



Her Excellency the Honourable Dr J. R. YOUNG AC, PSM



Her Excellency was elected as Patron in 2021

Jeanette Rosita Young was born in Sydney in 1963, eldest daughter of Dr David Young and Mrs Lilly Young. She attended St. Ives High School, and after graduating in medicine from Sydney University in 1986, commenced her medical career at Westmead Hospital. During that time, she married, had a daughter, Rebecca, and transitioned to medical management, completing a Master of Business Administration at Macquarie University.

After her marriage ended, she – with Rebecca – moved to Queensland in 1994 to become Director of Medical Services at the Rockhampton Hospital. In 1999, she relocated to Brisbane to take up the role of Executive Director of Medical Services at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, and served on various workforce committees, including as Chair of AMWAC (Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee).

During this time, the Governor met her second husband, Professor Graeme Nimmo. In March 2000, they were married, and in June 2001 welcomed a daughter, Jane.

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In August 2005, Dr Young was appointed to the role of Chief Health Officer for Queensland, with responsibility for leading the State's preventative health and public health agendas, including response to public health emergencies. In January 2020, when the COVID-19 virus outbreak was declared a pandemic, she became the State Health Incident Controller.

During her medical career, Dr Young had specialist qualifications as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators and as a Fellow by Distinction of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom. She has also appointed Fellow of numerous other eminent education and research institutions. She has received honorary doctorates from Griffith University and Queensland University of Technology, and has received an Australia Day Achievement Medallion, as well as the Public Service Medal in 2015.

Her Excellency was sworn-in as the 27th Governor of Queensland on 1 November 2021.

In the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours, Her Excellency was appointed as a Companion of the Order of Australia for eminent service to public health administration, to medicine and medical research, to the tertiary education sector, and as the 27th Governor appointed in Queensland.

Lieutenant Colonel Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD

Colonel Nimmo was born in Brisbane, completed his schooling at Ashgrove State School and the Anglican Church Grammar School, and studied medicine at the University of Queensland.

He recently retired after a distinguished medical career spanning more than four decades, including 19 years as State Director of Microbiology for Pathology Queensland. He currently holds a professorial position in medicine at Griffith University.

For 17 years, Colonel Nimmo served in the Australian Army Active Reserve in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, with a further 17 years on the Standby Reserve, and he was awarded the Reserve Force Decoration.

Colonel Nimmo joined Club in 1980.



The Governor and Colonel Nimmo

Sources included:

- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents
- Government House, Brisbane <https://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au/the-governor-of-queensland/about-the-governor>