



Public Health Association
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Australian Public Health Conference 2026

‘Transforming healthier futures:
systems, solutions and solidarity’

Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 September 2026
Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention Centre,
Geelong/Wadawurrung Country, VIC

Printable Program

Last Updated 10 September 2026



Session Chair: Mariam Hachem

- Welcome to Country - Wadawurrung Traditional Owner, Corrina Eccles - Mok Booreeyn Bagoork
- Conference Welcome - Prof. Caroline Miller - PHAA President
- Opening Ministerial Address - Hon. Rebecca White MP - Assistant Minister for Women | Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care | Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health

Title	Speakers	Format
S1 K1 - Tackling the anti-health of weapons and war	Assoc. Prof. Tilman Ruff AO	Keynote Presentation
S1 K2 - The impact of the Gambling Industry on Australian Health	Reverend Tim Costello AO	Keynote Presentation

10:30am– 11:00am	Upper Foyer	Morning Tea & Exhibition
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1A - Enhancing Equity through Engagement

Date Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair Wechkunanukul, Professor
Hannah

Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Title	Speakers	Format
Primary Care Providers’ Perspectives on Preconception Care for African Women in Victoria	Mr Beyene Adhena	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Learning with students: student partnership, inclusive teaching and professional growth	Dr Neetu Abey George Mrs Sam Geddes	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Systems, Solidarity and Self-Reflection: Organisational Transformation for Health Equity	Ms Liss Gabb	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Australian women’s menopause experiences shaped by midlife pressures	Mrs Katrina Wood	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Mapping services and gaps in substance use support post-release from prison	Dr Jessica Kamar	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Beyond Engagement: Advancing Equity in Co-Design with Young People from Priority Populations	Miss Natasha Anandaraj	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Barriers and Enablers of Preconception Care Use Among African Women in Victoria	Mr Beyene Adhena	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Food insecurity in Australia: actor’s perspectives and implications for policy and practice	Dr Kate Wingrove	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Socioeconomic disadvantage and ischaemic heart disease hospitalisation in Victoria	Mr Adam Cooper	Accepted - Pre-recorded Long Oral

1B - Sustainable Healthy Communities

Date Tuesday, September 15, 2026 *Time* 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair Sinclair, Mr Craig

Room Darrwal Room A

Title	Speakers	Format
Preliminary findings from Map My Food	Dr Cindy Needham	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Sustainment of policy-driven healthy food retail practices in Australian public settings	Ms Bettina Backman	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
A system model of factors affecting sustainment of health-promoting food retail strategies	Miss Anne Barrow	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
A community-led readiness assessment matrix for First Nations local food production	Dr Sophie Wright-Pedersen Ms Kellie Walters	Accepted - Pre-recorded Long Oral
An exploration of Vaping-Related Activities Provided by Australian Secondary School Staff	Miss Kate Mellors	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Understanding resource requirements for sustaining healthy food retail practices in public settings	Ms Bettina Backman	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
How active travel policies work under diverse contexts? a realist analysis	Dr Jingyi Shao	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Shifting regional community food environments through a systems approach to healthier dining	Mrs Irene Heinrich	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
The PRECIS study: Exploring the broader benefits of community-based obesity prevention	Dr Vicki Brown	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

1C - Climate Risk and Resilient

Date Tuesday, September 15, 2026 *Time* 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair Liyana Pathirana, Dr Navoda

Room Darrwal Room B

Title	Speakers	Format
Strengthening climate-resilient health systems: A global scoping review and evidence gap mapping of healthcare workers' climate-health literacy and attitudes influencing adaptive practice	Mr Amensisa Hailu Tesfaye	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Effects of Ambient Temperature on Age-Specific Mortality in Sydney: Evidence from 2000–2019	Ms Qian Yao Huang	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Strengthening public health through community resilience centres for climate adaptation: ClimateRes project	Professor Sotiris Vardoulakis	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
A geospatial exposure model to support system-level drowning prevention for open waterways	Adjunct Associate Professor Bernadette Matthews	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Governing food companies for sustainable food systems: an Australian policy coherence analysis	Ms Genevieve James-Martin	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Temperature and delayed Ross River virus risk in Australia: a DLNM study	Ms Christina Varghese	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Climate and Health Guideline – climate risk assessment for Australian health organisations	Mr Jamie Ewert	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Community Health Services Leading Heat Health Action for Climate Resilient Communities	Dr Dima Al Tarsha	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

1D - Evidence-based Community Inclusion

Date Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair Parsot, Ms Anjali

Room Monngarrk Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Understanding implementation of health promotion initiatives in regional communities using system dynamics	Dr Gloria Leung	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
From missed opportunity to momentum: Mobilising Australia’s public health response to dementia	Ms Olivia Hart	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Using consumer sentiment to monitor health system reform: Insights from the NCSS	Ms Fiona Purcell	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
illicit drug use among older Australians	Dr Lucy Ngaihanglovi Pachuau	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Monitoring Diet Cost and Affordability Across Queensland: A Two-Year Cross-Sectional Study	Ms Renae Earle Ms Sarah Christensen	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Refining CALD Advisory Panel Frameworks: Preliminary Findings From a Modified Delphi Study	Dr Mehak Batra	Accepted - Pre-recorded Long Oral
Improving equity in chronic disease prevention, embedding into routine clinical service	Mrs Jessica McDowell	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Are commercial determinants of health addressed in Australian health policies?	Dr Alessandro Crocetti Ms Petrina Leersen Dr Jennifer Browne	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

1E - Data-driven Population Health Prevention

Date Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair Rahman, Professor Muhammad Aziz

Room Barbarka Room

Title	Speakers	Format
Consumer testing in FBDG development and revision worldwide- what can Australia learn?	Dr Margaret Murray	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Early-Onset Cancers: Combating Misinformation and Empowering Action Through Evidence-Based Prevention	Ms Annabel Sexton	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Australian women's menopause experiences shaped by the commercial determinants of health	Mrs Katrina Wood	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Diabetes Prevention Population Screening: 9-Year Evaluation of the Indian Diabetes Risk Score	Ms Duc Nguyen	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Incentive 2 Quit pilot program: smoking & vaping cessation among high-prevalence users	Mrs Kelsey Sharrad	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Using Sun Protection Behaviour Data to Strengthen Skin Cancer Prevention in NSW	Dr Tayla McCutcheon	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Regional Population Health Data Directory: creating a one-stop repository of data resources	Dr Bridgette McNamara Dr Michael Muleme	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Evaluating Sentinel Surveillance System Coverage Using Hepatitis C Population Notification Data	Dr Aoife M Hurley	Accepted - Pre-recorded Long Oral
Variation in alcohol tax burden across beverage types: Implications for tax reform	Dr Mia Miller	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

1F - Workshop 1: Co-design for Digital Health, AI and emerging technologies

Date Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Room Banheep Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Workshop: Co-design for digital health, AI, and emerging technologies	Dr Jessica Watterson Dr Ling Wu Mx Jo Szczepanska	Workshop

12:30pm - 1:30pm	Upper Foyer	Lunch & Exhibition
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Session Chair: Prof. Sean Taylor

Title	Speakers	Format
S2 K1 - Leading Systems Reform Through Self-Determination: Turning Community Priorities into Lasting Change	Ms Nicole McCartney	Keynote Presentation
S2 K2 - Walking Together, Working Differently	Mr Jordie Campbell	Keynote Presentation
S2 K3 - An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander designed and led breastfeeding model of care	Dr. Simone Sherriff	Keynote Presentation

3:00pm - 3:30pm	Upper Foyer	Afternoon Tea & Exhibition
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3:30pm – 5:00pm	Wala mirr Theatre (Plenary room)	Public Health Association of Australia - Annual General Meeting
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5:00pm – 6:00pm	Upper Foyer	Welcome Reception - The Welcome Reception is included in for all Face-to-Face Delegates - Canapes, substantial food and non-alcoholic beverages will be served at the reception
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Plenary Session 3 - Prevention Challenges and Solutions

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026 *Time* 09:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Session Chair: Adjunct Associate Prof. Craig Sinclair

Title	Speakers	Format
S3 K1 - The impact of illicit tobacco on advancing our public health efforts in tobacco. Are we at risk of going backwards?	Professor Becky Freeman	Keynote Presentation
S3 K2 - Beyond trust: what really drives health behaviour	Ms Emily Harper	Keynote Presentation
S3 K3 - GLP 1 drugs and the future of a public health approach to obesity prevention	Ms Jane Martin	Keynote Presentation

10:30am– 11:00am	Upper Foyer	Morning Tea & Exhibition
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2A - Strengthening Partnership for Equity and Inclusion

Chair Wechkunanukul, Professor
Hannah

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Title	Speakers	Format
Safe homes: Co-designing evidence for individualised support for people with intellectual disability	Dr Tess Bright Mrs Dariane McLean Ms Bella White	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
From principle to practice: designing a Public Health curriculum with co-design	Dr Neetu Abey George Jane (Elissa) Kiddell	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Duration of Residency, Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic–Mental Health Risks in South Asian Migrants	Dr Shirin Jahan Mumu	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Effective Health Communication: Voices from Southeast Asian Migrant Children and Their Families	Miss Jutarat Kongpet	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Socio-cultural responsivity: a proposed implementation outcome to advance health equity	Dr Tameka Mcfadyen	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Strengthening Access and Empowering Youth: A Multidisciplinary Youth Sexual Health Outreach Model	Mrs Katherine Cacavas	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Addressing the barriers and promoting physical activity amongst low-income mothers	Dr Jessica Watterson	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Community-Engaged Systems Approach to Safer Primary Healthcare Spaces for Rural LGBTQA+ Youth	Ms Katharina Engel	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Connect4Health Digital-Enabled Social Prescribing: Connecting People with Cardiometabolic Conditions to Community Care	Dr Chris Lynch	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Empowering Indigenous community store directors to transform remote stores through health benchmarking	Dr Emma Tonkin	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Embedding cultural governance in Health Protection NSW Incident Management Team structures	Mrs Elka Tinker	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Ensuring Regional Communities Are Heard: Reimagining Equity and Diversity in Clinical Trials	Dr Jhodie Duncan	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Ngala Bidi: A Culturally Safe Emergency Care Pathway	Dr Bennita Frankie	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action

2B - Creating Healthier Environments with Evidence

Chair Prasad, Ms Shayal

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Room Darrwal Room A

Title	Speakers	Format
Evidence and advocacy for healthier advertising environments in the City of Melbourne	Dr Alex Chung	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Embracing size-inclusive care in health services	Mrs Anneliese Twigg	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
A rapid review of e-cigarette disposal behaviours and waste management strategies	Mr Chi Him Lao	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Shifting perspectives: adopting community enablement strategies to strengthen rural health outcomes	Dr Carol Reid	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Supporting planetary and population health through foodservice retail monitoring	Ms Bettina Backman Ms Breanna Monck	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
The Australian Food Atlas: Turning Local Data into Local Action	Dr Clare Whitton	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Co-designing equitable fruit and vegetable distribution in regional and rural Victoria	Dr Cherie Russell	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Systematic scoping review of factors affecting health-promoting food manufacturer and distributor behaviour	Miss Anne Barrow	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
An AI Assistant for Implementing Food Classification in Outdoor Advertising Restriction Policies	Dr Clare Whitton	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Food Security in Action: The NT School Nutrition Program	Miss Sara Goolam Hossen Miss Anna Murison	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Supporting healthy food access planning: a fruit and vegetable retail outlet model	Ms Johanna Mithen	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
The food and bodies project	Mrs Anneliese Twigg	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Nourishing Environments for Health in Alcohol and Other Drugs services	Ms Rosamaria Tascone Ms Rebecca Morgan	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Reclaiming the Skies: Light Pollution Solutions	Dr Connal Lee	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action

2C - Sustainable One Health and Collaboration

Chair Britton, Dr Andrea

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Room Darrwal Room B

Title	Speakers	Format
Does one-size still fit all? Qualitative Analysis of the Australian Dietary Guidelines	Miss Hyatt Narsh	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Who Gets to Decide? Reclaiming Women's Voices in Climate and Health Research	Dr Raksha Pandya-Wood	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Health Impact of Flooding and Climate Change in Rural Battambang Province, Cambodia	Mr Channarong Phan	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Comprehensive framings of sustainability are important for agrifood related public health outcomes	Mrs Rebecca Voisin	Accepted - Pre-recorded Ideas In Action
Mapping Global Practices in Climate–Mental Health Facilitation and Professional Certification: Preliminary findings	Dr Andrian Liem	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Strengthening school food environments through cross-sector collaboration in Vic Kids Eat Well	Ms Emilia Renney	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
'What you do, not what you are': rethinking public health workforce planning	Ms Guddu Kaur	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Convergent Demands, Compromised Futures: A Scoping-Review and Conceptual-Framework of Multilevel-Stressors in Medical-Students	Dr Sibgha Fatima	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Strengthening workforce capacity to address vaping in real world settings	Ms Georgia O'Brien Ms Jaimee Craft	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Are we going too digital? The impact of providing physical resources	Ms Helen Scudamore	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Assuring competence: Programmatic Oral Simulation Examination (POSE) for the public health workforce	Mr Md Nassif Hossain	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Prevalence of Antimicrobial Resistance in Dental and Oral-Maxillofacial Infections in Bangladesh	Ms. Tasin Afrose	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
First Aid as Prevention: Mobilising a Distributed Public Health Workforce for Impact	Miss Madeleine Johnson	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action

2D - Evidence to Impact: Strengthening Public Health Policy and Practice

Chair Makwana, Miss Khushi

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026 *Time* 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Room Monngarrk Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Closing the gap: 30 years of nurse-led cardiovascular care in Australia	Mrs Soumya Bhaskara	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
SlimeLab: A Community Outreach to Teach Children About Antimicrobial Resistance	Dr Tien Bui	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Non-combustible nicotine use among amateur and university athletes: prevalence, patterns and reasons	Miss Nguyen Phuong Anh Hoang	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
WISDOM: Reframing Women's Brain Health and Dementia Prevention	Dr Jennifer Dunne	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Interventions to address adolescent e-cigarette use: a Cochrane living systematic review	Dr Courtney Barnes	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Australia needs a National Social Connection Strategy: Evidence from Victorian Council Plans	Dr Drew Meehan	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Nutritional Interventions to Reduce Cardiometabolic Risk among South Asian Migrants: Systematic Review	Mrs Fakhrun Nahar Anna	Accepted - Pre-recorded Ideas In Action
Strengthening Laboratory Quality Systems in Cambodia-Approach to Sustainable ISO 15189 Implementation	Mr Channarong Phan	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Policy as a research translation mechanism: Reflections from Cancer Council's national policies	Ms Joanna McGlone	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Policy into practice: Strengthening national strategies to achieve effective implementation	Ms Joanna McGlone	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action

2E - Building Trust in a Digital World: Communication, Misinformation and AI

Chair Hachem, Miss Mariam

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Room Barbarka Room

Title	Speakers	Format
Faces Behind the Data: Advancing Clinical Trial Diversity Through Storytelling	Ms Lucy McNicol	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
A mixed-methods approach on emerging adults' actual social media food exposure	Ms Louise Glenisson	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Digital Health Interventions in reducing Cardiovascular Risk among South-Asian Migrants: Systematic Review	Miss Nafisa Tabassum Ila	Accepted - Pre-recorded Ideas In Action
Meat and Media: A Content Analysis of Carnivore Influencers on Social Media	Ms Louise Glenisson	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
A tool to assess children's digital wellbeing.	Dr Lauren Arundell	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Preventing adolescent e-cigarette use through text-messaging: Acceptability of a parent-adolescent intervention	Ms Stephanie Mantach	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
When algorithms shape risk: Social media, generative AI and beach safety	Adjunct Associate Professor Bernadette Matthews	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Liberation and constraint: Power, freedom, and choice within commercial determinants of health	Ms Cassandra de Lacy-Vawdon	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
A cross-sectional survey on contraception use among South Asian women in Australia	Ms Sethini Wickramasinghe	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Multilingual Emergency Communication – community, trust and technology	Dr Sabrina Gupta Dr Samantha Clune	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Unequal reach: health service provider reflections on COVID antivirals in multicultural communities	Ms Putu Novi Arfirsta Dharmayani	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Mental Health Literacy and Stigma: Preliminary Findings Among Final-Year Australian Medical Students	Mr. Abdulrahman Qusadi	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action
Psychological distress and healthy lifestyle behaviours among young Australians aged 15–34 years	Ms Putu Novi Arfirsta Dharmayani	Accepted - F2F Ideas In Action

2F - Workshop 2: From Manuscript to Influence: Publishing and promoting research

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026 *Time* 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Room Banheep Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Workshop: From Manuscript to Influence: Publishing and promoting research	Professor Luke Wolfenden Dr Sam McCrabb Ms Diana Jones Mrs Hollie Harwood Dr Alix Hall	Workshop

12:30pm - 1:30pm	Upper Foyer	Lunch & Exhibition
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3A - Empowering Diversity in Health Systems

Chair Parsot, Ms Anjali

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Time 01:30 PM to 03:00 PM
Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Title

Integrating Data to Drive Action on Product Safety Risks for Older Australians
Assessing the scalability of physical activity interventions within childcare: A systematic review
Implementing a school-based physical activity/physical literacy website measurement platform: teacher’s experiences
Bowel Cancer Screening formative research with multicultural populations
Photovoice as a Method to Examine Pregnant Adolescents’ Experiences in Rural Bali
Leveraging Bowel Cancer Screening formative research to increase equity in health outcomes
In Her Shoes: Co-Designed Anti-Racism Advancing CALD Women’s Health EquityAbstract
Improving Cancer Equity for People with Disability from Prevention to Care

Speakers

Dr Catherine Niven
Dr Alice Grady

Dr Lauren Arundell

Mrs Philippa Maynard
Mrs. I Gusti Agung Ayu Berlian Audya Parimayuna

Mrs Philippa Maynard

Dr Dima Al Tarsha

Ms Annabel Sexton

Format

Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
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3B - Physical and Psychological Wellbeing

Chair Rahman, Professor Muhammad Aziz

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Room Darrwal Room A
Time 01:30 PM to 03:00 PM

Title	Speakers	Format
STEP-UPon vaping: Parents Perceptions of the School’s Role in Addressing Adolescent Vaping	Ms Madeleine Fee	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Pooled analysis of 11 Australian and Pacific childhood obesity prevention community-based interventions	Dr Jane Jacobs	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Test, Don’t Stress: Attitudes towards STI/BBV testing solutions within a university setting	Ms Stephanie Main Ms Thy Tina Pham	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Indigenous staff perspectives of support when racism occurs in health settings	Miss Chelsea Rowley Dr Shingisai Chando	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
The impact of children’s and adolescent's social media use on wellbeing	Dr Lauren Arundell	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Antidepressant Use and Recurrent Serious Falls and Fractures in the Aging Population	Mr Temam Raru	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Children’s screen time, social skills and family functioning	Dr Lauren Arundell	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Psychological distress and hidden barriers to medication adherence in chronic disease	Dr Sarah Hiles	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Advancing Disability Equity Through Exercise-Based Wellbeing Support in Higher Education	Mr Gabriel Dillon	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

3C - Future Public Health Workforce

Chair Makwana, Miss Khushi

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Time 01:30 PM to 03:00 PM
Room Darrwal Room B

Title	Speakers	Format
Impacts of climate change and extreme weather events on Australian health services.	Mrs Anna-Lisa Baker	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Achieving 90-70-90 cervical cancer elimination targets in Nigeria: a health workforce analysis	Mr Elvis Anyaehiechukwu Okolie	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Building Climate Resilient Health Systems: Embedding Sustainability in Practice through SusQI	Ms Holley Jones	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
“Teach us how to use it, don’t criminalise it”: GenAI Needs Analysis	A/Prof Kayley Lyons	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Strengthening Transition Care Services for Older Adults with Heart Failure: Nurses’ Perspectives	Ms Sumaira Amin	Accepted - Pre-recorded Long Oral
Multinational surveillance in multi-drug resistant organisms toward informing health policy and practice.	Dr Jessica Chellappah	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Collaborative health program handover: staff experience and insights from Sierra Leone	Mr Robera Olana Fite	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Redesigning Capability Building in Aged Care: A Behaviourally Informed, Co-Designed Approach	Mrs Laura Murray	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

3D - Translating Evidence into Community Health

Chair Watterson, Dr Jessica

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Time 01:30 PM to 03:00 PM
Room Monngarrk Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Vaping Regulation: Understanding the barriers and facilitators that connect policy to change	Dr Josh Hayward	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Harnessing cross-sector systems approaches to respond to settings-based vaping and smoking challenges	Miss Hannah McLeod Mrs Laura Edwards	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Mapping risk, mobilising communities and scaling defibrillators to save lives	Mrs Emma Klinakis	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
I2Q: translating tobacco policy into scalable prevention infrastructure	A/Prof Kristin Chahhoud	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Relationship continuity and co-morbidity in middle-aged adults with cardiovascular disease in Australia	Dr Prabhat Lamichhane	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Using Epidemiological Evidence to Develop a Digital Alcohol and Cancer Risk Tool	Mrs Pamela Scarborough	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Targeting Dementia Prevention in Older Women Using Modifiable Risk Factors	Dr Jennifer Dunne	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Are area-level social determinants of health equity linked with INFANT program implementation?	Ms Elly Ganakas	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Vaping prevention and cessation in schools: consolidating guidelines for action	Miss Kate Mellors Ms Madeleine Fee	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire

3E - First Nation Matters and Inclusive Communication

Chair Taylor, Professor Sean

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Room Barbarka Room
Time 01:30 PM to 03:00 PM

Title	Speakers	Format
A scoping review of Australian HPV self-collection participation and perspectives	Miss Claudia Yeung	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Equity in Practice: Co-designing oral health systems for people experiencing homelessness	Ms Alyrra Aron Ms Neha Neha	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Asking about child food insecurity in service and practice settings	Ms Amanda Taylor	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Embedding in national policy a benchmarking approach to strengthen healthy retail practices.	Dr Emma Tonkin	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Promoting healthier futures: commercial practices of store organisations operating in remote communities	Dr Kate Wingrove	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Reporting responsibility: Extractive resource companies and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Dr Emma Chappell Mr Jacob Cubis (Larrakia/Wadjigan)	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Safe Sleep, Shared Responsibility: Reframing SUDI prevention through Indigenous-led messaging.	Mrs Fay Selby-law	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Benchmarking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remote stores: evidence into action	Dr Corinne Davis	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Cost-effectiveness of interventions to prevent chronic disease in Indigenous populations	Ms Lisa Ely Dr Nichole Lister	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

3F - Workshop 3: Evidence to Action: research to advance action on harmful digital marketing

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Time 01:30 PM to 03:00 PM
Room Banheep Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Workshop: Evidence to action: Research to Advance Action on Harmful Digital Marketing	Prof Kathryn Backholer Dr Kremlin Wickramasinghe Prof Bridget Kelly Gillott Ms Xi Yin Dr Florentine Martino Dr Ana Paula Cardoso Richter Dr Navoda Liyana Pathirana	Workshop

3:00pm - 3:30pm	Upper Foyer	Afternoon Tea & Exhibition
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Plenary Session 4 - From Data to Decisions: AI, the Digital Landscape, and the Future of Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026 *Time* 03:30 PM to 04:20 PM
Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Session co-chairs: Ms Shayal Prasad & Dr. M Tasdik Hasan

Emerging technologies and data-driven approaches are transforming how we understand, prevent, and respond to alcohol and other drug (AOD) harms. This session brings together two leading global researchers to explore the challenges and opportunities that artificial intelligence and digital innovation present for AOD surveillance, policy, prevention and service delivery. The presentations will showcase the use of AI in AOD and social services, alongside cutting-edge research on monitoring emerging drug trends and translating data into timely public health action. Together, the speakers will demonstrate how innovation can support safer, more responsive, and equitable health systems.

Title	Speakers	Format
S4 K1 - Extending the Reach of Care Alcohol and Other Drugs Service Provision: Human-led, AI-enabled	Dr Roisin McNaney	Keynote Presentation
S4 K2 - The Digital Landscape and Emerging Drug Trends: Challenges and Opportunities for Better Identification and Response	Associate Professor Amy Peacock	Keynote Presentation

Basil Hetzel Oration

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2026 *Time* 04:20 PM to 05:00 PM
Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

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.

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Aziz Rahman

Title	Speakers	Format
Oration - Leading Prevention and Equity through Complex Systems	Professor Anna Peeters AM	Keynote Presentation

6:00pm – 9:00pm	Darrwal Room A&B Combined	Conference Dinner - Ticketed function - A great networking opportunity and a key moment for delegates to connect and unwind in a welcoming atmosphere - Two courses (entree and main), plus non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase at the cash bar
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Plenary Session 5 - One Health in Action: Connecting Animals, Environment and Human Health

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 *Time* 09:00 AM *to* 10:00 AM

Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Session Chair: Dr. Akhtar Hussain

Title	Speakers	Format
S5 K1 - One Health: An Animal Health Perspective	Dr Debbie Eagles	Keynote Presentation
S5 K2 - Buruli ulcer: unlocking the secrets of a formidable foe within our midst	Associate Professor Daniel O'Brien	Keynote Presentation

PHAA Awards Presentations

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 *Time* 10:00 AM *to* 10:30 AM

Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

The following Awards will be announced:

- Tony McMichael PHEE Award
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Public Health Award
- Sidney Sax Public Health Award

The winning presentation from the PHAA National Public Health Student Think Tank Competition will also be presented live by the winner Ms Melody Leung.

Title	Speakers	Format
Redesigning hospital funding: a systems-focused solution for patient functional equity - Student Think Tank Competition Winner	Ms Melody Leung	PHAA National Public Health Student Think Tank Competition

10:30am– 11:00am	Upper Foyer	Morning Tea & Exhibition
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4A - Turning Evidence into Actionable Mental Health Practice

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 *Time* 11:00 AM *to* 12:30 PM

Chair Hasan, Dr Tasdik

Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Title	Speakers	Format
Improving surveillance of gambling-related suicides	Associate Professor Angela Rintoul	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Heat-related mental health hospitalisations in Australia: implications for climate-health adaptation	Dr Syeda Hira Fatima	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Responsible Human–AI Co-Therapy: Governing Digital Twin-Supported Care in Psychological Injury Pathways	Dr. Raffaele Ciriello	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Depression Comorbid with GDM or HDP and Offspring's Infection and Allergic Diseases	Mr Biruk Beletew Abate	Accepted - Pre-recorded Long Oral

4B - Advancing Digital Public Health

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair McNaney, Dr Roisin

Room Darrwal Room A

Title	Speakers	Format
Supporting Quitting, Enabling Learning: Early Insights from Australia’s National Cessation Platform	Ms Natalie Filmer	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Unhealthy digital marketing among Australian Aboriginal peoples: #DigitalMob pilot study findings	Dr Nichole Lister Dr Karen Hill	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
AI in Healthcare: Examining Integration in Western Australia's Metropolitan Public Health Services	Dr Susannah Nichols	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Reducing adolescent susceptibility to e-cigarettes through a text-message intervention: Pilot RCT findings	Ms Stephanie Mantach	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Development, implementation and use of digital tools in healthy food retail settings	Ms Urooj Khan	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Driving digital transformation in regional aged care: An IoMT enabled service model.	Mrs Kylie Ovenden	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Co-designing “Map My Food”	Dr Cindy Needham	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

4C - Sustainable Healthy Living

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair Prasad, Ms Shayal

Room Darrwal Room B

Title	Speakers	Format
Sentinel Surveillance of Vaping and Emerging Nicotine Product Use among University Students	Mr Mohammed Nihaal Ahmed Lnu	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Youth perspectives on commercial and economic determinants of health: A photovoice exploration	Mrs Angelica Ojinnaka-Psillakis Dr Planning Saw	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Social practice of lunchbox preparation and children's oral health	Dr Rashmi Jamkar	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Unsafe at the start: IPV during pregnancy and birth outcomes in Australia	Dr Abdul-Aziz Seidu	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Assessing School Nutrition Environments in Europe and Central Asia	Dr Jane Jacobs	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Extreme heat and water safety for multicultural older adults: A co-designed campaign	Dr Hannah Graefe	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Community-driven signage to reduce drowning risk on blackspot beaches in Victoria, Australia	Dr Hannah Graefe	Accepted - F2F Long Oral

4D - Sociocultural Determinates and Health Equity

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair Makwana, Miss Khushi

Room Monngarrk Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Community food voucher programs in Australia: Lived experience and implementation insights	Dr Ayuba Issaka	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Co-designing an obesity research agenda together with adults with intellectual disability.	Miss Samantha Lilly	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Health equity and the social determinants of dementia risk	Ms Emilie Awbery	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Social determinants of health and migrant health: A mixed-methods systematic review	Ms Adelaide Chiang	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Embedding Cultural Understanding in Public Health Teaching for Inclusive, Culturally Safe Practice	Dr Fernanda Nava Buenfil Dr Sabrina Gupta Dr Catherine Trundle Dr Susan Chong	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Reflections on the equity knowledge-to-practice gap: leveraging data from The EQUIP network	Dr Haimanot Hailu Dr Michelle Gooey	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Hidden workers, hidden loneliness? Labour market detachment, social disconnection and later working-life.	Dr Drew Meehan	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Novel tobacco products and Indigenous populations: A scoping review	Mr Dwayne Darcy	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Association between Previous Perinatal Death and Subsequent Pregnancy Outcomes in LMICs.	Mr. Bekalu Getnet Kassa	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Determinants of diet quality among adolescent girls in Bangladesh: A rapid review	Mr Satyajit Kundu	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Informing improvements to the BreastScreen NSW program: 2026 client survey insights	Dr Yan Cheng	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire

4E - Mental Health and Wellbeing

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Chair

Room Barbarka Room

Title	Speakers	Format
Early childhood educators' perspectives on promoting social-emotional learning during mealtimes and playtimes	Miss Danyu Yang	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Antidepressant effects of semaglutide and tirzepatide in Type 2 Diabetes with depression.	Mr Gebiso Roba Debele	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Transcendental Meditation on Mental and Cardiometabolic Health: A Randomised Controlled Trial	Mr. Mahesh Kumar Khanal	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Adverse birth outcomes in mothers with depression comorbid with GDM/HDP: The_Born_in_Queensland Study	Mr Biruk Beletew Abate	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Transition and tribes: how the physical activity initiative parkrun supports veteran wellbeing	Associate Professor Anne Grunseit	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Are Victorian teens really 'Party Ready'? Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health Education	Miss Tatiana Danyluk	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Clinicians' perspectives on barriers, enablers, and implementation of mental health crisis services	Dr Md Nazmul Huda	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Social and emotional wellbeing needs of healthcare workers in ACCHSs	Dr Smriti Nepal Mrs Rahel Mamaradlo Ms Imogen Albany Dr Poornima Ramamurthy Mrs Tangerene Ingram	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Co-designing digital mental health resources with sign language users in Bangladesh	Dr Tasdik Hasan	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Strong Families, Strong Futures: Evaluating the Ngala Nanga Mai pARenT Program	Ms Brittany Wilson	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Independent and comorbid effects of depression, GDM, and HDP on postpartum readmission	Mr Biruk Beletew Abate	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire

4F - Workshop 4: Engaging Lived Experience: moving from why to how

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Room Banheep Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Workshop: Engaging Lived Experience: moving from the why and into how	Ms Ahlia Griffiths	Workshop

12:30pm - 1:15pm	Upper Foyer	Lunch & Exhibition
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5A - Advancing Health Equity Across Diverse Communities

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 01:15 PM to 02:30 PM

Chair Schultz, Dr Sally

Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Title	Speakers	Format
Strengthening Indigenous food security in remote Northern Australia: a policy analysis	Ms Sophie Hansen	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Exploration of social gradients in public health research: A State-of-the-art review	Professor Richard de Visser	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Mediating health literacy: Stakeholder experiences supporting Western Australian refugee-background women from Myanmar	Ms Georgia Griffin	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Duration of living and gestational diabetes risk among migrant women in Victoria	Mrs Marufa Hasin	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Inequities in migrant health: using linked data to uncover what surveys cannot	Dr Joanne Flavel	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Preconception Care Use and Determinants Among African Women in Victoria	Mr Beyene Adhena	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Exploring how equity is operationalised across practice and policy for young Australians	Dr Michelle Gooey	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Comparative Policy Analysis of One Health Integration in Pakistan, Australia, and Brazil	Ms Khadijah Umar	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Nutrition-related health outcomes among migrant and ethnic minority communities in Australia.	Ms Chioma Anidi	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire

Title	Speakers	Format
Using citizen science to understand LGBTQA+ adults’ perspectives on inclusive active recreation	Ms Chathurani De Silva	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Health and equity promoting voluntary actions by grocery retailers: A global assessment	Dr Shaan Naughton	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Transforming remote store environments to drive prevention at scale	Dr Sophie Wright-Pedersen Ms Georgia Day	Accepted - F2F Long Oral
Wastewater surveillance for public health response in Australasia and the Pacific	Dr Ripon Kumar Adhikary	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
The Impact of Shift Work and Clinical Experience on Professional Quality of Life among Psychiatric Nurses in Saudi Arabia	Dr Ahmad Rayani	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Making the sun safe choice the easy choice: systems-based design for schools	Mrs Christina Lowe	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Environmental Injustice: A Spatial Analysis of Socio-economic Disparities in Tree Canopy Distribution	Ms Qian Yao Huang	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire

5C - Translating Evidence into Health System Improvement

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 01:15 PM to 02:30 PM

Chair Hussain, Dr Mohammad Akhtar

Room Darrwal Room B

Title	Speakers	Format
Invisible Shields: How Environmental Health Prevents Illness / Harm Before It Happens	Dr Andrew Mathieson	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Workplace Health Promotion in Australia: A New Direction	Mr Yanming Lu	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Training health professionals in smoking cessation: a Cochrane systematic review	Mrs Kelsey Sharrad	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
From Harm to Health: Defining Business Roles in Cross Sector Health Action	Ms Miranda Guizzo Mr Ravi Teja Prof Subhash Abhayawansa Dr Krzysztof Dembek Prof Christine Jubb Prof Cristina Neesham	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Food Industry Cost Estimates in Nutrition Policy: Evidence and Assumptions	Prof Gary Sacks	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
The importance of social context in Dry January and Meat-Free Monday	Professor Richard de Visser	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
LiveLighter Counter-Messaging Suppresses Consumption Intentions Below Baseline After Targeted Junk Food Advertising	Dr Ross Hollett	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Using social practice theory to investigate sugar consumption in children’s organised sport	Mr Ronan Cameron	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire

5D - Embedding evidence into Policy and Practice

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 01:15 PM to 02:30 PM

Room Monngarrk Room A&B (Combined)

Title	Speakers	Format
Improving Transition Care Services in Australia: A Quantitative Study of Patient Perspectives	Ms Sumaira Amin	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Connect Me! STI notifications as a pathway to sexual health care.	Dr Aoife M Hurley	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Associations Between Serum Uric Acid and Dementia Risk in Community-dwelling Older Adults	Mr Md. Golam Rabbani	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Measuring genito-pelvic pain: Gaps and future directions for inclusive care	Ms Rashmi Pithavadian	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Synthesising Evidence on Interventions to Improve Perinatal Outcomes in Australia: Scoping Review	Mr Getaneh Mulu	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Systems-level Innovation for Screening: Evaluating the Impact of the Screening Shawl Trial	Miss Annabel Robson Miss Jessica Elsworth	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Clinician Agency in Engaging with CDSS for Cardiovascular Care: A Qualitative Study	Mrs Samah Sallam	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Pre/post evaluation of the Incentive 2 Quit (I2Q) health professional training program	Mrs Kelsey Sharrad	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire

5E - Navigating Digital Health through Trust Communication

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 01:15 PM to 02:30 PM

Chair Rowland, Mr Jack

Room Barbarka Room

Title	Speakers	Format
Governing Vaping Promotion in Digital Environments	Dr Kahlia McCausland	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Enhanced detection of cryptosporidiosis outbreaks and dissemination of advice using digital communications	Dr Claire Gordon	Accepted - Pre-Recorded Rapid Fire
Building Digital Capacity in Public Health: Evaluating a Social Media MOOC	Dr Kahlia McCausland	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
Measuring technology-supported physical activity: current methods, reliability and validity – Scoping review	Mrs Kimberley Watson-Mackie	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
AI Chatbots Supporting Mental Health in Older Adults: A Mixed-Methods Systematic Review	Ms. Sharmin Sultana	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire
SafeDownUnder: Student-Led Digital Health for HIV Prevention, Navigation and Health Equity	Dr Malavika Sharma	Accepted - F2F Rapid Fire

5F - Workshop 5: Building the next generation of public health advocates

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 Time 01:15 PM to 02:30 PM
Room Banheep Room A&B (Combined)

Title		Speakers	Format
Workshop: Building the next generation of public health advocates		Mr Malcolm Baalman	Workshop
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Upper Foyer	Afternoon Tea & Exhibition	

Closing Plenary - Digital Environments and Health: Power, Profit, and Policy Solutions

Date Thursday, September 17, 2026 *Time* 03:00 PM *to* 04:20 PM

Room Wala Mirr Theatre (Plenary room)

Session Chair: Prof. Kathryn Backholer

Closing Address - Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin - CEO, PHAA

Title	Speakers	Format
S6 K1 - Compassionate AI in Public Health: Design, Governance and Use for Healthier Futures	Dr. Raffaele Ciriello	Keynote Presentation
S6 K2 - Transforming Healthier Futures: Creating a Healthier Digital Environment for Children	Dr Kremlin Wickramasinghe	Keynote Presentation
S6 K3 - Measuring the Invisible: AI, Young People’s Digital Lives, and a Case for Action	Dr Navoda Liyana Pathirana	Keynote Presentation