

MEDIA RELEASE

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AMSANT Chair, Donna Ah Chee, awarded Honorary Doctorate

AMSANT is proud to acknowledge the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Arts to our Chair and Congress CEO, Donna Ah Chee, by Charles Darwin University yesterday.

The award took place at a ceremony in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) where she has lived and worked for the past 30 years.

AMSANT CEO, Dr John Paterson congratulated Ms Ah Chee on her well-deserved honour in recognition of her significant contribution to the health of First Nations peoples.

“Donna has distinguished herself through the outstanding leadership she has provided to the Aboriginal community-controlled health services (ACCHS) sector, including many years as CEO of Central Australia Aboriginal Congress and as Chair and Director of AMSANT”, Dr Paterson said.

“Her leadership has also been recognised through many high-level appointments to boards and advisory bodies in Aboriginal health and related areas, including the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (NACCHO), the NT Aboriginal Health Forum and the NT Children and Families Tripartite Forum.

“Donna has been a driving force in the development and expansion of the model of Aboriginal comprehensive primary health care delivered by our ACCHSs and broader reforms of the health system that together are required to achieve better health outcomes for our people.

“Her passion and significant contribution in the areas of early childhood development, education, health research and reducing alcohol harm have been widely recognised.

“Donna has also made a significant contribution over the past two years to the NT’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Donna’s many achievements, tireless dedication and respect as an Aboriginal leader and proud Bundjalung woman more than qualify her for this honour and I am pleased to convey our heart-felt congratulations to her on behalf of our staff, board and members”, Dr Paterson concluded.

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