Current and Past Recipients

The Sylvia Docker lecture was established in 1964, to honour Miss Sylvia Docker who established the first training school for Occupational Therapists in Sydney in 1941.

The lecture also commemorates the foundation of the AAOT in 1945. The first lecture was delivered at the 4th Conference of the AAOT in 1966, by Miss Gwendoline Sims, Senior Occupational Therapist at the Royal prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. The purpose of the lecture is to encourage occupational therapists in their professional careers and to honour those who have outstanding contributions to occupational therapy.

Current Recipient
Lindy Clemson

Past Recipients

2019 Gail Whiteford
Sylvia Docker Memorial Lecture: Together We Go Further – Service Co-Design, Knowledge Co-Production and Radical Solidarity
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1440-1630.12628

2017 Susan Gilbert-Hunt
Partnership, Inclusion and Innovation in Occupational Therapy: Essential or Optional Ingredients to Flourish in a Changing Environment?
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1440-1630.12439

2015 Jenny Ziviani
Occupational Performance: A Case for Self-Determination
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1440-1630.12250

2013 Natasha Layton
Sylvia Docker Lecture: The Practice, Research, Policy Nexus in Contemporary Occupational Therapy
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1440-1630.12107

2011 Sylvia Rodger
Leadership Through an Occupational Lens: Celebrating our Territory
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.2012.00995.x

Leadership Comes in Many Guises: Sylvia Docker Memorial Award Lecturer 2011, Professor Sylvia Rodger
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1440-1630.12368
2008 Rebecca Allen
21st Sylvia Docker Lecture 2008
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

2005 Marilyn Pattison
OT – Outstanding Talent: An Entrepreneurial Approach to Practice
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

2003 Louise Farnworth
Time Use, Tempo and Temporality: Occupational Therapy’s Core Business or Someone Else’s Business
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

2001 Anne Cusick
OZ OT EBP 21C: Australian Occupational Therapy, Evidence-Based Practice and the 21st Century
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

1999 Ann A. Wilcock
Creating Self and Shaping the World
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

1997 Jeannine Millsteed
The Contribution of Occupational Therapy to the Fabric of Australian Rural and Remote Communities
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

1995 Peggy Farrow
Foundations for the Art and Science of Occupational Therapy in the Twenty-first Century
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

1993 Ruth Grayson
Footprints on the Sands of Time – Reflecting on the Impact of Attitude
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:
1991 Janet Bell
**Communicating a Professional Image**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1991.tb01708.x

1988 Carolyn Webster
**Occupational Therapists – Change Agents or Agents of Change**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1988.tb01614.x

1986 Clio Wallace
**Whither Occupational Therapy?**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1986.tb01541.x

1984 Joanna Barker
**Into the 21st Century – Are We Ready?**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1984.tb01196.x

1982 Cecilie Bearup
**Occupational Therapists Must Be Facilitators Not Inhibitors of Action**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1982.tb01372.x

1980 Elaine Wilson
**Caring Qualities and Quality Care – The Key to Effective Occupational Therapy**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1980.tb01161.x

1978 Freda Jacob

1976 Bronwyn Farquhar
**Quality Control – The Challenges Before Us**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1977.tb01085.x

1975 Janet Sloane
**After the Pioneers**
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1440-1630.1976.tb01028.x
1973 Lillian Weickhorst
Administration in Occupational Therapy
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

1970 Betty Cameron
The Real Basis of Life is Human Relationships
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

1968 Sara Philcox
Meeting the Challenges of Cultural Change and Medical Progress in The Organisation of Occupational Therapy Education
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

1966 Gwendoline Sims
Occupational Therapy in Australia – The Formative Years
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

Gwendoline Sims - Vale
Members can access the lecture through the AOTJ here:

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