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ARAS Chairperson awarded Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

Anne Burgess, Chairperson of Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) has been recognised in the Australia Day 2021 Honours list and appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her significant service to mental health, gender equality and older people.

Anne was appointed to the ARAS Board in November 2016 and then as the Chairperson in 2017. Anne is also a Director of the Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN), the Vice President and Chair of Policy Council for COTA SA and the Chair of the Advisory Committee for the SA Community Visitors Scheme. She is also a member of the National Aged Care Alliance, the Chiropractic Board of Australia and the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Board.

Carolanne Barkla, Chief Executive of ARAS, says, 'I congratulate Anne on being awarded an AM in the 2021 Honours list and acknowledge her generous contributions and ongoing leadership and commitment to the ARAS Board and especially to the rights of older people.'

Ms Barkla adds, 'The Board and staff of ARAS are delighted to see their Chair recognised in this way and warmly congratulate her.'

ARAS has been supporting older people in South Australia to uphold their aged care and human rights since 1990.

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