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GUEST SPEAKER



Professor Cindy Shannon AM ***Emeritus Professor & Ngugi descendent***

A descendant of the Ngugi people from Moreton Bay, Professor Cindy Shannon is the Board Chair of Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service and an Emeritus Professor with the University of Queensland and Griffith University.

Cindy has led the development and implementation of Australia's first degree-level program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, major reforms in Indigenous health and played a key role in supporting the establishment of the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health in South-East Queensland.

Prof Shannon served on the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) from 2005–2012 and is the former Chair of the Queensland Ministerial Advisory Committee on Sexual Health; current patron and former Chair of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation; and is a member of the Australian Research Council (ARC) Board.

In 2017, Prof Shannon was recognised as a Queensland Great for contributions to Indigenous Health and Education and, in 2020, was made a Member of the Order of Australia (in general division) for contributions to Medical Education and Indigenous Health. In 2022, Prof Shannon won the AMA Queensland Excellence in Health Care Medical.