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Health leaders recognised with Queens Birthday honours

The Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations has paid tribute to four health leaders recognised in this week's Queen's Birthday honours list.

Emeritus Professor Susan Kippax was made an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for distinguished service to higher education, and to community health, particularly through research into HIV prevention and treatment. Sue helped establish, and then led, the National Centre in HIV Social Research, now the Centre for Social Research in Health, from 1995 to 2007.

Amanda Christensen was recognised for significant service to community health, particularly to respiratory diseases, as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia. She is the Executive Director of the Australian Respiratory Council.

Anna Brown was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division, for service to human rights, and to the LGBTIQ community. Anna is the Executive Director of Equality Australia.

Dr Mary Moran, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division, for service to medical research, and to global health initiatives. Mary is the Executive Director of Policy Cures.

AFAO President, Robert Griew said:

"We are deeply heartened to see Susan Kippax, Mary Moran, Amanda Christensen and Anna Brown recognised in the Queen's Birthday honour list.

"These women have powered the causes of public health, human rights and the LGBTIQ community with distinction and verve, making profound advances in their fields.

"This recognition is thoroughly deserved."

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