

Dr Kerryn Phelps AM

Politician, GP, Broadcaster, Civil Rights Advocate & Keynote Speaker

Dr Kerryn Phelps has changed the course of Australia's social and political history, having been a ground breaking politician, public health and civil rights advocate, and media commentator.

In 2018, Dr Phelps became the first woman and Independent to be elected in a federal Election to the seat of Wentworth in the House of Representatives. In 2016, she was elected to the Council of the City of Sydney, becoming Deputy Lord Mayor from 2016 to 2017. Prior to her foray into politics, Dr Phelps was the first female President of the Australian Medical Association, influencing health policy at State and Federal level. Dr Phelps has also been a powerful voice in the struggle for LGBTIQI inclusion and equality.



Dr Kerryn Phelps is in demand as a keynote speaker. She shares evidence based research as well as her expertise and views on topics that range from health and wellbeing, and the politics of health through to human rights, and women in leadership.

More about Dr Kerryn Phelps:

Kerryn is a mother of three, a doctor, businesswoman, health communicator, public health and civil rights advocate, author and media commentator.

Jewish by choice, having converted in 1998, Dr Phelps has lived in the Wentworth electorate for 17 years and has practised medicine in Double Bay for 20 years. She founded two successful multidisciplinary medical practices, and her own clinical practice involves finding solutions to complex health problems.

As the first female President of the Australian Medical Association, she was able to influence health policy at State and Federal level. Whilst AMA President, Dr Phelps forged a solution to the looming medical indemnity crisis, enabled changes to medical workforce policy, encouraged the development of the first AMA indigenous health report card and initiated the organisation's first health policies on complementary medicine, and on sexuality and gender diversity.

For 30 years as a pioneer in health media, Dr Phelps has used her communication skills to elevate health literacy and improve the ability of people to act on trusted sources of information in order to live healthier lives. She started working as a medical reporter on morning television soon after graduation. She has been the health columnist for the Australian Women's Weekly for over 25 years and has authored six health books including a textbook of general practice. These publications build on mainstream medicine while challenging the health professions and patients to think more expansively about solutions to health problems, a concept known as integrative medicine, literally "integrating" multiple healthcare philosophies.

Dr Phelps has been at the forefront of the struggle for LGBTQI inclusion and equality for two decades. In Australia. She has met with Prime Ministers, government Ministers, politicians and religious and business leaders, police and armed forces to advance the cause of equality, diversity and inclusion. Countless meetings, speeches, rallies, television and radio interviews, opinion pages and social media posts later, marriage equality was finally achieved in December 2017.

Dr Phelps is an Ambassador for Barnardo's child protection work, a Patron of ACON's Pride in Health+Wellbeing program.

Dr Phelps was awarded an Order of Australia for her contributions to Medicine as well as the Centenary Medal.

Dr Kerryn Phelps talks about:

- Health and the media
- Health and wellbeing
- Human rights
- Men's health (Secret Men's Business)
- The politics of medicine
- Women in leadership
- Women's health (Secret Women's Business)

Client Testimonials



The audience was very enthusiastic when Kerryn was introduced. They were very interested in her presentation and a lot of them came to speak to her after the talk. She was very well-received.

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