

## Seminar Series - 2017

When: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 4:00 pm

Where: Rand Theatre, Level 8, Medical Building



### *“Medicinal Cannabis:*

*How do we find the appropriate safe and effective modern medicinal use of this ancient plant?*

*A test for politics, pharmacology and medicine.”*

### **Professor James Angus**

**Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Professor Angus has been an Honorary Professorial Fellow and Professor Emeritus of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne since 2014. From 2003 to 2013, Prof. Angus was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

He was appointed Deputy Director of the Baker Medical Research Institute in 1992. In 1993, Prof. Angus was appointed to the Chair of Pharmacology at the University of Melbourne until he resigned in 2003 to become Dean of the Faculty. His appointments include Chair of the Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance Phase 1 (2014-2016), Governor and Director of the Howard Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health since 2003, member of the Program Steering Committee of the Australian Council of Learned Academies (2014-2016), member of the Steering Committee to establish the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (2013-2014), current President of the National Stroke Foundation, current Chair of the University of Melbourne Sport Board, current Board Director of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation since 2015 and current Chair of the Australian Advisory Council on Medicinal Use of Cannabis. Prof. Angus is a Fellow and former Council Member of the Australian Academy of Science as well as the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences, and an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences. Over the past 25 years, he has received numerous research grants from such learned institutions and organizations as the NHMRC, Australian College of Anaesthetists, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Glaxo Smith Kline Pty Ltd and Johnson & Johnson Pty Ltd. In 2010, Prof. Angus was appointed an Officer to The Order of Australia for distinguished service to biomedical research, particularly in the fields of pharmacology and cardiovascular disease, as a leading academic and medical educator, and as a contributor to a range of advisory boards and professional organisations both nationally and internationally. Further, he received the Centenary Medal in 2003 for services to pharmacology and the community. His current research interests are in analytical pharmacology, cardiovascular effects of endothelin and selective antagonists, and determining mechanisms of action of various medicinal cannabis products.