

MEDIA RELEASE

***Suit Up! for Science!* to support medical research in May**

Scientists at Centenary Institute are honored to be able to *Suit Up! for Science!* every day and this May, we're encouraging you to do the same to support their life saving medical research. Australia is home to some of the brightest medical minds in the world, so we're dressing up like scientists to help raise awareness about the importance of their vital research. All funds raised will directly support Centenary Institute scientist's work towards understanding disease and finding cures. It's hoped the amazing achievements of our scientists and the *Suit Up! for Science!* campaign will also inspire more young people to consider a career in science- which is why we are encouraging schools, businesses and individuals to take part and *Suit Up! for Science!*

Centenary Institute is a world-leading independent medical research institute, with a focus on the most common chronic diseases affecting our society, including, cancer, cardiovascular disease and inflammation, which is the root cause of most diseases. Scientific advancements in these areas, by researchers including at Centenary, is the reason more Australians are surviving deadly diseases and are also enjoying a better quality of life. Recent statistics show, while more Australians are being diagnosed with cancer, the mortality rate has fallen by more than 24 per cent in the past 30 years. This is testament to the amazing work of scientists and the impact they have.

Centenary scientists are among the best in the world and are in a strong position to translate their research into treatment for patients. The Centenary Institute is located in the heart of the University of Sydney Campus and the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. With many members of our Faculty being professors and clinicians, we are well positioned to ensure a cycle from bench-to-bedside, putting our cutting edge research into practice. Our strength is uncovering disease mechanisms and applying knowledge to treat patients. Our research spans from investigating molecular mechanisms of disease at the single cell level to translational disease models in complex organisms and to clinical trials.

The official day for Suit Up! for Science! Is 1 May 2017 but events can be held any time throughout the year.

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