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TODAY WE CELEBRATE TWENTY INSPIRING WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

Last night at a special Ceremony at Government House in the presence of the Hon. Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia, politicians, and special guests, sixteen 'inspiring' women were inducted to the WA Women's Hall of Fame.

Established in 2011 in recognition of the Centenary of International Women's Day, the purpose of the Hall of Fame is to acknowledge the enormous contributions and achievements women have made to Western Australia's community, society, history, and culture.

This year's inductees have been selected from one of eight categories: Arts, Business, Community, Culture, Education, Health, Sport, and STEM.

And the 2022 WA Women's Hall of Fame Inductees are...

ARTS category proudly supported by RTRFM 92.1

Maggie Wilde West, Executive Director, Vocal Ensemble Voiceworks

Maggie's contribution to the Performing Arts and community spans more than half a century. She has been acting, directing, writing, teaching, and creating theatrical performances for communities throughout WA, and Australia. A pioneer and tireless advocate for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the performing arts, Maggie, a founding member of DADAA in WA, and produced and directed the first original theatre production for an all-disabled cast in Australia.

Louise Amelia Howden-Smith OAM, Arts Advocate

Louise Howden-Smith is a trailblazer in arts, education, and culture where she has had a long and distinguished career including Director of the West Australian Craft Council, and Executive Director of the WA Ballet Company for 11-years. Encouraging businesses to invest in the arts and expanding public awareness through her passionate commitment for the arts, in all forms, has ensured that WA artisans enjoy the prominence they deserve.

BUSINESS category proudly sponsored by HESTA.

Amanda Healy, Director, CEO, Business

Amanda is from the Wonnarua Nation, and as with many First Nations peoples', Amanda has broad connections across the country. She has more than 35 years' experience in the mining industry, both in Australia, and internationally. In 2004 she founded her own Engineering business in the Pilbara, and in 2017, established two Indigenous engineering companies, to support Aboriginal peoples in business, then developed Kirrikin, a social enterprise sharing profits with the Aboriginal artists.

Emma Hanh Ma, Businesswoman, Entrepreneur, Pharmacist & Philanthropist

Emma Hanh Ma was born in Vietnam and came to Australia with her parents and younger brother when she was 5 years old. From coming to Australia as an immigrant, Emma has developed herself into a highly educated professional, an award-winning businesswoman, and philanthropist, who is determined to serve as a role model for other Asian women, change gender stereotypes, and contribute to the wider Western Australian community.

COMMUNITY category proudly sponsored by the Centre for Women's Safety & Wellbeing

Nihal Iscel, Human Rights Activist

Since migrating to Australia from Turkey, Nihal has been a fierce advocate and activist for human rights and disability issues within the community. Being blind she had to overcome many challenges to procure a Bachelor of Psychology from ECU and uses her skills to set new milestones in the multicultural and disability community supports sectors. Outside of work she has volunteered many hours as VP and board member of People with Disabilities WA inc., and Umbrella Multicultural Services Inc.

Theadosia Kurniawan, Founder, Engineer & Community Leader

Thea Kurniawan has always been involved in the community. Outside her profession as an engineer and consultant, she actively volunteers with organisations like Millennium Kids Inc., a youth-led environmental group. In 2016, she founded TEDxUWA, WA's only fully student-run TEDx organisation that provides a platform for local WA ideas to be spread to a global audience. Growing up in Asia and Australia, Thea believes in the importance of connecting people, cultures, and countries.

CULTURE category proudly sponsored by IGO Ltd.

Shannon McGuire, Co-Founder Miss NAIDOC Perth

Shannon is a co-founder of the Miss NAIDOC Perth Empowerment and Leadership program which was reinstated after 20 years as a program for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in Perth. She has mentored the young women during the six-week program by supporting them with their personal, professional, social, and cultural development which builds their confidence and self-esteem to present and speak in public at the final crowning of Miss NAIDOC Perth.

Dr Nonja Peters, Author & Historian

Nonja is an historian, anthropologist, museum curator and social researcher whose expertise is transnational migration (forced and voluntary) and resettlement in Australia. She is the author of several books, museum exhibitions, journal articles, TV documentaries, and government reports. Her achievements and dedication towards raising awareness of the post-war migration experience from 1945 and preserving migrant's cultural heritage, have earned her wide acclaim.

EDUCATION category proudly sponsored by Edith Cowan University

Professor Donna Cross, Educator & Child Health Researcher

Professor Donna Cross is a highly accomplished WA academic, and a strong advocate for children and vulnerable young people and their families' safety and wellbeing. In her role as Head of the Health Promotion and Education research program at the Telethon Kids Institute, she leads a large team of researchers who work closely with families, communities, service providers, schools, and policy makers to translate their research findings into practice that improves the lives of young people and their families.

Karen Anderson, Psychotherapist Educator

Karen is a teacher, psychotherapist and academic who has dedicated her life to fostering excellence in the psychosocial training and support of oncology and palliative care health professionals in WA, and internationally. Since 2001, alongside her academic position as lecturer in the counselling programmes at ECU, she has continued to educate and mentor oncology and palliative care health professionals through the Cancer Council of WA, and the WA Health Department. She fearlessly advocates for compassionate responses to people who are in crisis.

HEALTH category proudly sponsored by St John of God Health Care

Carol Martin, Health Professional

Carol was the first Indigenous woman elected to an Australian Parliament, representing the Labor Party as the MP for Kimberley (2001-13). During her term as an MP Carol was noted for her commitment to improving the lives of indigenous people in general and their access to health services. She has helped return Aboriginal children who were "missing in the system" to their families and remains committed to the community services sector: community development, child protection, and trauma.

Janinne Gliddon, Regional Aboriginal Health Consultant

Janinne is a proud Badimia -Yamatji nyarlu (woman) and Ballardong Nyoongar yorga who has dedicated more than 30 years of her professional life to addressing gaps in the health care sector for First Nations peoples', and communities in urban areas. Janinne initiated and managed Australia's first hospital-based Aboriginal Volunteer Program, which focuses on supporting Aboriginal birthing mothers. Janinne will continue to impact the Aboriginal health field with a recently awarded Churchill Fellowship to understand best practice for Aboriginal peoples' globally.

SPORT category

Lyn Foreman OAM, Athletics Coach

Lyn has dedicated her life to developing excellence in the coaching of our state, national and international athletes. It is her mission to challenge and extend the understandings of the sporting institutions, their methods, and policy to get the very best out of young aspirant athletes. She received acknowledgment for her coaching philosophy and application of mentoring strategies when selected as part of a key initiative of Athletics Australia Coach Development Strategy. Lyn is the only Mentor from Western Australia.

SPORT category

Eunice Yu, Sports Volunteer

Eunice is a proud Yawuru and Bunuba woman who was born and raised in Broome. She is actively involved in the community with sport, arts and culture and has volunteered for over 30 years. She has worked tirelessly to promote and develop the sport of football and basketball and serves as the current President of the Broome Basketball Association. Her vision is to provide a pathway of development for all Kimberley kids, coaches, and referee's.

STEM category proudly sponsored by IGO Ltd.

Professor Britta Regli-von Ungern-Sternberg, Paediatric Anaesthesia

Britta is a Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist at Perth Children's Hospital, the Chair of Paediatric Anaesthesia at The University of Western Australia and Team Leader of Perioperative Medicine at Telethon Kids Institute. She has gained global recognition as a research leader and is the first and only Chair of Paediatric Anaesthesia in Australasia. Britta's research has helped to make undergoing anaesthesia safer for the children of Western Australia.

Dr Paola Magni, Forensic Scientist

Dr Paola Magni is a world-renowned crime scene investigator, researcher and senior lecturer who has put WA on the map as a centre of global excellence in forensic science. Using nature to solve the most puzzling of crimes, she is one of only about 120 female forensic entomologists in the world. Paola's award-winning forensic research has revolutionised the way crimes in the oceans are investigated globally, and she is influencing and challenging the next generation of forensic scientists.

Roll of Honour

Dr Dorothea Parker
Majorie Charleson
Grace Vaughan
May O'Brien

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WA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES THE 2022 INDUCTEES

In celebration of our 'inspiring' 2022 Inductees, there are two FREE exhibitions being held in the City of Perth.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION:

Brookfield Place, Tower 2

8 – 18 March, (weekdays only), 7am – 6pm

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION: Yagan Square Digital Tower, 8 March, all day.

(Near, Wellington St bus station)

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