



PREVIOUS JOHN STUDDY RECIPIENTS

1999 INAUGURAL WINNER – YVONNE SMITH, VICTORIA

Yvonne, a person with MS, and her husband Allan started an MS auxiliary in 1956. Since then, she has managed to raise more than \$250,000. The Smith's are responsible for the establishment of the MS Society of Victoria, where Yvonne has been a member of the board.

2000 - MRS THONAD AM, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mrs Thonard AM (then Scantelbury) with her first husband Richard, who had MS, formed a group that was to ultimately become the Multiple Sclerosis Society of South Australia in 1962.

Throughout the following years she was instrumental in the establishment of the Medical Advisory Board to the Society, then a Welfare Committee - to provide MS Clients with assistance. A Ladies Auxiliary was also formed to raise funds and her home was the first office of the Society. She continued as Honorary Secretary of the MS Society for the next 29 years. In January 1999 she was awarded the honour of a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her work for the community, in particular for persons with MS.

2001 - MRS ELIZABETH ANN ZANNA BARRON, SYDNEY

Zanna has been president of the NSW Council of people with MS and has served on the Board of the New South Wales MS Society. She was also the founding editor of the first quarterly newsletter published for people with MS, MagScene. She has served the community with great enthusiasm and professionalism and always in a voluntary capacity.

2002 - ANN LANGLEY, BRISBANE

At the time of the award, Ann was serving on the board of the Qld MS Society and is currently serving on the Board of MS Australia. She was previously President of PwMS and formerly Chairman of PwMS Qld, where for many years she produced the PwMS monthly magazine, Forum. Ann was the founding editor of MS Life. Ann is a volunteer worker with many organisations dealing with disability and housing issues and works tirelessly to improve living conditions for all those with MS and other disabilities.

2003 - JIM CONWAY, SYDNEY

Jim was elected to the Board of Multiple Sclerosis of NSW in 1991, serving with enormous distinction and has a formidable record as a fundraiser. He was diagnosed with MS at 31. He has always been a champion of the ordinary person with MS, thus ensuring that Board decisions were always linked to the reality of coping with MS. Jim is acknowledged as a highly accomplished harmonica player which has taken him around the world.

2004 - GRAHAM TRIBE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Graham is the current President of MS Australia and has served for many years as both President on the Board of the New South Wales MS Society and more recently as an MSL Board Member.

2005 - MICHAEL STEWART. OAM, ADELAIDE

Mr Stewart OAM was actively involved in an honorary capacity with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of South Australia and Northern Territory for 30 years commencing in 1974.

Throughout his involvement with the Society, Mr Stewart was the forefront with his leadership and innovation to develop the society. From humble beginnings in 1964 the society today has an annual budget of \$5,000,000, employs 85 staff and is highly regarded within the health care environment in SA. and NT.

2006 - DAVID CONRY, QUEENSLAND

David Conry, is the Director and Chairman of Youngcare. Youngcare was formed as a result of sadness, anger and disgust at what was lacking for young people needing high level care. The drive of Youngcare and many other lobby groups has been challenging yet with tremendous results. David brings to Youngcare and MS a deep understanding of the cause through his personal experience.

Beyond this David has a strong business and marketing background and has engaged support from the Nation Media and the Entertainment Industry.

2007 – DR LESLIE SEDAL, M.B, B.S., FRACP, M Ed

Dr Sedal is a consultant neurologist, specialist in MS, who has devoted his professional life first to the care of his patients. He also spends a great deal of time to educating medical students, health professional and colleges and undertaking clinical MS research. Dr Sedal graduated in Medicine from Melbourne University in 1967 and trained in Neurology at the National Hospital London. He presents at key MS meetings and writes papers and book chapters on MS. Dr Sedal promotes the MS organisation at every opportunity and is always willing to provide advice and assistance to staff. He is highly regarded nationally and internationally for his work in advancing the knowledge of MS.