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Community Recognition Statement

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HMRI 2021 AWARD FOR MID-CAREER RESEARCH

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

The HMRI Awards are a celebration of the outstanding efforts and achievements of individuals and teams who drive and support the opportunities that health and medical research bring to the wellbeing of our community.

This year's awards were streamed live via Zoom from the HMRI building to virtually celebrate and honour medical research excellence.

Professor Vanessa McDonald was awarded the HMRI 2021 Award for Mid-Career Research. The award recognises the outstanding leadership and achievements of a researcher within 15 years of completing their PhD.

The Award for Mid-Career Research is made possible by the generous support of The Sid Stephens Memorial.

Professor McDonald is a research leader in HMRI's VIVA Program, co-leader of the NHMRC Centre of Research for Severe Asthma, and a practising academic clinician in the Department of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at John Hunter Hospital.

Her current research is focused on developing a new management program for severe respiratory conditions known as Treatable Traits.

This new treatment paradigm aims to personalise medicine to individuals to achieve improved patient outcomes.

Congratulations on your award Professor and thank you for the vital work you do.