

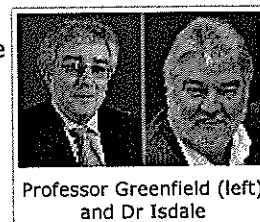
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Two biotech scientists honoured in 2006 Australia Day awards

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THE University of Queensland's senior deputy vice-chancellor, Professor Paul Greenfield, and Dr Peter Isdale, CEO of IMBcom – the UQ's commercialisation company for the Institute for Molecular Bioscience – have both been named in the 2006 awards.

Greenfield has been appointed as an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) for service to science and engineering, particularly through research in the areas of biotechnology, chemical engineering, wastewater and environmental management, and to the tertiary education sector.



Greenfield, who came to UQ as a lecturer in chemical engineering in the mid-70s, said being part of the incredible growth of the University had been a highlight of his work.

"The can-do attitude here and the growth and improvement in the quality of research and teaching is one of the reasons I have been attracted to stay," Greenfield said.

He said other career highlights included the establishment of one of the first start-up biotechnology companies in Australia in the 1980s.

Isdale has been appointed as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to marine science through research and as a contributor to the development and commercialisation of biotechnology.

"This honour really comes from being able to stand on the shoulders of giants in my career as a marine scientist and more recently in the area of commercialising research," Isdale said.

Isdale started his career as a marine scientist and then became business director of the Australian Institute for Marine Science before taking up the position at IMBcom in 2003.

"Here at IMBcom I have been privileged to lead a young team whose job it is to translate some of the excellent science at the IMB into valuable applications," he said.

"This in turn helps Queensland's knowledge-driven economy through the establishment of new biotech companies such as ElaCor, which is developing a compound from the world's deadliest snake – the taipan – into a treatment for heart disease."

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