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Eric Reynolds awarded Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation

Laureate Professor Eric Reynolds AO FICD FTSE FRACDS, Chief Executive Officer of the Oral Health CRC at The University of Melbourne, has been announced as the winner of the Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation.

Each year the Australian Government honours Australia's best scientists, innovators, and science teachers through the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science.

- Prime Minister's Prize for Science
- Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation
- Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year
- Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools

Professor Reynolds has been recognised for his outstanding achievement in the translation of scientific discovery into globally successful products that prevent and treat oral disease.

The remineralising technology CPP-ACP developed from a dairy milk protein by Professor Reynolds and his team at The University of Melbourne is now sold globally as Recaldent™ and used by millions of people every day in chewing gum and oral health products.

Products using Recaldent™ have generated sales of over \$2 billion to date, and it has been estimated they've saved over \$12 billion in dental treatment costs worldwide.

Professor Reynolds continues to lead research at the Oral Health CRC that is testing, improving and developing new Recaldent™ products. His team is also developing a therapeutic vaccine for the highly prevalent gum disease Chronic Periodontitis.

Watch Professor Reynolds's story of innovation on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJaTKTvae5c&feature=youtu.be>

The Oral Health CRC congratulates all recipients in the 2017 Prime Minister's Prizes. More information on the prizes is available here: <http://science.gov.au/pmscienceprizes>

We also acknowledge our core industry participants - GC Corporation, Mondelēz International and CSL Limited - for their collaboration and support in developing innovative products and methods for addressing the burden of oral disease in Australia and internationally.