

Media Release

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Viewbank resident awarded 'Tall Poppy' status

Viewbank resident, Dr Brendan Jenkins, has received a prestigious Tall Poppy award for his burgeoning medical research career.

Dr Jenkins, a scientist at the Monash Institute of Medical Research, is investigating the role particular proteins play in the onset of stomach cancer, the second-most common cause of cancer deaths worldwide.

"As the population ages, and the incidence of all cancers increases, I believe that, as a scientist, I have a responsibility to inform the community about the importance of a healthy and sustainable medical research system to ultimately combat these major health concerns," Dr Jenkins said.

"I hope I can use my Tall Poppy award to promote careers in medical research to school students, as an example of the potential rewards such a career may hold," he said.

Dr Jenkins is widely viewed as one of Australia's outstanding young molecular biologists. In addition to his Tall Poppy award, he has received fellowships, international awards, and research funding from the Federal Government's National Health and Medical Research Council, the Cancer Council of Victoria, as well internationally by the Association for International Cancer Research.

The Tall Poppy Campaign was created by the Australian Institute of Policy and Science to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young Australian scientists.

Tall Poppy recipients from each state engage in an education program to foster a stronger interest in science in schools and the broader community.

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