



Media Release – June 2, 2011

WHO: PROFESSOR BARRY MARSHALL, Nobel Laureate and ASMR Medalist 2011

WHAT: ASMR Medical Research Week® Dinner

WHERE: Grand Chancellor Hotel, Launceston

WHEN: June 2, 2011

Barry Marshall

Professor, Physician, Scientist and Pioneer

in Launceston today for the ASMR Medical Research Week® Dinner.

In 2005 Barry J. Marshall and J. Robin Warren were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in recognition of their 1982 discovery that a bacterium, *Helicobacter pylori*, causes one of the most common and important diseases of mankind, peptic ulcer disease.

While at Fremantle Hospital in 1984, Marshall proved that the new germ was harmful in a well-publicised self-administered experiment, in which he drank a culture of *H.pylori*. Persevering despite widespread skepticism, Marshall also came up with combinations of drugs that killed the *H.pylori* bacteria and eliminated ulcers permanently.

Professor Marshall has said, “*Helicobacter* made us realize that we can’t confidently rule out infectious causes for most diseases that are still unexplained”.

Kicking off ASMR Medical Research Week® in Launceston, the brilliant, entertaining and entrepreneurial Professor Marshall begins a tour which will see him speaking at Gala Dinners in all states and delivering the televised NAB Address at the National Press Club of Australia on June 8.

Editor’s Note: Interview and photo opportunities
Marshall bio available at <http://www.asmr.org.au/MRW.html>

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