

1323rd ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 3 July at 6:30pm

via Zoom webinar

The 1323rd Ordinary General Meeting of the Royal Society of NSW will take place at **6:30 pm on Wednesday 3 July 2024 via Zoom webinar**, followed by an open lecture.

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME** – President, Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN
- 2. MINUTES**
Minutes of the 1322nd Ordinary General Meeting will be reviewed.
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP**
The Council has not met since the last OGM, so there are no candidates to be announced for Members' consideration at this meeting.
- 4. PRESENTATION OF FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**
The President will present certificates to new Fellows whose nomination was tabled at the previous OGM (or who were unable to attend previously to receive their certificate) at the next face-to-face OGM scheduled for Wednesday 7 August 2024.
- 5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**
The President will update membership on the key activities underway for 2024.
- 6. OPEN LECTURE**

“Social Justice and Health Equity”

Professor Sir Michael Marmot CH FRCP FFPHM FMedSci FBA

**Professor of Epidemiology and
Director, UCL Institute of Health Equity
University College London**

Taking action to reduce health inequalities is a matter of social justice. In developing strategies for tackling health inequalities we need to confront the social gradient in health not just the difference between the worst off and everybody else. There is clear evidence when we look across countries that national policies make a difference and that much can be done in cities, towns, and local areas. But policies and interventions must not be confined to the health care system; they need to address the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age. The evidence shows that economic circumstances are important but are not the only drivers of health inequalities. Tackling the health gap will take action, based on sound evidence, across the whole of society.

About the speaker

Sir Michael Marmot has been Professor of Epidemiology at University College London since 1985 and is Director of the UCL Institute of Health Equity. He is the author of *The Health Gap: The Challenge of an Unequal World* (Bloomsbury: 2015), and *Status Syndrome* (Bloomsbury: 2004). He is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2019–), and co-Director of the CUHK Institute of Health Equity. He is the recipient of 20 honorary doctorates. Marmot has led research groups on

health inequalities for nearly 50 years. He chaired the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health, WHO Regional Commissions, and reviews on tackling health inequality for UK governments. He is former President of the British Medical Association (2010–2011), and former President of the World Medical Association (2015). He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. In 2000 he was knighted by Her Majesty The Queen, for services to epidemiology and the understanding of health inequalities. He was appointed a Companion of Honour for services to public health in the 2023 New Year Honours.

7. VOTE OF THANKS

8. CLOSE – President

Dr Donald Hector AM FRSN

Secretary