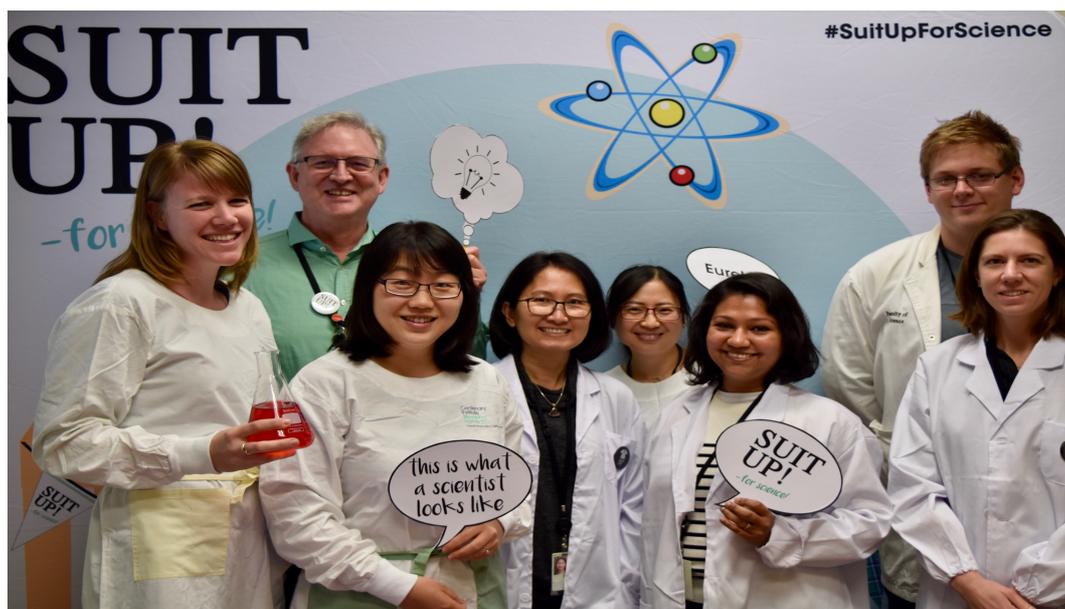


# MEDIA RELEASE

**Swapping business suits for lab coats! Our politicians are Suiting Up! for Science! and want you to join them.**



Scientists at the Centenary Institute are honored to be able to *Suit Up! for Science!* every day and the Member for Newtown, Jenny Leong MP, is swapping her suit for a lab coat and encouraging you to do the same in order to support Centenary's life-saving medical research.

“Ensuring we fund medical research is crucial if we are going to alleviate the devastating impact chronic diseases have on our community and millions of families not only in Australia, but globally. Medical research also offers a rewarding career choice for aspiring young scientists and that is why I'm swapping my suit for a lab coat and supporting Centenary Institute's Suit Up! for Science! Campaign” said Jenny Leong MP, Member for Newtown.

Australia is home to some of the brightest medical minds in the world, which is why we are urging schools, workplaces, community groups and individuals to help raise awareness about the importance of medical research by dressing up like scientists. Centenary researchers will be visiting schools and businesses to share their groundbreaking work, and carrying out experiments to inspire little scientists. All funds raised through donations and the sales of merchandise will support the work of Centenary's scientists, who strive to understand disease processes in order to find cures.

Centenary is a world-class 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 and driver of 7 of the 9 National Health Priority Areas (cancer, cardiovascular health, diabetes mellitus, asthma, arthritis, obesity and dementia).

It is thanks to some major medical research advancements in these areas that more Australians are surviving deadly diseases and enjoying a healthier, longer life. Centenary Institute scientists and clinicians are among the best in the world and, due to their location, are in a strong position to translate their research into developing more targeted treatment options that provide greater outcomes for patients.

Located in the heart of the University of Sydney and the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital precinct, many of Centenary's senior researchers are specialist clinicians at the hospital. This direct experience with patients ensures a virtuous cycle of bench-to-bedside, putting our cutting edge research into practice. Their strength is in uncovering disease mechanisms and applying this obtained in-depth knowledge to identify and develop more personalised and effective treatment options for patients.

The Centenary Institute would like to express its sincere appreciation for the support of the Member for Newtown, Jenny Leong MP, who will host a photo opportunity and function at NSW Parliament House in Sydney on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, and to the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, who will Suit Up! for Science! at an event at Parliament House in Canberra in August.

**Suit Up! for Science! Sydney event:**

**Who:** Member for Newtown, Jenny Leong MP and Centenary Institute scientists.

**What:** Suit Up! for Science! photo opportunity and catered function.

**Where:** The Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney.

**When:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 5pm-6:30pm.

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**For further information and to register to be part of the Suit Up! for Science! campaign, please visit [www.suitupforscience.com.au](http://www.suitupforscience.com.au)**

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