



Women in
Leadership
Awards 2021



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Women Health Innovators Recognised

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Four outstanding women have been recognised for their incredible work across Victoria's health technology sector as Australia dealt with COVID-19 in 2020.

Victoria's medical and scientific communities made an important contribution to the fight against the pandemic. The 2021 BioMelbourne Network Women in Leadership Award winners took their work to another level and continued to lead, innovate, and support those around them despite the many challenges that emerged.

To mark this unprecedented year, a BioMelbourne Network Board of Directors Award was introduced for leadership and impact amidst the pandemic. It recognises a woman who used her initiative to have an outstanding impact in healthtech and healthcare that benefited Australian communities.

The 2021 Women in Leadership Awards were presented today by The Hon. Jane Garrett MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Jobs, in a ceremony supported by the Victorian Government. The hybrid event with 50 attendees and others watching online was held at the Royal Society of Victoria.

BioMelbourne Network CEO Jeff Malone hosted and The Governor of Victoria, The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, appeared in a recorded message.

Mr Malone said: "Women who already played a leading role in Victoria's health technology sector stepped up their efforts in 2020 when the global pandemic emerged. We are thrilled to recognise four outstanding women whose achievements over the past year have been simply remarkable."

The 2021 Awardees are:

Distinguished Leadership Award – Dr Jenny Petering, Of Counsel, FB Rice

Inspiring Leadership Award – Jennifer Herz, Managing Director, Biointelect Pty Ltd

Emerging Leadership Award – Dr Hannah Kirk, NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow, Turner Institute for Brain and Mental Health, Monash University

Board of Directors Award – Associate Professor Margie Danchin, Research Group Leader and Clinician Scientist, Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, Consultant Paediatrician, Department of General Medicine, Royal Children’s Hospital, Associate Professor and David Bickart Clinician Scientist Fellow, Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne

Awardee Citations – refer attached.

More information about the awardees can be found at <https://biomelbourne.org/women-in-leadership-awards/>

About BioMelbourne Network

BioMelbourne Network’s mission is to foster the development of an advanced, innovation driven and sustainable health industry. As a for-purpose, industry led membership association, we encompass biotechnology, medical technology, pharmaceuticals and health innovation companies in the state of Victoria.

We connect business, research, finance, health and government to support and promote the sector’s growth and facilitate the development and commercialisation of new drugs, devices, diagnostics and digital health technologies in Victoria. Since 2001, we have championed an environment that enables Victorian organisations to innovate, commercialise and improve the future of healthcare both locally and internationally.

About the Women in Leadership Awards

The BioMelbourne Network Women in Leadership Awards were launched in 2015 to acknowledge and celebrate women who, at different stages of their careers, have made exceptional contributions to advancing the biotechnology, medical technology and pharmaceutical sector, whose leadership and commitment to driving change and impact in the Health Industry and to inspire more women to pursue leadership roles.

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