



Dr Sue Packer AM FRACP

Sue has been a paediatrician since 1972 and has worked as a Community Paediatrician with a special interest in child abuse and abuse prevention since 1990. Sue worked in the ACT Health funded Child At Risk Health Unit in ACT over this time. She retired from clinical work at CARHU in December 2016, but has a continuing position there as Honorary Paediatric Consultant and continues her teaching and mentoring roles. Sue was a founding member of the ACT Child Death Review Committee. Sue is on the NAPCAN (National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) National Board. She is also on the Boards of, Families Australia, Kidsafe, Lyons Early Childhood School and Medical Women's Society of ACT and Region. She is a Life Member of ARACY (Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth) and the Canberra Mothercraft Society. All of this helps inform her contemporary knowledge of children and families. Sue has also been Chair of the Community Expert Reference Group of the ACT Asbestos Taskforce from its formation in 2014.

In 1999 Sue was awarded an Order of Australia for services to Paediatrics, Child Protection and the Community. This was upgraded to Officer of the Order of Australia in 2021

In 2013, the Canberra Centenary, Sue was [ACT Citizen of the Year](#) “in recognition of her personal efforts and significant contributions to the ACT community, particularly as an advocate for the safety and wellbeing of children”.

Sue is the 2019 Senior Australian of the Year.