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MEDIA RELEASE

Former NARI director awarded Australia Day honours for his dementia research

The National Ageing Research Institute congratulates Emeritus Professor David Ames AO for his inclusion in the Australia Day Honours as an Officer of Australia in the General Division.

Prof Ames has been honoured for his distinguished service to psychiatry, particularly in the area of dementia and the mental health of older persons, as an academic, author and practitioner, and as an adviser to professional bodies.

Professor Ames was the Director of National Ageing Research Institute 2007-2015 and has had a distinguished research career committed to the area of new drug treatments for Alzheimer's disease and improving the care of people living with dementia, their families and carers.

Since 2006 Professor Ames has been the Principal Investigator of the Australian Imaging, Biomarkers and Lifestyle Flagship Study of Ageing (AIBL), a global research project that assesses people over a long period of time to determine which biomarkers, cognitive characteristics, and health and lifestyle factors determine subsequent development of Alzheimer's disease.

"Professor Ames has been dedicated to the care of older people and his research has made a world of difference to all who are impacted by dementia," Associate Professor Briony Dow, CEO National Ageing Research Institute, said.

Further details about Professor Ames' award can be found here:
https://www.gg.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/honours/ad/ad2018/nls09_32z/Media%20Notes%20-%20AO.pdf

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