



EVENT PROGRAM

Cancer Network Forum

Cancer care across the lifespan



The University Club of Western Australia,
Hackett Drive, Crawley

22 May 2025

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FOREWORD

The Cancer Network WA, in collaboration with the WA Clinical Oncology Group at Cancer Council WA, is excited to hold our second annual one-day symposium.

We look forward to welcoming you to this engaging symposium, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with peers and learn about initiatives, research and organisations contributing to the care of patients throughout their cancer journey in Australia.

EVENT SCHEDULE

8.30am – 9.00am Arrival and registration with coffee and tea

9.00am – 9.10am Matthew McGuire - *Welcome to Country*

9.10am – 9.25am Robert Toms - *Welcome and opening address*

Session 1– Morning plenary session

Banquet Hall, Ground Floor

9.30am – 9.50am Dr Claire Munsie, *Positive benefits of group-based exercise for adolescent and young adult cancer survivors; a co-presented approach*

9.50am – 10.30am Professor Fraser Brims and Kathleen O'Connor, *The National Lung Cancer Screening Program: What it means for WA*

10.30am – 11.00am Morning tea
Foyer, Ground Floor

EVENT SCHEDULE

Session 2 – Concurrent breakout sessions 11.00am – 1.00pm

Four breakout sessions covering different topics will run concurrently. All presentations will be recorded and made available for later viewing.

1. Prevention, early detection and screening – Seminar Room 4, First Floor
2. Research, innovation and treatment advances – Banquet Hall, Ground Floor
3. Equity, access and cancer outcomes – Formal Dining Room, First Floor
4. Cancer support and palliative care – Private Dining Rooms 1 & 2, First Floor

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Session 2

Breakout 1 – Prevention, early detection and screening Seminar Room 4, First Floor

11.00am - 11.15am Julia Stafford, *Alcohol and cancer*

11.15am - 11.30am Sally Blane and Carolyn Minto, *The impact of SunSmart mass media campaigns on sun protection knowledge, attitudes and behaviours*

11.30am - 11:45am Kylie Oliver, *Big Ideas*

11.45am - 12.00pm Libby Jardine and Nabeelah Mukadam, *Providing smoking cessation support in oncology settings*

12.00pm - 12.15pm Dr Hooi Ee, *Early onset colorectal cancer*

12.15pm - 12.30pm Dr Thisuri Jayawardena, *Post-colonoscopy colorectal cancer in WA: Analysis of patient, histopathological and molecular characteristics*

12.30pm - 12.45pm Dr Ninh Ha, *Bridging the data gap in monitoring the performance of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program in WA*

12.45pm - 1.00pm Dr Matt Govorko, *Bricks and stones may break my... lungs? Preventing silica dust exposure in Australia*

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Breakout 2 – Research, innovation and treatment advances

Banquet Hall, Ground Floor

11.00am - 11.15am	Professor Fraser Brims, <i>LUCAP – Monitoring the quality of lung cancer care in WA</i>
11.15am - 11.30am	Dr Jessica Buck, <i>Developing national guidelines for cancer research and biobanking with samples from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</i>
11.30am - 11.45am	Chia Chia Tan, <i>Clinical trial coordination</i>
11.45am - 12.00pm	Dr Claire Forde, <i>Clinician Assist WA Cancer project overview</i>
12.00pm - 12.15pm	Winnie Zhang, <i>The effect of partial biopsies in the management of melanoma in WA</i>
12.15pm - 12.30pm	Quan Tran and Sarah Heward, <i>Charm oncology management system</i>
12.30pm - 12.45pm	Sachin Shaji, <i>Leveraging data and machine learning for enhanced patient care in oncology</i>
12.45pm - 1.00pm	Dr Nancy Tippaya, <i>Automated Cancer Staging System (ACSS) in the WA Cancer Registry</i>

Session 2

Breakout 3 – Equity, access, and cancer outcomes

Formal Dining Room, First Floor

11.00am - 11.15am	Hussam Al-Hakimi, <i>Giving WA the best chance to reduce regional cancer inequity</i>
11.15am - 11.30am	Danielle Thurlow and Dr Nia Pulu, <i>Aboriginal people and cancer: Informing future priorities for equitable cancer outcomes</i>
11.30am - 11.45am	Emma Taylor and Dr Samantha Bay, <i>Contributions to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer research made by university departments of rural health in Australia</i>
11.45am - 12.00pm	Meredith Cummins, <i>Neuroendocrine cancer – A complex, often neglected cancer</i>
12.00pm - 12.15pm	Cath Radford, <i>Mentoring program WACHS</i>
12.15pm - 12.30pm	Dr Melanie Murray, <i>Cancer care complexity</i>
12.30pm - 12.45pm	Samantha Coughlan, <i>An overview of the WACHS Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse Service</i>
12.45pm - 1.00pm	Aylin Yahya and Elizabeth Kernut, <i>Can we accept routine patient-reported outcomes of common terminology criteria for adverse events as part of our standard outpatient practice?</i>

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Breakout 4 – Cancer support and palliative care

Private Dining Rooms 1 & 2, First Floor

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| 11.00am - 11.15am | Claire Finley, <i>WA Psycho-Oncology Service</i> |
| 11.15am - 11.30am | Dr Alison Parr, <i>The necessity of palliative care and advanced care planning discussions in the lifespan of cancer</i> |
| 11.30am - 11.45am | Natalie Williams, <i>Support for an innovative approach to delivering gynaecological cancer nursing guidance: A qualitative exploration</i> |
| 11.45am - 12.00pm | Dr Margherita Nicoletti, <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying 2025</i> |
| 12.00pm - 12.15pm | Tim Ryan, <i>Beyond the diagnosis</i> |
| 12.15pm - 12.30pm | Claudine Barnes, <i>Cancer support services at Cancer Council WA</i> |
| 12.30pm - 12.45pm | Dr Alexandra Steadman, <i>Development of a state-wide gynaecological Cancer Survivorship Clinic in WA</i> |
| 12.45pm - 1.00pm | Clare Mullen and Kieran Bindahneem, <i>How diverse consumer perspectives shape person-centred cancer services</i> |
| 1.00pm - 1.45pm | Lunch
Foyer, Ground Floor |

Session 3 – Afternoon plenary session

Banquet Hall, Ground Floor

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| 1.45pm - 2.10pm | Dr Wei-Sen Lam, <i>Insights from developing and implementing a cancer plan: A South Metropolitan Health Service perspective</i> |
| 2.10pm - 2.30pm | Lindsay Adriaansen, <i>Tele-chemotherapy in country WA: A novel approach to deliver cancer care in the country</i> |
| 2.30pm - 2.50pm | Julie Adams, <i>The role of chemo@home in supporting WA cancer patients</i> |
| 2.50pm - 3.10pm | <i>Panel discussion</i> |
| 3.10pm - 3.30pm | Kylie Oliver – <i>Closing remarks</i> |
| 3.30pm | Forum concludes |

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our presenters for their valuable contributions.



**Professor
Fraser Brims**

Fraser is a Consultant Respiratory Physician at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and Director of Research at Curtin Medical School. He is chair of the WA Mesothelioma Registry and Deputy Director of the Institute for Respiratory Health, where he heads the Occupational and Respiratory Health research group. He has clinical and research interests in occupational and asbestos-related diseases, and early lung cancer detection. He leads the WA Asbestos Review Program, the largest lung cancer early-detection research program in Australia. Fraser was the co-chair of the scientific committee for the Australian Lung Cancer Conference (2025).



**Lindsay
Adriaansen**

Lindsay is a Clinical Nurse Consultant working within a multidisciplinary team to support TeleChemotherapy in the WA Country Health Service (WACHS). The team provides timely, appropriate, and equitable access to evidence-based treatment and supportive cancer care. Lindsay is involved at both a clinical and strategic level and provides clinical leadership to TeleChemotherapy Teams in the Wheatbelt, Kimberley and Pilbara regions of WA. Lindsay received her Baccalaureate Nursing Degree in 2011 and a Master of Nursing at the University of Manitoba, Canada in 2019. Her clinical interest is in providing cancer care close to home and developing a skilled cancer nursing workforce in country WA.



Julie Adams

Julie is the Director of View Health – chemo@home, which she co-founded in 2013 to deliver cancer therapies and medical infusions to patients at home. A pharmacist with over 25 years' experience in oncology and haematology, Julie previously established and managed WA's first home-based chemotherapy service. She holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Pharmacy and is US Board Certified in Oncology Pharmacy. Julie has led national pharmacy education initiatives and has been recognised with several awards, including the 2016 WA Telstra Business Woman of the Year, an OAM in 2024, and induction into the WA Women's Hall of Fame in 2025.

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Dr Claire Forde

Claire is a WA trained General Practitioner and GP Clinical Editor for Clinician Assist WA. She holds a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Notre Dame, as well as bachelor's degree in Podiatric Medicine and Science with Honours in Anthropology, from the University of Western Australia. Prior to commencing General Practice training, she worked at a number of hospitals in Perth and regional WA and formerly had a career as a podiatrist in the Mid-West. Her current work with Clinician Assist WA is focused on cancer-related pathways and providing primary care practitioners with point-of-care clinical information and referral pathways to best support patients across their cancer journey.



Dr Claire Munsie

Claire is an ESSA-accredited Senior Exercise Physiologist with more than 15 years of clinical experience and a PhD in Clinical Exercise Oncology. She has worked clinically with the adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients for the last decade and holds a lecturing position specialising in clinical exercise oncology. Claire is an active researcher with multiple peer-reviewed publications and collectively with her strong foundation in clinical practice brings expertise in evidence-based exercise prescription for AYAs.



Samantha Coughlan

Samantha is one of the Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses at WACHS. She has more than 13 years of experience in Oncology, Haematology and Palliative Care in the private health sector, and spent eight years as the Clinical Nurse Educator for Oncology and Haematology at Hollywood Private Hospital. Samantha has completed postgraduate studies in Clinical Nursing and Health Professional Education, and is expanding her expertise in the Prostate Cancer specialty.



Dr Jessica Buck

Jessica is a Kamilaroi paediatric brain cancer researcher leading the First Nations Childhood Cancer Research team at The Kids Research Institute Australia. She completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Newcastle, followed by an MSc in Neuroscience and a DPhil in Oncology at the University of Oxford. Her postdoctoral work in Perth focused on radiation-sensitising drugs to improve treatment outcomes for children with brain cancer. Jessica's research now aims to close the gap in cancer outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children by investigating tumour biology, pharmacogenomics, and socio-demographic factors.

Thank you for your participation

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