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EVENT PROGRAM

# Cancer Network WA Forum

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The University Club of Western Australia, Crawley  
**30 May 2024**



# FOREWORD

The Cancer Network WA, in collaboration with the WA Clinical Oncology Group at Cancer Council WA, has created a space for reflection and recognition of the achievements and collective efforts of organisations in improving cancer care in Western Australia.

We look forward to you joining us for this engaging event, where you'll have the chance to connect with peers and learn about initiatives that have harnessed connection, communication and collaboration.



# EVENT SCHEDULE

**8.30am – 9.00am** Registration with coffee and tea

**9.00am – 9.01am** Kylie Oliver, Service Director, Cancer Network WA – **Welcome**

**9.01am – 9.10am** Liz Hayden – **Welcome to Country**

**9.10am – 9.15am** Annie Thompson, Area Director Nursing and Midwifery,  
North Metropolitan Health Service – **Opening address**

## Session 1

Facilitator: Kylie Oliver – Service Director, Cancer Network WA

**9.15am – 9.30am** Karen Taylor, Coordinator of Nursing, Cancer Network WA  
– **Cancer Network WA overview**

**9.30am – 9.45am** Deborah Jacobs, Aboriginal Clinical Nurse Consultant, Cancer Network  
WA – **Aboriginal Cancer Nurse Coordination Service (ACNCS)**

**9.45am – 10.00am** Jade Newton, Project Coordinator & Research Associate,  
Curtin University – **The Cancer Staging Project**

**10.00am – 10.15am** Dr Tulene Kendrick, Haematology Fellow, Royal Perth Hospital –  
**Imaging flow cytometry for the assessment of chromosome  
abnormalities in haematological malignancies**

**10.15am – 10.30am** Panel discussion

**10.30am – 11.00am** Morning tea

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## Session 2

<p><b>11.00am – 12.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout 1</b>  <b>Prevention and early detection</b>            Facilitator:  <b>Kathleen O'Connor</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout 2</b>  <b>Enabling treatment</b>            Facilitator:  <b>Karen Taylor</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout 3</b>  <b>Encouragement and living well</b>            Facilitator:  <b>Lorren Portolan</b></p>
<p><b>11.05am – 11.25am</b></p>	<p>Dr Hooi Ee, Gastroenterologist and Head of Department, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital – <b><i>Bowel cancer screening: Some is good, more is better</i></b></p>	<p>Dr Eve Tiong, Radiation Oncologist, ICON Cancer Centre – <b><i>Bridging the gap of cancer care</i></b></p>	<p>Dr Angela Ives, Research Fellow, the University of Western Australia – <b><i>PROMs and PREMs in WA cancer care: What do they tell us</i></b></p>
<p><b>11.25am – 11.45am</b></p>	<p>Melissa Ledger, Cancer Prevention and Research Director, Cancer Council WA – <b><i>Working towards a cancer-free future: Insights from Cancer Council WA</i></b></p>	<p>Tiffany Briggs, Nuclear Medicine and Theranostics Clinical Lead, Genesis Care – <b><i>Targeted radionuclide therapy: Current practice and future directions</i></b></p>	<p>Claire Finley, Clinical Psychologist, WA Psycho-Oncology Services – <b><i>WAPOS service overview</i></b></p>
<p><b>11.45am – 12.05pm</b></p>	<p>Dr Claire Forde, HealthPathways GP Clinical Editor, WA Primary Health Alliance – <b><i>HealthPathways: Cancer clinical resources for primary care</i></b></p>	<p>Dr Melanie Murray, Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing, Murdoch University – <b><i>Navigating the intricacies of cancer care: Unveiling the challenges and triumphs</i></b></p>	<p>Phoebe Chaytor, Cancer Navigator and Intake Clinician; Ash Rosindale, Canteen State Manager; Maddison See, Camp Quality Family Program Team Leader; Casey Croghan, Redkite Community Social Worker – <b><i>Cancer Hub: A collaborative service making access to support easier</i></b></p>
<p><b>12.05pm – 12.25pm</b></p>	<p>Dr Nicola O'Neil, Clinical Genetics Fellow, Genetic Health WA – <b><i>Genetic oncology in WA</i></b></p>	<p>Dr David Leong, Head of Endocrine Surgical Services Unit, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital – <b><i>Tumour size predicts risk of recurrence in tall cell subtype papillary thyroid carcinoma</i></b></p>	<p>Melanie Boyd, Cancer Information &amp; Support Services Project Coordinator, Cancer Council WA &amp; Nadeen Laljee-Curran, Cultural Diversity Engagement Lead, Health Consumer Council – <b><i>Cancer information resources for culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) people</i></b></p>



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<p><b>12.25pm – 12.45pm</b></p>	<p>Sonya Schultz, Senior Program Officer, BreastScreen WA – <b>Screening Saves Lives: A review of the LGBTIQ+ cancer screening campaign.</b></p>	<p>Jo Keyser &amp; Lauren Knight, Cancer Nurse Coordinators, Cancer Network WA – <b>Rare and Less Common Cancer Nurse Coordination Service: Establishment, evolution and future directions</b></p>	<p>Amanda Silla, End of Life Care Program Manager, Department of Health – <b>End of life care: Update on WA Cancer Plan progress</b></p>
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**12.45pm – 1.30pm**      **Lunch**

## Session 3

Facilitator: Kylie Oliver

**1.35pm – 1.50pm**      Jane Gaspar, Research Associate and Professor Caroline Bulsara, Qualitative Researcher, University of Notre Dame – **General practice management of positive screened participants of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program**

**1.50pm – 2.05pm**      Kathleen O'Connor, Manager Screening and Projects, Cancer Network WA – **Interval cancer rates in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program in WA**

**2.05pm – 2.20pm**      Leanne Pilkington, Aboriginal Health Cancer Lead, Manager of CACH – **Weaving knowledges to strengthen and improve Aboriginal cancer care: WA Aboriginal Health Cancer Collaborative**

**2.20pm – 2.35pm**      Dr Sandra Thompson, Public Health Physician, University of Western Australia – **A whispered sort of stuff**

Emma Taylor, Research Officer, University of Western Australia – **What makes a high performing cancer service with respect to Aboriginal people with cancer**

Lenny Papertalk, Social Worker and Community Engagement Officer, University of Western Australia – **Whisper no more: Listening to the needs of Aboriginal people and skilling service providers**

**2.35pm – 2.50pm**      Panel discussion

**2.50pm – 3.00pm**      Kylie Oliver – **Closing remarks**

# MEET OUR SPEAKERS



**Deborah Jacobs**

Deborah Jacobs is the Aboriginal Clinical Nurse Consultant for Cancer Network WA (CNWA) based at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Deborah has extensive experience working in Aboriginal health as a registered nurse, which led her into advisory and consultancy roles. Deborah joined CNWA in 2023, where she developed and implemented the Aboriginal Cancer Nurse Coordination Service (ACNCS). Deborah specialises in delivering cultural safety to improve the health of Aboriginal people with cancer. She works alongside various cancer streams to identify high risk cancer patients requiring cultural safety and support, with the aim of completing treatment. Deborah is successfully delivering the ACNCS across four tertiary hospitals in the metropolitan region.



**Dr Hooi Ee**

Dr Hooi Ee is the Head of the Department of Gastroenterology, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and a Clinical Professor of Medicine, at the University of Western Australia. He has been the Lead Clinician for Bowel Cancer Screening for the Department of Health WA since 2005. He is an active clinician, training supervisor and research collaborator, with an interest in familial gastrointestinal cancers. At the national level, he is a member of the working party for the Australian Government guidelines for bowel cancer screening, a clinical expert on the Quality Committee of the National Cancer Screening Registry and recently, the inaugural Chair of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Faculty of the Gastroenterological Society of Australia.



**Dr Claire Forde**

Dr Claire Forde is a WA trained General Practitioner and GP Clinical Editor for HealthPathways. She holds a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Notre Dame as well as Bachelor degrees 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 HealthPathways is focused on providing primary care practitioners with cancer-specific point-of-care clinical information and referral pathways.



**Dr Eve Tiong**

Dr Eve Tiong is an experienced radiation oncologist at Icon Cancer Centre Midland and Icon Cancer Centre Rockingham. She completed her Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at the University of New South Wales and subsequently undertook specialist oncology training in Singapore and Australia. She went on to complete a radiation oncology fellowship, specialising in urological cancers, lymphoma, gastrointestinal malignancies and sarcoma at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Canada. She maintains an active interest in cancer education and regularly provides information to GPs, trainee doctors and the community.



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**Dr David Leong**

Dr David Leong is the current head of the Endocrine Surgical Services Unit at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and practises privately at Hollywood Private Hospital and Joondalup Health Campus. He trained in Western Australia and is a senior lecturer with the University of Western Australia. David is actively involved in research in improving outcomes and understanding of endocrine surgical pathology. His interests include all aspects of thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal surgical pathology, with a special interest in voice preservation and minimally invasive surgery



**Karen Taylor**

Associate Professor Karen Taylor is the Coordinator of Nursing for Cancer Network WA (CNWA). She is a clinician, researcher, journal editor and reviewer, grant/fellowship assessor and has published in peer reviewed journals. She has over 35 years of cancer nursing experience, starting her career in Tasmania as a hospital trained nurse. She then worked in Adelaide and Brisbane before moving to Perth. Karen has worked for CNWA for the last 14 years in various nursing roles, including leading CNWA from 2020 to 2024. Among her many qualifications and certifications, her PhD in cancer survivorship has been the most important of her academic career.



**Dr Melanie Murray**

Dr Melanie Murray is a committed nursing academic and researcher. Melanie focuses on furthering the education of healthcare professionals across safety, quality, leadership and human factors. Prior to obtaining her doctorate, she amassed significant clinical experience in PACU nursing around Australia after starting her nursing career in community nursing, spanning generalist, infant/child and cancer care. Melanie is a Fellow of the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) and a Certified Health Executive (CHE).



**Jade Newton**

Jade Newton is a health services researcher completing her PhD at Curtin University. She is the Project Coordinator for The Cancer Staging Project, and her research focusses on patient experiences navigating cancer care in Western Australia.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our speakers and presenters. Please scan the QR code for bios on all speakers.



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