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Lucy Turnbull joins the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research Board

Sydney's former Lord Mayor, Lucy Turnbull has accepted an invitation to join the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research's board of governors.

Ms Turnbull is currently a director of Turnbull & Partners Pty Ltd and is Chairman of WebCentral Group Ltd. Her background is in commercial law and investment banking.

The Woolcock is Australia's leading respiratory and sleep research institute, and is regarded as one of the top six respiratory institutes in the world.

Chairman of the Woolcock Institute, Warren Scott said, The Woolcock is rapidly growing and is attracting top researchers from throughout the world due to the range of leading edge research being conducted.

Lucy Turnbull's expertise and knowledge, along with her personal interest in respiratory and sleep research, will be invaluable and greatly appreciated.

The late Professor Ann Woolcock AO founded the Institute in 1981. The Woolcock has research groups in asthma, allergy, sleep and upper airway, COPD, cystic fibrosis, smoking cessation, physiology, imaging, cell biology and epidemiology. It also operates a clinical trials unit capable of running phase I trials.

Currently there are just over 60 clinical research trials being conducted.

The Woolcock also has bioengineering capabilities, utilising the latest technology in electronics, software, and analysis to make devices in support of research.

The Woolcock is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by an independent board. At the recent AGM, Mr Paul McClintock, a former chairman of the Woolcock Board, was bestowed the honour of Life Governor. Mr McClintock has extensive experience in the health, business and government sectors, as he was formerly Secretary to the Cabinet reporting directly to the Prime Minister.

Located on the University of Sydney and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital campuses, the Woolcock has departmental status in both. The Woolcock is also associated with Liverpool, Concord and Royal North Shore Hospitals and the Hunter Institute of Medical Research. It is accredited by the National Health and Medical Research Council as an independent research institute and is a member of the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes.