

Professor Warwick Anderson AM

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Ceremony 2, Tuesday 28 April 2015, 11:00am**

Chancellor, I present to you Warwick Anderson.

Warwick Anderson was until recently the Chief Executive Officer of the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia's major governmental funding body for health and medical research. Professor Anderson held this key leadership role since 2006 but recently accepted a prestigious position in Strasbourg as Secretary-General of the Human Frontier Science Program. He will be commencing his new role in July 2015.

Warwick Anderson obtained his PhD from the University of Adelaide in 1972. He went on to become Head of the School of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University and Deputy Director of the Baker Medical Research Institute, following research fellowships at the University of Sydney and Harvard Medical School. His research has focused on renal causes of hypertension, including the roles of renal vascular remodeling, renal innervation and the renin-angiotensin system. He has published over 170 peer review articles.

Until September 2013 he was a member of the Prime Minister's Science Engineering and Innovation Council, the Australian Research Council and the Coordinating Committee of Innovation. He is a Board member of the Global Alliance for Chronic Disease, a member of Heads of International (Biomedical) Research Organisations and of the National Lead Clinicians Group. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia and an International Fellow of the American Heart Foundation. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2005.

As CEO of NHMRC he reported directly to the Minister for Health and Ageing. He was responsible for the establishment of the NHMRC as an independent statutory agency and achieved a 60% increase in research funding. In this role Professor Anderson renewed NHMRC's peer review processes, introducing new on-line systems for application and peer review, established funding vehicles to support newly developing research fields and reformed NHMRC's health guidelines processes. He established communication and strategic approaches with Australia's Universities and Institutes, established an Australian ethical framework for research misconduct and successfully administered Australia's stem cell and embryo experimentation legislation. He developed a number of