhill Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to the profession.

'Peter is one of Australia's leading dietetic educators, and is best known for his work in the areas of food service and consumer behaviours. He has mentored and supported other dietitians in these areas,' said Ms Dundon.

Early in his career, Dr Williams managed the nutrition and food service departments at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and later took on the role of Director of Scientific and Consumer Affairs at Kellogg (Australia).

For the past 10 years he has coordinated the nutrition and dietetics courses at the University of Wollongong, where he has led curriculum development and nutrition research activities, resulting in more than 120 scientific publications.

Dr Williams is currently Associate Professor at the University of Wollongong's Smart Foods Centre and a member of the Board of Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ).

'I am truly honoured to receive this award from my peers. Over the past 30 years dietitians have become dynamic leaders, improving the health of all Australians in the clinical, community, food service, government and industry settings. It has been my privilege to play a part in the growth and development of a new generation of dietitians,' said Dr Williams.

**For further information or to organise an interview contact Maree Garside,
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Note to Editors: The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the professional body representing dietitians nationally. Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) is the only national credential recognised by the Australian Government, Medicare, the Department of Veterans Affairs and most private health funds as the quality standard for nutrition and dietetics services in Australia. For more information visit www.daa.asn.au

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- The DAA National Conference is being held from May 27-29 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information and program details, visit the conference link on the DAA website at www.daa.asn.au