Queen's Birthday Honours for a Dunedin U3A Member

Our members will have been delighted and proud to hear that Emerita Professor Carolyn Burns has been made a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours.



This award was made in recognition of her lifetime of research and advocacy for the health of New Zealand freshwater systems and specifically lakes such as Wakatipu and Wanaka.

Dame Carolyn has been on the staff of the Otago University Zoology Department where she has supervised many research students and fellows as well as serving a period as Head of Department. She has also taken on a wide range of other administrative roles such as being a board member of NIWA and Antarctic New Zealand, and numerous international committees related to freshwater research.

She was made a Commander of the British Empire on Queen's Birthday in 1984 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 1993. A member of the Dunedin U3A for a number of years, she has participated in a variety of courses and was the co-developer of the series of lectures given by the Otago University Sesquicentennial Professorships held last year.. Dame Carolyn, we all congratulate you on your Honour and wish you all the best in your continuing research interests.

Barrie M. Peake Vice Chairperson.