



St Ives Uniting Church
Landmark Services



Prof Ian Olver AM
CEO Cancer Council Australia

Health & Medicine Service

9.30 am
Sunday 21 September 2014

St Ives Uniting Church
Corner of Mona Vale Rd
& Douglas St, St Ives

Professor Ian Olver AM (CEO Cancer Council Australia) will give the address at St Ives Uniting Church's inaugural Health & Medicine Service.

This service is for anyone with a stake in health and medicine, which is **everyone** in society!

We will recognise health professionals of all kinds for their contribution to society, and reflect on the place of wellness & healing in life.

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Professor Ian Olver MB BS MD PhD CMin FRACP MRACMA FChPM AM

Prof Ian Olver is an outstanding communicator. He is a medical oncologist, cancer researcher and bio-ethicist. He is chief executive officer of Cancer Council Australia & a noted authority and media commentator on cancer issues.

In 2011 Ian was made a Member of the Order of Australia for service to medical oncology as a clinician, researcher, administrator and mentor, and to the community through leadership roles with cancer control organisations.

His main research interests are new anticancer drug studies, symptom control, bio-ethics and psycho-oncology. He has authored more than 200 journal articles, 19 book chapters and two books as well as co-editing two books.

Ian studied medicine at the University of Melbourne, graduating in 1976. He then trained in medical oncology at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne and the University of Maryland Cancer Centre in Baltimore, receiving Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1984.

In 1991 Ian was awarded an MD from the University of Melbourne for a project in antiemetic clinical trial methodology and in 1997 he completed a PhD in bioethics from Monash University, exploring life and death issues.

He moved to Adelaide in 1991 as Director of Medical Oncology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital where he worked to establish a comprehensive multi-disciplinary cancer centre, becoming the Clinical Director in 1993. In 2001, he became the first Cancer Council SA Professor of Cancer Care at the University of Adelaide where he is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Medicine.

While in Adelaide he initiated a number of programs to improve cancer care in rural and remote areas and for Indigenous people. He established the first medical oncology clinic in Alice Springs and pioneered a telemedicine link for multidisciplinary cancer care between Adelaide and Darwin which provided benefits for both local patients and clinicians. He has also led research into culturally appropriate approaches to the treatment and care of Indigenous Australians diagnosed with cancer.

In May 2006, Ian moved to Sydney when he was appointed CEO of Cancer Council Australia, Clinical Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Sydney and an Honorary Associate, Department of Medical Oncology, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

In addition to these positions he has been chair of the board of directors of the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre and serves on a number of advisory committees including the Advisory Board of Cancer Australia, and the Health Ethics and Prevention and Community Health Committees of the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Ian also supports cancer care in India at the Christian Medical College Hospital in Vellore, through the Australian Friends of Vellore group. He trained the first medical oncologist for the Hospital and is president of the Australian Friends of Vellore.

Ian is a lay preacher in the Uniting Church and has a Certificate of Ministry (Lay Preaching) from the Adelaide College of Divinity.