

2022 AAMRI ANNUAL CONVENTION

29 & 30 NOVEMBER

QT Canberra
1 London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601



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AAMRI would like to acknowledge to the Traditional Custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal people, on whose land we meet for our 2022 Annual Convention. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and region.

AAMRI MEMBERS



WELCOME FROM PROFESSOR KATHRYN NORTH AC, AAMRI PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2022 AAMRI Convention – our busiest and biggest Convention yet, and our first in-person Convention since 2019.

The interest and enthusiasm we've experienced is a clear indication of how ready we all are to be meeting again. It is a credit to our sector that we have continued to have these annual meetings, and other key networking events, through periods of lockdowns and isolation. We know how to pivot, as displayed so well during the past two years when we have turned our research to identification, prevention, diagnosis, public health advice and treatment of COVID-19.

During the next two days I'm especially excited to be discussing the future and turning our minds to big picture issues. I'll be chairing a session on a potential new bigger iteration of AAMRI (see page 8 in the program) and am intrigued to hear what you think AAMRI could be doing for its members.

I'm looking forward to two days of robust conversation, informative presentations, lively debates and networking – something AAMRI has always delivered well!



INTRODUCTION FROM DR SARAID BILLIARDS, AAMRI CEO

It has been exciting to step into the role of CEO at AAMRI since August this year, and what better way to hear from our members than at our annual Convention.

While compiling the program for this year's Convention with the AAMRI team, I've seen it as a good opportunity to tackle some of the long-standing issues for our sector – workforce models, research integrity, gender equity and the need for a new health and medical research strategy – to name a few.

It is always in the forefront of my mind that AAMRI needs to be advocating for progression in such a large range of areas to ensure our medical research institutes can continue doing what they do best. By working together with government and progressing these ideas, we will hopefully continue to see the positive policy changes AAMRI has achieved in the past.

I'm looking forward to meeting and working with you all.



2022 AAMRI CONVENTION PROGRAM AT A GLANCE










TUESDAY 29 NOV	AAMRI CONVENTION DAY ONE	
9.00am	AAMRI CONVENTION REGISTRATION OPENS QT Canberra, 1 London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601	
10.00am-11.15am	POLICY AND STRATEGY MORNING SESSIONS <i>Eureka Room</i>	Page 7
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3.00pm-3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA <i>Eureka Room</i>	
3.30pm-4.45pm	POLICY AND STRATEGY AFTERNOON SESSIONS (CONT.) <i>Eureka Room</i>	
5.30pm-6.30pm	MRI BOARD MEMBER AND DIRECTOR PRE-DINNER DRINKS Cahoots Bar, QT Hotel	
6.30pm	COURTESY COACH FROM QT HOTEL TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE Depart from QT Hotel (main entrance)	
7.00pm-10.00pm	2022 AAMRI ANNUAL DINNER The Great Hall, Parliament House Guest speaker: The Hon Emma McBride MP, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Sponsored by CSL	Page 14
10.15pm	COURTESY COACH FROM PARLIAMENT HOUSE TO QT HOTEL Depart from Parliament House (underground carpark)	
WEDNESDAY 30 NOV	AAMRI CONVENTION DAY TWO	
7.45am-8.45am	AAMRI PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST <i>Eureka Room</i> , QT Canberra, 1 London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 Guest speaker: The Hon Anne Ruston, Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care	Page 15
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3.30pm-4.10pm	OPERATIONS AFTERNOON SESSIONS (CONT.) <i>Eureka Room</i>	
4.10pm-4.15pm	CLOSE OF AAMRI CONVENTION	

AAMRI NETWORKS: CONNECTING AND SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

Our members often face common challenges that are specific to medical research institutes. AAMRI Networks provide forums for ongoing, open discussion and sharing of ideas among institutes and their professionals.

Communication across the networks is facilitated by AAMRI through private email groups to connect and support our members. Each network has the opportunity to organise an annual networking event to meet in person.

CURRENT AAMRI NETWORKS

	Finance Network: Connecting finance managers working at AAMRI member institutes. The network discusses regulatory and policy issues affecting the sector.
	Fundraising and Philanthropy Network: Connecting Fundraisers, Development Managers, Foundation CEO's, Philanthropy professionals, Marketing specialist and Communications specialist to discuss donor management, benchmarking, experiences and key issues in the medical research sector.
	Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (GEDI) Network: Connecting members with an interest in advancing gender equality, diversity and inclusion in the medical research sector to discuss major issues and how institutes and the sector are seeking to address them.
	HR Managers Network: Connecting human resources managers and senior professionals working in human resources (people and culture) at AAMRI member institutes. An annual HR Managers event is usually held in March.
	IT Network: Connecting Chief Information Officers, IT Managers and other senior IT professionals at AAMRI member institutes. An annual event is usually held in September.
	Legal Counsel Network: Connecting legal professionals in a confidential setting to discuss key medical research topics and issues. This network is for those working as internal legal counsel for AAMRI member institutes.
	Research Administration Officers (RAO) Network: Connecting Research Administration Officers and other professionals involved in grant administration at AAMRI member institutes.
	Research Governance and Strategy Network: Connecting professional and support professionals directly responsible for managing and executing institute strategic activities in research management and development at AAMRI member institutes. This also includes Animal Research Ethics and Human Research Ethics.
	Research Impact: This Network is set up to support the creation of a Framework for the AAMRI Research Impact Project, as well as facilitate conversation and assist those working on research impact within AAMRI member institutes.

HOW TO JOIN AN AAMRI NETWORK

If you work at an AAMRI member institute, you can join one or more of our networks by filling in the form on our website at www.aamri.org.au/members/aamri-mri-networks or emailing communications@aamri.org.au.

AAMRI CONVENTION DAY ONE: POLICY & STRATEGY

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 10.00AM-4.45PM

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9.00am	Registration opens	
10.00am-10.10am	Opening address	Professor Kathryn North AC, AAMRI President and Director, Murdoch Children's Research Institute
10.10am-10.15am	Welcome to Country	Serena Williams, Program Manager at Women's Legal Centre ACT, proud Ngunnawal - Wiradjuri woman and Traditional Custodian
10.15am-10.45am	Managing the use of animals in medical research: an international perspective	<p>Chair Professor Peter Schofield AO, CEO, Neuroscience Research Australia</p> <p>Presenter Kirk Leech, Executive Director, European Animal Research Association</p>
10.45am-11.15am	AAMRI research impact framework	<p>Chair Professor Elizabeth Hartland, Director and CEO, Hudson Institute of Medical Research</p> <p>Presenters and panel members Ken Knight, Research Impact Manager, Murdoch Children's Research Institute Dr Shanthi Ramanathan, Health Research Economics Impact Assessment Specialist, Hunter Medical Research Institute</p>
11.15am-11.45am	<i>Morning tea</i>	
11.45am-12.30pm	Developing and implementing a new health and medical research workforce model	<p>Chair Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM, Executive Director, Telethon Kids Institute</p> <p>Presenters and panel members Dr Emma Burrows, Head of Translational Behaviour Laboratory, The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM, Executive Director, Telethon Kids Institute Professor Sir John Savill, Executive Director of the Melbourne Academic Centre for Health</p>
12.40pm-1.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.30pm-2.15pm	Establishing a National Office for Research Integrity	<p>Chair Professor Fabienne Mackay, Director and CEO, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute</p> <p>Presenter and panel members Emeritus Professor Ian Chubb AC, Australian Academy of Science Peter Collins, Head Ethics and Integrity (Specialist), WEHI Professor Nicholas Fisk AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, University of New South Wales</p>

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 10.00AM-4.45PM

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2.15pm-3.00pm	AAMRI 2.0 – what could a bigger and better AAMRI deliver for its members?	<p>Chair and presenter Professor Kathryn North AC, AAMRI President and Director, Murdoch Children's Research Institute</p> <p>Panel members Professor Elizabeth Hartland, Director and CEO, Hudson Institute of Medical Research Professor Natasha Harvey, Director, Centre for Cancer Biology Professor Jason Kovacic, Executive Director, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Professor Graham Mann, Director, John Curtin School of Medical Research</p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
3.30pm-4.00pm	Why is a new health and medical research strategy needed?	<p>Chair and presenter Professor Kathryn North AC, AAMRI President and Director, Murdoch Children's Research Institute</p> <p>Panel members Professor Jason Kovacic, Executive Director, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Professor Steve Wesselingh, Executive Director, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute</p>
4.00pm-4.35pm	Reflections on the NHMRC Grant Program – and what's next	<p>Chair Professor Alison Venn, Director, Menzies Institute for Medical Research</p> <p>Presenter Professor Anne Kelso AO, Chief Executive Officer, National Health and Medical Research Council</p>
4.35pm-4.45pm	Brief overview of the day	Professor Kathryn North AC, AAMRI President and Director, Murdoch Children's Research Institute
4.45pm	Close	
5.30pm-6.30pm	MRI Board Member and Director Pre-Dinner Drinks	Cahoots Bar, QT Hotel
7.00pm-10.00pm	2022 AAMRI Annual Dinner	The Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra

AAMRI CONVENTION DAY ONE: MEET OUR SPEAKERS



Dr Emma Burrows

Head of Translational
Behaviour Laboratory
The Florey Institute of
Neuroscience and Mental
Health

Dr Emma Burrows is neuroscientist at The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health and leads a team aiming to improve diagnosis and treatment of conditions that impact cognition in humans, from autism spectrum disorder to dementia.

Her team's vision is to bridge the gap in translation between animal model systems and clinical research, with the overall aim to deliver real outcomes for people with complex brain conditions. Dr Burrows is an advocate of equity and systems reform in STEMM more broadly and leads local and national efforts to change the culture of academia to one where more people can thrive.

She is a past board director of Women in STEMM Australia, current and co-founding member of Women in Science Parkville Precinct and executive member of the EMCR forum.



**Professor Jonathan
Carapetis AM**

Executive Director
Telethon Kids Institute

Professor Carapetis is Executive Director of the Telethon Kids Institute in Perth, Western Australia, a Professor at The University of Western Australia, and a consultant paediatrician at Perth Children's Hospital. Previous positions include President, AAMRI; Director, Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin; and Theme Director, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne.

In 2018, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his significant contribution to medical research. His research interests include rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease, other group A streptococcal diseases, vaccine-preventable disease, Aboriginal child health, child and youth health, development and education, and skin sores and scabies.



**Emeritus Professor Ian
Chubb AC**

Australian Academy of
Science

Emeritus Professor Ian Chubb was Chief Scientist for Australia 2011 – 2016. Prior to that, he held a number of Vice-Chancellor and deputy Vice-Chancellor positions at the Australian National University, Flinders University of South Australia, Monash University and the University of Wollongong. He has been awarded six honorary doctorates.

In 1999 Professor Chubb was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) and a Companion (AC) in the order in 2006. He was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2001, and was ACT's Australian of the Year in 2011. He was Awarded the Academy Medal of the Australian Academy of Science in 2016 and elected Fellow of the Academy in 2017.



Peter Collins

Head Ethics and Integrity
(Specialist)
WEHI

Peter Collins is the head of ethics and integrity (specialist) at WEHI. He is a former Board member at WEHI, a former head of the national Centre for Ethical leadership, has conducted investigations for Victoria's anti-corruption commission (IBAC) into police corruption as well as a former adviser to a Federal Minister for Health.

Peter is finishing a D. Phil at Oxford on ethics in a health care context and is a regular lecturer at Oxford and business schools in Europe.



Professor Nicholas Fisk AM

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
University of New South Wales

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Professor Nicholas Fisk, AM FAHMS FRCOG FRSN is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Enterprise), overseeing UNSW Sydney's research performance, income, strategy, training, commercialisation and entrepreneurship.

He has served in leadership roles in a number of international and national organisations, including as President of the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Association of Academic Health Centers International, and Chair of the Go8 Deans of Medicine Committee. He is a Board Member of Research Australia, a Council member of SPHERE (Sydney Partnership for Health, Education, Research & Enterprise) and chairs the Go8 DVCR Committee and NewSouth Innovations.



Professor Elizabeth Hartland

Director and CEO
Hudson Institute of Medical Research

Professor Elizabeth Hartland is the Director and CEO of Hudson Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne and Head of the Department of Molecular and Translational Science at Monash University. She is a leading Australian microbiologist with a research interest in defining the strategies used by pathogenic bacteria to evade immune detection. She was an inaugural Australian Research Council Future Fellow at the University of Melbourne and subsequently held key leadership positions at the Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity and the University of Melbourne.

She is a current member of NHMRC Council (2021-2024), member of the Australian Association of Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI) Board and Chair of VicAAMRI.



Professor Natasha Harvey

Director
Centre for Cancer Biology

Professor Natasha Harvey is Director of the Centre for Cancer Biology. Natasha received her PhD in cell and molecular biology from the University of Adelaide and undertook postdoctoral training in developmental biology at St Jude Children's Research Hospital, USA. During her postdoctoral training, Natasha's studies focussed on embryonic lymphatic vascular development and in particular, defining the role of the homeobox transcription factor PROX1 in programming cell identity during development.

Natasha returned to Adelaide in 2005 to establish her independent research program at the Centre for Cancer Biology. Her work aims to understand how the lymphatic vasculature is constructed during development and how this process "goes wrong" in human pathologies including cancer, vascular malformations and lymphoedema.



Professor Anne Kelso AO

Chief Executive Officer
National Health and Medical Research Council

Following her PhD at the University of Melbourne, Professor Kelso undertook research in immunology at the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research, WEHI and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. From 2000-2006, she was Director/CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre for Vaccine Technology, then Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza from 2007 until her role with NHMRC in 2015. She was appointed Officer in the Order of Australia in June 2007 for service to science.

Professor Kelso is a member of several Government and international committees, including the Australian Medical Research Advisory Board, Board of the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases and the Board of Trustees of the International Human Frontier Science Program Organization.



Ken Knight
Research Impact Manager
Murdoch Children's
Research Institute

Ken Knight is a leader, practice specialist and educator in the fields of research impact, engagement and knowledge translation (KT). He is Research Impact Manager at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, where he leads an award-winning program to build capacity, capability and an enabling culture for research impact and engagement. He holds an Honorary research role in the Department of Paediatrics at The University of Melbourne, where he teaches approaches to KT, engagement and impact.

Ken is Co-Chair of AAMRI's Impact Working Group and Community of Practice and was part of the team that established the first Research Impact Framework for the Australian health and medical research institute sector.



Professor Jason Kovacic
Executive Director
Victor Chang Cardiac
Research Institute

Jason Kovacic graduated from The University of Melbourne Medical School in 1994 and undertook residency and cardiology specialty training at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. Jason completed a PhD at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, before relocating to the USA and undertaking a postdoctoral fellowship at the NIH. He also established a large clinical practice as an interventional and clinical cardiologist.

In early 2020, Jason became Executive Director of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute. He currently holds the positions of the Robert M. Graham Chair and Professor of Cardiovascular Research at University of New South Wales, and continues his appointment as Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, USA.



Kirk Leech
Executive Director
European Animal
Research Association

Kirk is the Executive Director of the European Animal Research Association (EARA), a communications and advocacy organisation whose mission is to uphold the interests of biomedical research and healthcare development.

Kirk is a regular writer and presenter with over 500 articles and appearances on television and radio.

Previously he worked in government affairs for the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry and Understanding Animal Research. Before UAR Kirk acted as a consultant for the White House Writers Group a strategic communications consultancy based in Washington, DC. Prior to this Kirk worked in the eastern tribal areas of Gujarat India on influencing public opinion on the economic benefits of the Narmada dam and in opposing the imposition of wildlife sanctuaries on tribal land.



Professor Fabienne Mackay
Director and CEO
QIMR Berghofer Medical
Research Institute

Professor Fabienne Mackay is the Director and CEO of QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute. She was the inaugural Head of the School of Biomedical Sciences and Head of the Department of Pathology in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, at the University of Melbourne since 2015. She was elected as a Fellow of AAHMS in 2016.

Professor Fabienne Mackay served six years on the prestigious Medical Advisory Board of the Gairdner Foundation in Canada. She is on the board of AAMRI and Health Translation Queensland, and on the Council of AAHMS and on the NHMRC research committee. Her research relates to autoimmune diseases such as lupus and leukemia. She is the world's most highly cited scientist in the BAFF (B cell activating factor) field.



Professor Graham Mann
Director
John Curtin School of
Medical Research

Professor Graham Mann joined the John Curtin School of Medical Research in 2019, bringing a national and international reputation in basic and translational cancer research. After graduating in Medicine and training in medical oncology, he studied cell proliferation and established himself at the Westmead campus of Sydney Medical School as a full-time researcher in cancer genetics focussing on familial melanoma.

Graham helped develop and lead signature genetic epidemiology projects such as the Australian Melanoma Family Study, the international GenoMEL consortium and the Australian kConFab breast cancer genetics consortium. He initiated and co-led the Australian Melanoma Genome Project, the MelCOR Australian Clinical Outcomes Register project, and the ACRF Centre for Excellence in Melanoma Diagnosis project. He has contributed to the National Centre for Indigenous Genomics as its interim Director since 2020.



Professor Kathryn North AC
President, AAMRI
Director, Murdoch Children's
Research Institute

Professor Kathryn North AC is Director of the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the David Danks Professor of Child Health Research at The University of Melbourne. In 2020, she joined the Board AAMRI as President-Elect. She is trained as a physician, neurologist and clinical geneticist, and is a national and international leader in Genomic medicine.

In 2014, Professor North was appointed as Co-Chair of the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health and she leads the NHMRC-funded Australian Genomics Health Alliance. She chaired the NHMRC Committee from 2012-2018, and the International Advisory Board of the Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health (UK) since 2015. She is a member of the Board of the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre. In 2014, she was appointed as a Foundation Fellow of the Academy of Health and Medical Sciences, and in 2020 joined the Academy's Board.



Dr Shanthi Ramanathan
Health Research,
Economics Impact
Assessment Specialist
Hunter Medical Research
Institute

Shanthi Ramanathan is a leading research impact and research impact assessment practitioner in Australia. She is the Research Impact Lead at the Hunter Medical Research Institute and a conjoint academic with the University of Newcastle's College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing.

She leads a team who apply the comprehensive Framework to Assess the Impact of Translational Health research to local, national and international research projects, programs, research collaboratives and funding schemes; build impact and translation literacy, capability and culture both at HMRI and beyond, and work with funders to embed impact planning and evaluation into their various grant schemes. She has authored over 10 peer-reviewed publications, facilitated 25 workshops and delivered 24 presentations to over 1,900 researchers, clinicians, policymakers and consumers. Shanthi is Co-Chair of AAMRI's Impact Working Group and Community of Practice.



Professor Sir John Savill
Executive Director
Melbourne Academic
Centre for Health

John Savill has been Executive Director of the Melbourne Academic Centre for Health (MACH) since July 2019, having served in the UK as an honorary consultant in renal and acute medicine from 1990 to 2018. In 1998 he set up and became the first Director of the University of Edinburgh/Medical Research Council Centre for Inflammation Research. In 2017 he was appointed to the Regius Chair of Medical Science by HM The Queen, an appointment he still holds part-time.

He was a member of the Medical Research Council from 2002 to 2008 and chaired two Research Boards. Between 2006 and 2008 he chaired the international panel that established NIHR Biomedical Research Translation Centres across England, with a five-year budget approaching £1bn. He was knighted in the 2008 New Year's Honours List for services to clinical science.



Professor Peter Schofield
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 CEO
 Neuroscience Research
 Australia

Professor Peter Schofield has served as CEO of Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA) since 2004, as an AAMRI Board member since 2019 and is the inaugural Chair of the NSW Chapter of AAMRI. He presented the AAMRI submission and gave evidence to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry on the use of animals in medical research which was held in May 2022.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2019 for distinguished service to medical and scientific research in the field of neuroscience, and to professional institutions.



Distinguished Professor Alison Venn
 Director
 Menzies Institute for
 Medical Research

Professor Alison Venn is an epidemiologist with research interests in chronic disease, cancer and reproductive health. She is Director of the Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania, and a member of the AAMRI Board and NHMRC Council.



Professor Steve Wesselingh
 Executive Director
 South Australian Health
 and Medical Research
 Institute

In 2011, Professor Wesselingh took up the position as the inaugural Executive Director of the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). He is Chair of the NHMRC Research Committee and Director NHMRC Council and President of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences Limited (AAHMS).

Professor Wesselingh is an Infectious Diseases Physician and researcher in HIV, vaccine development and the impact of the microbiome on human health. He was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University, from 2007-2011. Prior to taking up the Deanship, he was Director of the Burnet Institute.



Serena Williams
 Program Manager at
 Women's Legal Centre ACT
 Ngunnawal – Wiradjuri

Ms Serena Williams is a proud Ngunnawal - Wiradjuri woman, a Traditional Custodian and has lived in Canberra all her life. She is heavily involved in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and organisations in the ACT and surrounding regions such as the Ngambri Aboriginal Land Council, ACSRA Aboriginal Communities Sporting and Recreational Activities, Munjuwa Aboriginal Cooperation for Housing and Health and Burringiri Aboriginal Corporation for Cultural and Arts.

Serena is Founder & Chair of the Harold "Crow" Williams Memorial Rugby League Knockout Association. She is very passionate about education in the prevention of Family Violence and was the National Indigenous Program Coordinator for Lifeline Australia. She also significantly contributed to the development and the review of the National Accredited DV-alert training for the Indigenous program.

2022 AAMRI ANNUAL DINNER

Tuesday 29 November

PROGRAM

MC	Ms Tegan Taylor ABC Health and Science reporter, Radio and Podcast Co-host
7.15pm	Dinner proceedings commence
7.20pm	Entrée
7.35pm	Welcome Professor Kathryn North AC, AAMRI President
7.45pm	A message from the event sponsor Dr Michael Wilson, Vice President, Research, CSL
7.50pm	Main course
8.05pm	Guest speaker The Hon Emma McBride MP, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health
8.15pm	CSL Florey Medal & CSL Florey Next Generation Award Presentation Mr Peter McMahon, Board Member, Australian Institute of Policy and Science
8.35pm	Cheese and coffee
8.40pm	MC hosts Q&A session between CSL Florey Medalist and CSL Florey Next Generation Finalists
9.00pm	Conclusion of official proceedings
10.00pm	Guest departure



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2022 AAMRI PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday 30 November

PROGRAM

MC	Professor Kathryn North AC, AAMRI President
7.45am	Breakfast
8.15am	Welcome Professor Kathryn North AC, AAMRI President
8.20am	Guest speaker Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care
8.55am	Conclusion of official proceedings
9.00am	Breakfast concludes

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AAMRI CONVENTION DAY TWO: AGM AND OPERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 9.30AM-4.10PM

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7.45am-9.00am	President's Breakfast <i>Eureka Room</i>	
9.15am	AGM Registration Opens	
9.30am	AAMRI AGM <i>Eureka Room</i>	
10.45am-11.15am	<i>Morning tea</i>	
11.15am-11.20am	Opening address	Dr Saraïd Billiards, CEO, AAMRI
11.20am-12.05pm	AAMRI Gender Equity diversity and Inclusion (GEDI) Strategy and Action Plan – Respect in Research update	<p>Chair Professor Maxine Morand AM, Board Chair, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre</p> <p>Presenters Niamh Joyce, Senior Policy Officer, Women In Science Parkville Precinct Susan Kenna, Senior Policy Officer, Women In Science Parkville Precinct</p> <p>Panel members Professor John Carroll, Director, Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute Louise Johansson, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, WEHI Niamh Joyce, Senior Policy Officer, Women In Science Parkville Precinct Susan Kenna, Senior Policy Officer, Women In Science Parkville Precinct</p>
12.05pm-12.35pm	It's all about DCTs but what does this mean for enabling clinical research and the consumer perspective?	<p>Chair Professor Tom Kay, Director, St Vincent's Institute</p> <p>Presenter Anne Woollett, Clinical Trials Director, Trial Hub, Alfred Health</p> <p>Panel members Professor Bruce Neal, Executive Director, The George Institute Anne Woollett, Clinical Trials Director, Trial Hub, Alfred Health</p>
12.35pm-1.15pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.15pm-1.45pm	Reducing waste in medical research institutes	<p>Chair Andie Beattie, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, WEHI</p> <p>Presenters and panel members Andie Beattie, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, WEHI Mariana Corrales, Lab Manager, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre</p>
1.45pm-2.30pm	Cyber security challenges in the medical research sector	<p>Chair Jon Rhoades, IT Manager, St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research</p> <p>Presenters and panel members Ashley Jones, Cybersecurity Executive, Razilio Jon Rhoades, IT Manager, St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research</p>
2.30pm-3.00pm	Measuring philanthropy: outcomes of the first AAMRI philanthropy and fundraising survey	<p>Chair Deborah Carr, Head of Philanthropy, WEHI</p> <p>Presenter Leigh Page, Vice President, CCS Fundraising</p>

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3.00pm-3.30pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
3.30pm-4.00pm	Enterprise bargaining: the good, the bad and the ugly	Chair Elizabeth McMahon, Chief People Officer, WEHI Presenters and panel members Elizabeth McMahon, Chief People Officer, WEHI Jane Farmer, Chief Human Resources Officer, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute Belinda Pelle, Head of People and Culture, Hudson Institute of Medical Research
4.00pm-4.10pm	Convention wrap-up	Dr Saraïd Billiards, CEO, AAMRI
4.10pm	Close	

AAMRI CONVENTION DAY TWO: MEET OUR SPEAKERS



Andie Beattie
Environmental Sustainability
Coordinator WEHI

Andie Beattie is the convenor of AAMRI's Environmental Sustainability Working Group. She is a founding member of WEHI's Environmental Management and Sustainability Committee and has recently taken on the role of Sustainability Coordinator to drive the implementation of the institute's first Environmental Management and Sustainability Strategy.

Early projects have included the delivery of a comprehensive waste audit, data gathering for a current greenhouse gas audit and a multi-site LED lighting upgrade.

Andie is enlisting her background in communications, stakeholder engagement and project management to support WEHI's ambitious commitment to identify and achieve meaningful emissions reductions and approaches to waste management, and to progress the institute towards carbon neutrality.



Dr Saraid Billiards
CEO
AAMRI

Saraid joined AAMRI as CEO in August 2022. Dr Billiards joins AAMRI most recently from the Australian Government's Department of Health where she was a Director in the Health and Medical Research Office for the past three years. Her previous experience working at the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) gives her direct experience working in Australia's largest funding agencies.

Saraid oversees all aspects of AAMRI's activities, including operations, government and stakeholder relations, member services, and medical research policy and strategy.



Deborah Carr
Head of Philanthropy
WEHI

Deborah Carr joined WEHI as Head of Philanthropy in December 2019. Prior to this, Deborah's fundraising roles included Executive Director, Advancement at Western Sydney University, Director of Development at Parramatta Mission, Fundraising and Communications Manager at ParaQuad NSW and Event Manager at Foodbank NSW.

Before 'accidentally falling' into the world of fundraising and philanthropy in 2007, Deborah worked in corporate communications and marketing roles in the finance, retail and building sectors. Deborah is an enthusiastic member of the Asia Pacific Advisory Council for CASE, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, is a faculty member for the CASE Asia Pacific Institute in Educational Fundraising, and is a member of the AAMRI Fundraising and Philanthropy Network's Benchmarking Committee.



Professor John Carroll
Director
Monash Biomedicine
Discovery Institute

John is a globally-recognised expert on female reproduction, infertility and oocyte (egg) and embryo development. His research focuses on understanding the mechanisms of oocyte development, maturation and fertilization in mammals, with a view to improve fertility and prevent miscarriage.

In 2018, John presented to an Australian Senate Select Committee advocating for legislative change, so babies in Australia do not suffer with mitochondrial disease. John's work has been published in several leading journals, including Nature Cell Biology, Science, Developmental Cell, Development and Journal of Cell Biology.

Alongside this role at Dean of the Sub-Faculty of Biomedical Sciences, John is the Director of the Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute (BDI), one of Australia's largest biomedical research institutes, focused on finding solutions for global health issues. John continues to help influence a thriving, gender-equitable research sector as Chair of Monash Athena SWAN committee. John also holds positions on the EMBL Australian Council and the Reproductive Health Australia steering group.

Prior to joining Monash in 2012, John held academic positions at University College London (UCL), including Head of Physiology and Associate Dean and Director of the Division of Biosciences.

John holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Queensland and a PhD from the University of Adelaide.



Mariana Corrales

Lab Manager
Peter MacCallum Cancer
Centre

Mariana is a Laboratory Manager and the Eco Chair of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre's Research Environmental Sustainability Committee – Green Labs.

During her time as Green Labs Eco Chair she has trained numerous Green Champions to drive sustainability initiatives within their local laboratories and introduced the University College London's Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework – an internationally recognised online benchmarking toolkit enabling research groups to measure their environmentally sustainable actions. Mariana has also led the introduction of the soft plastics recycling stream at Peter Mac which has diverted over 300,000 litres of waste from landfill since its introduction in 2020.



Jane Farmer

Chief People Officer
QIMR Berghofer Medical
Research Institute

Jane is an experienced People and Culture executive with extensive experience in the Higher Education sector and more recently within Medical Research. Jane's background and expertise is in organisational development, equity and diversity, workplace and industrial relations. Her key areas of interest are in leadership development, coaching and employee engagement.

Jane has significant experience in leading strategic cultural change initiatives, she has successfully negotiated a number of Enterprise Agreements and has led the implementation of numerous leadership programs for employees at all levels of the organisation from future leaders to executive leaders. A passionate advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion she has led the initiation and development of a range equity and diversity strategies and programs including a number of development programs for women.



Louise Johansson

Diversity and Inclusion
Manager
WEHI

Louise is the inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Manager at WEHI. She provides leadership for the design, development and implementation of WEHI's diversity and inclusion strategy with a current focus on gender equality, reconciliation, and LGBTQIA+ inclusion. Louise also led WEHI's successful application to the SAGE Athena Swan accreditation program and received the Bronze Award in 2018.

Prior to joining WEHI, Louise lived and worked in England for 10 years and held senior policy and advocacy positions in two influential statutory equality bodies – the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Equality and Human Rights Commission.



Ashley Jones

Cybersecurity Executive
Razilio

Ashley is a proven and pragmatic cyber security executive who has a reputation for leading and delivering cyber security at scale. Having worked across Australia as well as in the United States, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom — Ashley has led reputable security teams for some of the world's leading financial services companies. In his most recent role as Global Head of BizSec Enablement at Macquarie Group he leveraged this experience to continually evolve and innovate security practices and culture to keep pace with an evolving threat environment.

Ashley is currently the founder and director of the Sydney based cybersecurity consultancy, Razilio. His qualifications include: B.A, B.Info.Sys, M.Comp.Sec, CISSP, SABSA.



Niamh Joyce
Senior Policy Officer
Women In Science
Parkville Precinct

Niamh started work on the Respect in Research Project – a WiSPP initiative in February 2022. She has worked as a solicitor and legal officer in the community legal center sector in NSW for 4+ years. Niamh has a Bachelor of Law (Honours) and International Studies (Distinction).

She has generalist solicitor practice experience, including working on matters ranging from NSW local court criminal matters to the Full Federal Court of Australia, interstate jurisdictions, and collaborative law and policy reform processes. She has a particular interest in gender and sexuality law, employment rights for temporary visa holders and law and policy reform processes which are led by lived experience advocacy.



Professor Tom Kay
Director
St Vincent's Institute

Tom Kay is Director of St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research in Fitzroy and an Honorary Professorial Fellow at The University of Melbourne. He trained in endocrinology and clinical immunology. His research is focused on the pathogenesis and immunotherapy of type 1 diabetes including clinical islet transplantation, and mechanism-based treatments early in the course of diabetes.

He is the principal investigator of the Bandit trial, a phase 2 clinical trial of baricitinib to preserve beta cell function in new onset type 1 diabetes, and Chair of the Australian Type 1 Diabetes Immunotherapy Collaborative.



Susan Kenna
Senior Policy Officer
Women In Science
Parkville Precinct

Susan commenced with WiSPP in 2022 to work on the Respect in Research Project – a framework for preventing and responding to sexual harassment in the health and medical research sector. AAMRI and WiSPP are partners in this project. Susan holds a degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Industrial and Employee Relations.

Susan has an extensive history in the trade union movement working as a National Industrial Officer and Senior Policy Officer, with a particular interest in female dominated industries, work value and gender pay equity. She also worked as a Research Officer at the Australian Council of Trade Unions [ACTU]. Susan went on to work in the finance sector and more recently, with academic and professional staff in universities.



Elizabeth McMahon
Chief People Officer
WEHI

Elizabeth is a Human Resources Executive with more than 20 years' experience in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Before joining WEHI she held a senior HR role at the University of Melbourne, which came after nine years in HR leadership positions at a top Australian law firm.

Since 2017, Elizabeth has led the People and Culture team at WEHI, helping to shape a culture of discovery and collaboration where staff and students thrive. As a medical research institute, it is incredibly important that WEHI attracts and maintains not only Australia's but the world's brightest minds. WEHI prides itself on its culture of diversity and inclusion and this is exemplified by our commitment in areas such as reconciliation, gender equity, and the LGBTQIA+ community.



Professor Maxine Morand AM

Board Chair
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Professor Morand is chair of the AAMRI Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, established in July 2020, and Professorial Fellow at Monash University in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

She is a former Victorian Government Minister with a background in health, cancer research, health policy and NFP management. During her eight years in Parliament, Maxine served in a range of senior government positions including Parliamentary Secretary for Health, then Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development, and Minister for Women's Affairs. Maxine is a passionate advocate for women's equality of opportunity and led major legislative reform in women's health.

Maxine served as CEO of Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) between 2011 and 2014. Maxine was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer in 2011, giving her personal insight into the impact and management of a cancer diagnosis.



Professor Bruce Neal

Executive Director
The George Institute

Bruce Neal is Professor of Medicine at UNSW Sydney and Executive Director of The George Institute Australia. Bruce has broad-based clinical and public health research expertise with a strong focus on the translation of research findings into enhanced care and better policies.

He has particular experience in the fields of high blood pressure and diabetes and has played lead roles in multiple large-scale clinical trials. He has helped to design the Join Us research register for Australia with a view to transforming community engagement in medical research.



Leigh Page

Vice President
CCS Fundraising

Leigh Page, Senior Vice President, CCS Fundraising, has over 15 years of experience in campaign strategy and fundraising within higher education, healthcare, cultural, public policy, conservation and international organizations. Her areas of expertise include organisational structure and strategy, campaign development, principal gift strategy, board management, fundraising operations, prospect and data management and donor cultivation.

In 2019, Leigh worked with Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation to design and launch a campaign plan to raise \$60M in private philanthropic support to build new hospitals in Westmead and Randwick. Since 2020, Leigh has served as the on-site campaign counsel for the University of New South Wales Campaign to raise \$650 million for university strategic priorities. In mid-2020, Leigh served as interim chief development officer, leading the university's fundraising team to surpass the 50% raised campaign threshold on schedule.



Belinda Pelle

Head of People and Culture
Hudson Institute of Medical Research

Belinda is an experienced (15+ years) and Certified (CPHR) Human Resources Professional with a demonstrated history and proven track record in driving, and influencing a positive culture and building employee engagement.

She has demonstrated experience in HR strategic planning, Business Partnering, EBA negotiations, Training and Development, Project Management, Policy Development, Employee Relations, and Staff Management. She is a passionate advocate for the mental health and wellbeing of staff.

Belinda is the current Chair of the Victorian Equity and Inclusion Committee, Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) and national finalist for the AHRI HR Practitioner of the Year Award 2022.



Jon Rhoades

IT Manager

St Vincent's Institute of
Medical Research

Jon is the IT and Cyber Security manager for St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research (SVI), which he joined nearly 15 years ago. Recently he has been driving SVI's Cyber Security review and formulating SVI's Cyber Program for the next five years.

Originally from Brighton in the UK, he moved with his family to Melbourne for the weather. Jon has a Bachelors in Biochemistry from The University of York, a Master's Degree in IT and is a Certified IT Security Manager.



Anne Woollett

Clinical Trials Director,
Trial Hub

Alfred Health

Anne is Director of Clinical trials Trial Hub at the Alfred, responsible for the establishment of the TrialHub Directorate and development and implementation of the federally funded TrialHub initiative to improve access and participation in clinical trials for people in outer metropolitan regional and rural communities, and oversight and harmonisation of clinical trials at The Alfred. Anne has over 25 years' experience working in oncology clinical trials including clinical trials development, processes and governance at local, state and national levels.

She has worked in and with many different governance structures including networks, multi-service collative ventures and academic health centres as well as commercial and investigator-led research including Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, University of Melbourne, The Australian & New Zealand Urogenital and Prostate, Cancer Trials Group, the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance, Peter Mac Callum and Barwon Health.

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