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## #AustPH2024

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Australian Public Health Conference 2024. We hope you enjoy being part of the conference over the next three days.

The Australian Public Health Conference is a national conference held by the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), which presents a national and multi-disciplinary perspective on public health issues. PHAA members and non-members can contribute to discussions on the broad range of public health issues and exchange ideas, knowledge and information on the latest developments in public health. The Conference was first established in the 1970's.

The 2024 Conference theme is: **'High value public health in a complex world'**.

Promoting and investing in a public health system to ensure it meets the needs of all people should be a priority in Australia. As a public health profession, it is critical that we continue to listen to, and advocate for, diverse voices. This is especially pertinent as public health concerns and committing to the implementation of the National Preventative Health Strategy have not received the attention they deserve. Collaboratively, we need to scale up efforts to ensure greater understanding by the public and decision makers that groups and communities within Australia face unique and complex challenges.

The outcome of The Voice Referendum came as a shock to many in the public health community. After the Voice, it is more critical than ever for the public health profession to advance and promote public health issues, and to recognise voices in our community who are being left behind or who have historically been marginalised in health decisions which affect them. We will host this discussion by bringing together researchers, practitioners, policy makers, students and community members who have a strong commitment recognising the diverse needs of our community, driven by evidence and experience.

Kind regards,



**Adjunct Professor Tarun Weeramanthri AM**  
President, Public Health  
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Committee Co-Chair, APHC 2024



**Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin**  
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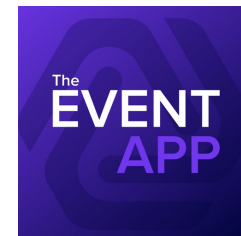
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- Keynote speakers photos and biographies
- Sponsors and exhibitors profiles
- Presentation titles and speaker names for concurrent sessions

By removing these items it drastically reduces the number of pages we print and the amount of ink used.

These items can now be found in the conference app and on the conference website. The app includes additional information and live updates throughout the conference.

From 2025, PHAA will no longer provide a printed program for any of its conferences and will only have the information available digitally.

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# WORKSHOPS

## Boosting skills in presenting policy arguments to political decision-makers

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 17 September, 1:30pm - 3:00pm AWST (Concurrent Session 1E)

**Room:** Goldworthy

**Facilitated by:**

- Professor Catherine Bennett, Deakin Distinguished Professor and Chair in Epidemiology, School of Health and Social Development, Deakin University
- Dr Leanne Coombe, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Public Health Association of Australia
- Mr Malcolm Baalman, Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Public Health Association of Australia
- Ms Lily Pratt, Policy Officer, Public Health Association of Australia

This workshop aims to expand knowledge and skills at translating public health science and policy into messages that impact on political decision makers. The first part of the workshop will begin with a conversation between three keynote guests, addressing the art of translating policy knowledge into politically impactful argument; workshop participants will be drawn into the conversation through questions. The second part will be a role-play of presenting a public health argument to members of a parliamentary committee. Volunteers from among the participants will be arranged in advance to make up the team presenting to the mock parliamentary committee. Keynote guests will be Dr Mike Freeland MP (federal member for Macarthur, NSW), Professor Catherine Bennett (Distinguished Professor and Chair in Epidemiology, Deakin University) and Professor Caroline Miller (Director of the Health Policy Centre at SAHMRI, South Australia).







## Mastering media interviews

**Date & Time:** Wednesday 18 September, 9:00am - 10:30am AWST (Concurrent Session 2E)

**Room:** Goldworthy

**Facilitated by:**

- Professor Catherine Bennett, Deakin Distinguished Professor and Chair in Epidemiology, School of Health and Social Development, Deakin University
- Mr Paris Lord, Media and Communications Manager, Public Health Association of Australia
- Ms Hollie Harwood, Strategic Communications Advisor, Public Health Association of Australia
- Ms Jasmine Lykissas, Communications Officer, Public Health Association of Australia

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## Building bridges and collaborating in Public Health Planning

**Date & Time:** Wednesday 18 September, 11:00am - 12:30pm AWST (Concurrent Session 3E)

**Room:** Goldworthy

**Facilitated by:**

- Chief Health Officer, Dr Andrew Robertson, WA Department of Health
- Matthew Lester, A/Executive Director Environmental Health Directorate, WA Department of Health
- Deputy Chief Health Officer, Dr Revle Bangor-Jones, WA Department of Health
- Medical Advisor, Dr Katharine Noonan, WA Department of Health

This interactive workshop will explore the dynamic partnership between state and local governments in achieving the best public health outcomes for the community. Join experienced panellists who have successfully implemented public health plans at both state and local level as they share their insights and strategies, demonstrating how planning translates into tangible, on-the-ground actions. This session aims to foster a collaborative environment where participants can learn from each other and discuss how state governments can better understand and support local initiatives.



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## Game Changer! Protecting WA's youngest from Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

**Date & Time:** Thursday 19 September, 11:00am - 12:30pm AWST (Concurrent Session 4E)

**Room:** Goldworthy

**Facilitated by:**

- Dr Paul Armstrong, Director (CDCD) Department of Health
- Professor Paul Effler, Senior Medical Advisor (CDCD) Department of Health
- Jo-Anne Morgan, Immunisation Program Manager (CDCD) Department of Health
- Darren Westphal, Senior Programme Officer (CDCD) Department of Health Immunisation Team
- Dr Timothy Pugh, Senior Policy Officer (CDCD) Department of Health Immunisation Team

The WA Department of Health Communicable Disease Control Directorate (CDCD) will host a 90-minute workshop on the 2024 WA Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infant Immunisation Program. An Australian first, the program offered nirsevimab (Beyfortus™) to all children entering their first RSV season and Aboriginal or medically at-risk children entering their second season. The RSV Infant Immunisation Program was delivered through birthing hospitals, general practices, Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS), and community health immunisation clinics across WA.

During this workshop you will hear about how the program started and progressed from people directly involved in the rollout. The speakers will cover:

Planning for statewide implementation with short notice

- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Perspectives from general practice, AMSs, maternity hospitals, and the major children's hospital
- Challenges and successes
- Preliminary results on coverage, safety and effectiveness

The workshop will conclude with a short panel discussion with keynote speakers taking questions from the audience.

# WORKSHOPS

## Dementia: A Public Health Priority

**Date & Time:** Thursday 19 September, 1:15pm - 2:45pm AWST (Concurrent Session 5E)

**Room:** Goldworthy

**Facilitated by:**

- Prof Tanya Buchanan CEO Dementia Australia
- Prof Blossom Stephan Chair in Dementia Curtin University

During National Dementia Action Week, Dementia Australia explores the importance of public health in dementia.

Surveys conducted during the past decade show that:

- Australians find people living with dementia frightening
- 61% of people would rather not think about dementia
- The belief that dementia is a normal part of ageing has increased over the last decade. Dementia is not a normal part of ageing
- 83% of people agreed that they would like to know how to reduce their risk of developing dementia.

The AIHW estimates that around 40% of the burden of disease could be avoided by addressing modifiable risk factors for this chronic degenerative neurological condition. This is about the same avoidable burden as cancer. The number of people living with dementia is predicted to double in the next 30 years. Yet dementia is largely missing in our public health discussions. Current approaches to dementia risk reduction are predominately focused on individual (or personalised) strategies which are often difficult to execute, costly to implement and overall have shown minimal effects. Therefore, new population-level strategies, targeting whole communities, are urgently needed.

This workshop explores what acting now for to secure improved outcomes for dementia in the future would look like from a public health perspective and encourages us to think about dementia beyond an aged care issue.





# FREE CPD TRAINING IN RECOGNISING AND RESPONDING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN ADULTS

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# TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

TIME AWST	SESSION	ROOM
7:30am - 3:30pm	Registration Open	Foyer
8:00am - 6:00pm	Exhibition Open	Grand River Ballroom
<b>Opening Plenary Session - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health</b>		
Chair	Adjunct Professor Tarun Weeramanthri AM, President, Public Health Association of Australia	
<b>LIVE</b> 9:00am - 10:30am	<p><b>Co-Chair Welcome</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Adjunct Professor Tarun Weeramanthri AM, President, Public Health Association of Australia</p> <p><b>Welcome to Country</b></p> <p><b>Opening Address</b> <b>Speaker:</b> The Hon Ged Kearney MP, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care</p> <p><b>Conference Address</b> <b>Speaker:</b> The Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, Minister for Health and Mental Health</p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> Ms Khwanruethai Ngampromwongse, PhD Candidate, First Nations Cancer and Wellbeing Research Program, The University of Queensland &amp; Miss Saira Rind, Aboriginal Projects Coordinator, Cancer Council WA</p> <p><b>The success of the program has been shared globally, with a specific focus on health outcomes</b> <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Ms Kelli Owen, Community Engagement Coordinator, National Indigenous Kidney Transplantation Taskforce</p> <p>The success of the program has been shared globally, with a specific focus on health outcomes.</p> <p>In Public Health data is essential to demonstrate change and the evidence is strong for the outcomes of our work. Beyond this though Public Health professionals, researchers, leaders desire an understanding of how this success was possible, beyond the phrases of "culturally competency".</p> <p>This presentation will explore the systems change and policy shifts that the NIKTT team working with First Nations people and their families, communities and carers, have been able to implement to shift health outcomes. This presentation will go beyond the key words and outline how meaningful change occurred and has been sustained, along with the vision going forward.</p>	<p>Golden Ballroom</p> <p><b>Sponsored by</b></p>  <p><b>Australian Government</b> <b>Department of Health and Aged Care</b></p>





TIME AWST	SESSION	ROOM
<b>LIVE</b> 9:00am - 10:30am	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Dr Cadence Kaumoana, Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Association of New Zealand  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Mr Patrick Salmon, Council Member, Public Health Association of New Zealand  <b>Facilitated Q&amp;A with Speakers</b>	Golden Ballroom  <b>Sponsored by</b>   <b>Australian Government</b> <b>Department of Health and Aged Care</b>
	10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea & Exhibition
<b>Plenary Session 2 - LGBTQA+ Health and Wellbeing in Australia: Current State and Future Directions</b>		
Co-Chairs	Dr Penelope Strauss, Research Fellow in Youth Suicide Prevention, Telethon Kids Institute and Adjunct Research Fellow, University of Western Australia  Dr Craig Cumming, Research Fellow, School of Population and Global Health, The University of Western Australia	
<b>LIVE</b> 11:00am - 12:30pm	<b>LGBTQA+ Health and Wellbeing in Australia: Current State and Future Directions</b> <b>Keynote Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Adam Bourne, Director, Australian Research Centre In Sex, Health And Society, La Trobe University</li> <li>Professor Ashleigh Lin, Senior Principal Research Fellow and NHMRC Investigator Fellow, School of Population and Global Health, University of Western Australia</li> <li>Shakara Liddelow-Hunt, Research Assistant and PhD Candidate, Telethon Kids Institute</li> </ul> <p>This plenary will describe the current state of health and wellbeing for Australian LGBTQA+ youth and adults, drawing from the Rainbow Realities report commissioned by the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care in 2023. We explore how social and demographic factors influence health and wellbeing for LGBTQA+ people, with a focus on the importance of understanding diversity within the LGBTQA+ community. We will take a strengths-based approach to consider how our data can inform public health practice and policy in Australia and describe future plans for research in this area.</p>	Golden Ballroom

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**



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*“Public health is the art and science of preventing illness and promoting health through organised efforts of society”*

## About the Public Health Association of Australia

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is recognised as the principal non-government organisation for public health in Australia and works to promote the health and well-being of all Australians. The Association seeks better population health outcomes based on prevention, the social determinants of health and equity principles.

PHAA is a national organisation comprising around 1900 individual members and representing over 40 professional groups concerned with the promotion of health at a population level.

## Why become a member?

The PHAA makes major contributions to public health as an advocate of public health issues primarily through submissions and by representation on boards, committees and consultative bodies. It acts as a forum for public health advancement and organises conferences and seminars to enhance the skills of public health practitioners.

Membership of PHAA is open to any person who is supportive of the objectives of the association.

## PHAA Objectives

- to advocate for the reduction of health inequalities across Australia and international communities;
- to encourage research and promote knowledge relating to the problems, needs and development of public health;
- to promote and provide a forum for the regular exchange of views and information;
- to promote the development and education of workers in public health;
- to promote, maintain and extend the interest of PHAA's Branches, Special Interest Groups and any affiliated organisations;
- to promote excellence in public health practice; and,
- to advocate the objects and policies of the Association to achieve better outcomes for all.

*The PHAA is an organisation dedicated to the promotion of public health. It is also a forum for developing professional and academic networks.*

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TIME AWST	SESSION				
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch & Exhibition				Grand River Ballroom
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Concurrent Session 1 - Long Oral Presentations (F2F ONLY)				
<b>1A – Focus on Indigenous self-determination and leadership</b>  <b>Room:</b> Golden Ballroom North	<b>1B - Health ramifications of climate change</b>  <b>Room:</b> Golden Ballroom Centre	<b>1C - Social Determinants of Health: the challenge</b>  <b>Room:</b> Golden Ballroom South	<b>1D – Communicate and Collaborate: Advancing health care outcomes</b>  <b>Room:</b> Hamersley	<b>1E – Boosting skills in presenting policy arguments to political decision-makers</b>  <b>Room:</b> Goldworthy	
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea & Exhibition				Grand River Ballroom
<b>PHAA Annual General Meeting</b>					
<b>LIVE</b> 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Who can attend: PHAA Financial Members (i.e. members with current paid membership) will be able to attend and vote. PHAA Members will be required to sign in for voting purposes.  <b>Award Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHAA Fellowship Award</li> <li>• Public Health Mentor of the Year Award</li> <li>• Emerging Leader Award</li> <li>• Life Membership Award</li> <li>• President's Awards</li> </ul>				Golden Ballroom
4:30pm - 6:00pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> Canapes, substantial food and non-alcoholic beverages will be served throughout the night. Alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase.				Grand River Ballroom
<b>End of Day 1</b>					

# WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

TIME AWST	SESSION				ROOM
8:30am - 4:00pm	Registration Open				Foyer
8:30am - 4:00pm	Exhibition Open				Grand River Ballroom
9:00am - 10:30am	Concurrent Session 2 - Conversation Starters and Rapid Fire (F2F)				
2A - Conversation Starters Room: Hamersley	2B - Innovations and Challenges in Health Communication and Policy Room: Golden Ballroom Centre	2C - Cross-Sector Collaboration: Strengthening Partnerships Room: Golden Ballroom South	2D - Healthcare Challenges and Outcomes Across Diverse Populations Room: Golden Ballroom North	2E - Workshop: Mastering media interviews Room: Goldworthy	
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea & Exhibition				Grand River Ballroom
11:00am - 12:30pm	Concurrent Session 3 - Long Oral Presentations (F2F)				
3A - Racism in Health and Decolonisation of the System Room: Golden Ballroom North	3B - Public health systems and transitioning environments Room: Golden Ballroom Centre	3C - Evidence, strategy, and creativity to promote behaviors, policies, and practices Room: Golden Ballroom South	3D - Research insights: Indicating policy change Room: Hamersley	3E - Workshop: Building bridges and collaborating in Public Health Planning Room: Goldworthy	
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch & Exhibition				Grand River Ballroom



TIME AWST	SESSION	ROOM
Plenary Session 3 - Junk food advertising and commercial determinants of health		
Chair	Mrs Ainslie Sartori, Food and Movement Programs Manager, Cancer Council WA	
<p><b>LIVE</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Facilitator:</b> Dr Mike Freeland MP, Federal Member for Macarthur</p> <p><b>Economic evidence for policy action on junk food advertising and commercial determinants of health</b>  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Associate Professor Jaithri Ananthapavan, Associate Professor, Deakin University</p> <p>To advance policy initiatives, Australian governments need robust evidence demonstrating the societal benefits of proposed actions. This presentation will explore the critical role of economic evidence in shaping policy decisions, examine the cost-effectiveness of policies restricting unhealthy food advertising and highlight how economic analyses can quantify both the health and financial impacts of industry influence on policy-making.</p> <p><b>Safeguarding children from unhealthy food marketing: Global lessons and progress</b>  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Professor Kathryn Backholer, Professor of Public Health Policy, Global Centre for Preventive Health and Nutrition, Institute for Health Transformation, Deakin University</p> <p>This presentation will describe the food marketing context in Australia, including children's exposure to unhealthy food marketing and the impact of this marketing has on the health and well-being of Australian's. It will describe the actions required to protect children from unhealthy food marketing, novel solutions to support policy adoption and implementation and the forces opposing policy action in Australia and globally.</p> <p><b>How to reduce rates of food-related ill health including obesity, diabetes and heart disease, address health inequalities, and save the health system money, at negligible cost</b>  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Ms Fran Bernhardt, Commercial Determinants Coordinator Sustain</p> <p>From confectionery on bus stops to sugary drinks on billboards, our towns are setting the stage for unhealthy food, increasing our risk of food related ill health such as diabetes, heart disease and tooth decay. In the UK, several local governments, including the Mayor of London, have put their children's health before profits using policy restrictions to switch the spotlight away from unhealthy food. Evidence shows that the restrictions work. In London, they have led to a 20% reduction in sugary product purchases, and a 1000 kcal decrease in household unhealthy food and drink purchases. Modelling shows that the London policy restrictions will prevent 95,000 cases of obesity, 3000 cases of diabetes, 2000 cases of heart disease, and save the NHS £218 million. Meanwhile, advertising revenues were maintained. This presentation will share how these policies work as well as the successes and challenges for introducing them.</p> <p><b>Facilitated Q&amp;A with Speakers</b></p>	<p>Golden Ballroom</p> <p><b>Ms Fran Bernhardt</b> Sponsored by</p> 
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea & Exhibition	
		Grand River Ballroom

# WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

TIME AWST	SESSION	ROOM
Plenary Session 4 - International health and gender equity		
Chair	Adjunct Professor Tarun Weeramanthri AM, President, Public Health Association of Australia	
<b>LIVE</b> 3:30pm - 4:20pm	<p><b>Gender and Diversity in Global Health Leadership: Implications for Health Equity</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Professor Jaya A R Dantas, Dean International And Professor Of International Health, Faculty of Health Sciences and Curtin School of Population Health</p> <p><b>What makes change possible? Lessons from the journey to the Lancet Commission on Gender and Global Health</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Professor Vivian Lin, Executive Associate Dean (Strategy and Operations) Professor of Public Health Practice, The University of Hong Kong</p> <p>According to the WHO, “gender refers to the characteristics of women, men, girls and boys that are socially constructed. This includes norms, behaviours and roles associated with being a woman, man, girl or boy, as well as relationships with each other. As a social construct, gender varies from society to society and can change over time.” In the global arena, over the past 40 years, however, work on gender equity has largely focused on women and girls. Specific goals and targets in both MDGs and SDGs refer to women and girls. The current Lancet Commission on Gender and Global Health, which is about to report and of which I am a member, is another step in the long road of research and policy advocacy for gender equity but this latest effort proposes using a gender justice approach across all systems of governance for health, knowledge production, and service delivery, moving beyond a focus on women and girls. Taking a personal narrative approach, this talk will reflect on the challenges of creating change in this area and share the thinking of the Lancet Commission.</p> <p><b>Facilitated Q&amp;A with Speakers</b></p>	Golden Ballroom





TIME AEST	SESSION	ROOM
Basil Hetzel Oration		
Chair	Mrs Ainslie Sartori, Food and Movement Programs Manager, Cancer Council WA, Committee Co-Chair, APHC 2024	
LIVE 4:20pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>VALE PROFESSOR BASIL HETZEL AC LMPHAA - 1922 - 2017</b></p> <p><b>About the Oration</b> The Basil Hetzel Oration recognises the contribution and commitment to Public Health Research and Advocacy of the Hon Dr Basil Hetzel AC who spent many years working in the international health arena, and is well-known for his work on iodine deficiency disorders. Basil Hetzel was born in London in 1922. He graduated in medicine from the University of Adelaide in 1944. After postgraduate education and research in Adelaide (1945-1951); New York (Fulbright Research Scholar (1951-54); and London (1954-1955), he returned to the University of Adelaide as Reader and later Michell Professor of Medicine (1956-1968).</p> <p>From 1968-1975 he was Foundation Professor of Social and Preventive Medicine at Monash University in Melbourne. He then spent 10 years (1975-1985) with the CSIRO as first Chief of the CSIRO Division of Human Nutrition.</p> <p><b>Recipe for change: Essential ingredients to turn research into policy</b> <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Professor Gina Trapp, Professor Of Food And Nutrition Environments Edith Cowan University</p> <p>In this Basil Hetzel Oration, Professor Gina Trapp from the Nutrition and Health Innovation Research Institute at Edith Cowan University will outline a strategic blueprint for translating research into impactful public health policy. Structured around a metaphorical 'recipe' for policy change, Professor Trapp will reveal four key ingredients essential for turning research into policy. Drawing on examples from her award-winning food environment research program, she will demonstrate how these ingredients have worked together to help create healthier, more equitable communities that promote healthy eating habits. This engaging session offers valuable insights into the practical application of research to achieve a healthier world, one well-researched policy at a time.</p>	Golden Ballroom
6:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b> <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Dr Mike Freeland MP, Federal Member for Macarthur</p> <p>A two-course dinner will be served. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided throughout the night. Alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase.</p>	TICKETED EVENT OFFSITE
End of Day 2		

# THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

TIME AWST	SESSION	ROOM
8:30am - 4:00pm	Registration Open	Foyer
8:30am - 4:00pm	Exhibition Open	Grand River Ballroom
<b>Plenary Session 5 - Regulation and health in the workplace</b>		
Chair	Dr Matthew Govorko, KNOW Workplace Cancer Senior Coordinator, Cancer Council WA	
<b>LIVE</b> 8:30am – 10:00am	<p><b>The burden of occupational dust disease – can't we just leave it at work?</b>  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Ms Tracey Bence, Immediate Past President, Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene</p> <p>At the 2017 'black lung, white lies' inquiry into Coal Workers Pneumoconiosis (CWP) it was reported that 'the entire QLD coal industry was shocked' as cases of CWP emerged in their workforce. In 2018 when 19 of 35 engineered stone workers from 2 workplaces were diagnosed with silicosis or progressive massive fibrosis we were shocked again.</p> <p>As Immediate Past President and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH), Tracey Bence will tell the story of the reawakening and response to an unacceptable prevalence of occupational respiratory disease in our country. She will share a view on the history of dust diseases and the crystalline silica exposure profile of engineered stone workers and other, larger cohorts. Some 3 years after the final report of the National Dust Diseases Taskforce, Tracey will reflect on new mandatory reporting of silicosis cases to the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry and explicit regulations to control risks to health from crystalline silica which became effective this month.</p> <p>But faced with this burden of growing occupational dust disease, she asks are these debilitating dust diseases really just a workplace health issue?</p> <p><b>Improving population health through occupational health</b>  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Dr Renee Carey, Senior Lecturer, Curtin University</p> <p>Work-related diseases are an entirely preventable group of diseases; however they affect many people every year. Dr Renee Carey's research has shown that upwards of 3.6million Australians are currently exposed to carcinogens at work. Her presentation will consider the extent of the issue, both in terms of occupational exposures and the resultant burden of disease. She will also provide some insight into potential interventions and ways to reduce the burden of occupational disease. The recent ban on engineered stone will be used as a case study to illustrate how research and evidence in occupational epidemiology can be translated into real-life public health wins.</p>	Golden Ballroom



TIME AWST	SESSION	ROOM
Plenary Session 5 - Regulation and health in the workplace - <i>continued</i>		
<p><b>LIVE</b> 8:30am – 10:00am</p>	<p><b>Strength in numbers: strengthening the relationship between trade unions and public health in saving workers' lives</b>  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Mr Liam O'Brien, Assistant Secretary, Australian Council Of Trade Unions (ACTU)</p> <p>Unions are at the forefront of fighting for safer and healthier working conditions, fairer wages, improved access to healthcare, and better workers' compensation, which are all important components of public health.</p> <p>One of the aims of the trade union movement is to eliminate exposures to respirable crystalline silica (RCS) that lead to disease and to minimise all exposures to RCS in Australia. To do this requires unified advocacy from unionists, affected workers, doctors, public health experts, and work health and safety specialists. This collaborative approach is exemplified by the recent response to the silicosis crisis, which led to Australia being the first country to ban engineered stone and introducing some of the strongest regulations to control silica dust in the world.</p> <p>Liam will make the case for why the trade union movement is an important part of public health, citing the collective action against engineered stone and silica dust more broadly as a prime example, and highlight the continued impact of union advocacy on the health of Australians.</p>	Golden Ballroom
Awards Presentation		
<p><b>LIVE</b> 10:00am – 10:30am</p>	<p>Tony McMichael Public Health Ecology and Environment Award</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Public Health Award</p> <p>Sidney Sax Public Health Award</p>	Golden Ballroom
10:30am-11:00am	Morning Tea & Exhibition	Grand River Ballroom

# THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

TIME AWST	SESSION				
11:00am - 12:30pm	Concurrent Session 4 - Conversation Starters and Rapid Fire (F2F)				
4A - Conversation Starters Room: Hamersley	4B - Generating policy change through research: lessons learned Room: Golden Ballrom Centre	4C - Innovative Strategies for Public Health Room: Golden Ballrom South	4D - Social and Environmental Determinants of Health Room: Golden Ballrom North	4E - Workshop: Game Changer! Protecting WA's youngest from Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Room: Goldworthy	
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch & Exhibition				Grand River Ballroom
1:15pm - 2:45pm	Concurrent Session 5 - Long Oral Presentations (F2F)				
5A - Cultural Competence in Healthcare and Public Health Room: Golden Ballrom North	5B - Health promotion and sustainability Room: Golden Ballrom Centre	5C - Population health and equity Room: Golden Ballrom South	5D - Prioritising public health strategies in Australia Room: Hamersley	5E - Workshop: Dementia: A Public Health Priority Room: Goldworthy	
2:45pm - 3:15pm	Afternoon Tea & Exhibition				Grand River Ballroom



TIME AWST	SESSION	
Closing Plenary Session		
Chair	Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin, Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Association of Australia	
<b>LIVE</b> 3:15pm - 4:10pm	<p><b>Think Tank Winner Presentation</b></p> <p>The National Public Health Student Think Tank Competition is an opportunity for students to engage with current issues in public health, showcase their innovation and interact with established professionals.</p> <p><b>Incoming PHAA President Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Professor Caroline Miller, newly elected PHAA President and Director, Health Policy Centre, SAHMRI, NHMRC Research Fellow, School of Public Health, The University of Adelaide</p> <p><b>Investing in climate resilient health systems</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Ms Michelle Isles, CEO, Climate and Health Alliance</p> <p>Climate change is already impacting health systems directly and indirectly. How do we account for the costs to resource our effort to build resilient health systems?</p> <p><b>Conference Close</b></p>	Golden Ballroom
End of Conference		

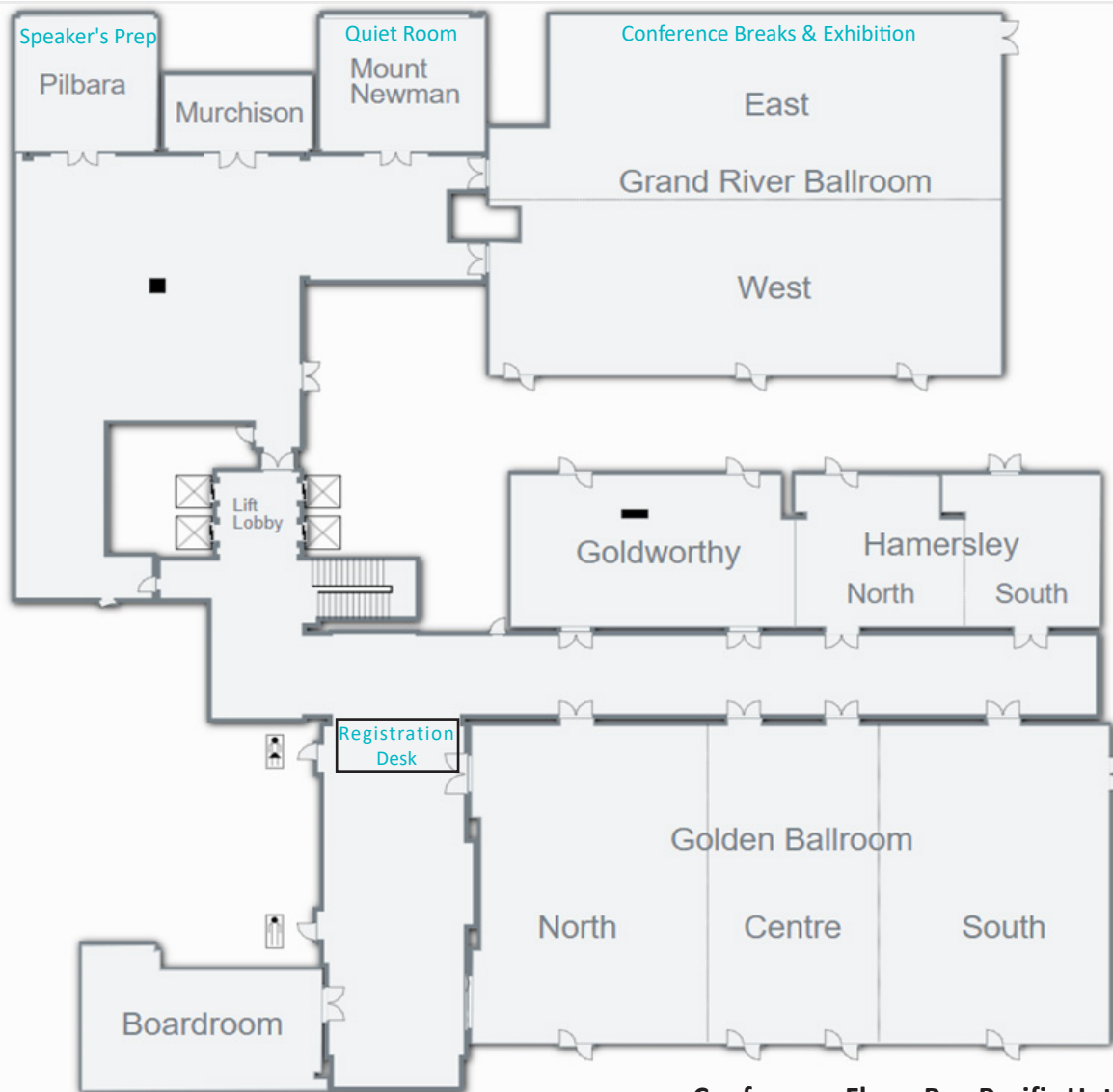
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# PROGRAM SUMMARY

## TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

9:00am - 10:30am

**Opening Plenary Session -  
'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health'**

Co-Chair Welcome  
Welcome to Country  
Opening Address  
Conference Welcome

**Keynote Speakers:**

Dr Alana Gall  
Ms Kelli Owen

10:30am - 11:00am

Morning Tea and Exhibition

11:00am - 12:30pm

**Plenary Session 2 -**

**LGBTQA+ Health and Wellbeing in Australia:  
Current State and Future Directions**

**Keynote Speakers:**

Professor Adam Bourne  
Professor Ashleigh Lin  
Shakara Liddelow-Hunt

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch and Exhibition

1:30pm - 3:00pm

**Concurrent Session 1**

3:00pm - 3:30pm

Afternoon Tea and Exhibition

3:30pm - 4:30pm

**PHAA Annual General Meeting**

4:30pm - 6:00pm

**Welcome Reception and Exhibition**

**End of Day 1**

## WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

9:00am - 10:30am

**Concurrent Session 2**

10:30am - 11:00am

Morning Tea and Exhibition

11:00am - 12:30pm

**Concurrent Session 3**

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch and Exhibition

1:30pm - 3:00pm

**Plenary Session 3 -**

**'Junk food advertising and commercial  
determinants of health'**

**Keynote Speakers:**

Associate Professor Jaithri Ananthapavan  
Professor Kathryn Backholer  
Ms Fran Bernhardt

3:00pm - 3:30pm

Afternoon Tea and Exhibition

3:30pm - 4:20pm

**Plenary Session 4 -**

**'International health and gender equity'**

**Keynote Speakers:**

Professor Jaya A R Dantas  
Professor Vivian Lin

4:20pm - 5:00pm

**Basil Hetzel Oration**

**Orator:**

Professor Gina Trapp

6:30pm - 9:30pm

**Conference Dinner**

**End of Day 2**

## THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

8:30am - 10:00am

**Plenary Session 5 -**

**'Regulation and health in the workplace'**

**Keynote Speakers:**

Ms Tracey Bence  
Dr Renee Carey  
Mr Liam O'Brien

10:00am - 10:30am

**Awards Presentation**

10:30am - 11:00am

Morning Tea and Exhibition

11:00am - 12:30pm

**Concurrent Session 4**

12:30pm - 1:15pm

Lunch and Exhibition

1:15pm - 2:45pm

**Concurrent Session 5**

2:45pm - 3:15pm

Afternoon Tea and Exhibition

3:15pm - 4:10pm

**Closing Plenary**

Think Tank Winner presentation

**Keynote Speakers:**

Professor Caroline Miller  
Ms Michelle Isles

**Conference Close**

Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin

**End of Conference**