



History of the Black Dog Institute

- August 1985** The Mood Disorders Unit is established at Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay, NSW. The aims of the MDU include to: provide specialised clinical services; conduct research in the field of mood disorders; educate health professionals, those with a mood disorder, and the public in general, about the mood disorders.
- 1985-1987** Initial research assistance is provided to the MDU by the Prince Henry Hospital Centenary Research Fund, in the form of seeding grants over 2 years (\$25,000 1985/6; \$20,000 1986/7).
- January 1987** MDU receives initial project funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council (**NHMRC**) (awarded for years 1987–1989), with a number of Project Grants subsequently awarded.
- September 1997** First psychiatric facility in New South Wales to receive NSW Department of Health Infrastructure Funding.
- January 1995** Mood Disorders Research Centre is the first Australian psychiatric research unit to receive NHMRC Program Grant (awarded for years 1995-1999).
- January 1999** MDU re-awarded an NHMRC Program Grant (for years 1999–2003).
- June 1999** MDU relocates to the Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, NSW.
- February 2001** An independent foundation (the Black Dog Foundation) is established to work towards increasing the support of commerce and government, and expanding the involvement of those, however affected, by one of the mood disorders. The first outcome of these efforts was setting up the Black Dog Institute.
- May 2001** The establishment of two bodies to help advance the abovementioned aims, namely: the Black Dog Foundation and the Black Dog Institute.
- September 2001** The Mood Disorders Research Centre is set up as a collaborative venture between the Schools of Psychology and Psychiatry, at the University of New South Wales. The Centre focuses on research and teaching. Centre disestablished in early 2003 as its objectives addressed by Black Dog Institute.
- February 2002** Black Dog Institute is launched by the Premier, Mr Bob Carr, at the Villa site at the Prince of Wales Hospital.
- 2003** Awarded NHMRC Program Grant for five years.
- March 2005** Black Dog Institute's new building officially opened by the Minister for Science and Medical Research, Frank Sartor MP.
- April 2005** The Governor of NSW, Prof Marie Bashir AC attends Awards Ceremony to present prizes to the winners of the inaugural Black Dog Writing Competition.