

BreastScreen Australia Conference Program



Day 1 | WEDNESDAY 4 March 2026

8am-9am | Registration

9am -10:30am | Plaza Auditorium

Plenary Session | Welcomes

Welcome to Country

Opening introduction

Alison Lang, Director BreastScreen Australia

Ministerial address

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services; Timothy Nicholls MP

Keynote

Anna Bligh

10:30am-11am | Morning tea

11am-12:30pm | Plaza Auditorium

Plenary Session

Embedding equity for First Nations people in breast screening

Dr Jill Gallagher AO, CEO Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)

Gaps, opportunities and lessons from Aotearoa

Lisa Te Paiho, National Program Manager, BreastScreen Aotearoa

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Discussion with Lisa Te Paiho and Dr Jill Gallagher		
12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch		
1:15pm -3:15pm Concurrent Sessions Day 1		
Plaza Auditorium	Plaza P6	Plaza P7 & P8
<p>Evidence and innovation in screening: risk, burden and barriers</p> <p>A1. A cost-effectiveness analysis of extending BreastScreen to younger women or changing the screening test to digital breast tomosynthesis. A/Prof. Carolyn Nickson The University of Sydney</p> <p>A2. Key Stakeholder perspectives on risk-based screening. Dr Jocelyn Lippey St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne</p>	<p>First Nations Partnership showcase: asking, listening and delivering</p> <p>B1. Wayarang: screen with your Sista's campaign. Jennifer Reilly Wayarang</p> <p>B2. Waminda's way: breast cancer care. Tiarah Stewart & Chloe Wellington Waminda</p>	<p>Advancing clinical practice: insights into breast cancer assessment</p> <p>C1. Raise the BAR (BreastScreen NSW Assessment Redesign). Philip Tran BreastScreen NSW</p> <p>C2. A feasibility study of vacuum assisted breast excision as an alternative to surgical breast biopsies for Australian women. Prof. Gelareh Farshid SA Pathology, Royal Adelaide Hospital</p>

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<p>A3. RoBiN (Risk of Breast Neoplasia): an acceptability and feasibility study of personalised screening. Dr Anna Dulashi Withanage Dona University of Melbourne.</p> <p>A4. Correlation of BMI with potential barriers to mammographic screening: body image, pain, and perceived risk of breast cancer. A/Prof. Jennifer Stone University Of Western Australia</p>	<p>B3. The Sistas Shawl Project Rachael Bagnall BreastScreen Queensland</p> <p>B4. Evaluation of partnership approaches to increase breast screen participation of Aboriginal communities in South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Shoalhaven. Denise Chapman & Faith Shearer BreastScreen NSW</p> <p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>	<p>C3. Retrospective review of omission of sentinel lymph node biopsy in node negative screen detected breast cancer patients diagnosed at BreastScreen South Western Sydney. Dr Patsy Soon BreastScreen NSW</p>
<p>A5. Implementing breast density reporting. Kathryn Smyth BreastScreen Victoria</p>		<p>C4. Subtype-specific screen-detected and interval breast cancer rates in population screening: a BreastScreen cohort study. Dr Naomi Noguchi The University of Sydney</p>

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<p>A6. The long-term burden of breast cancer in Australia: estimated incidence, prevalence, and treatment costs to 2045.</p> <p>Dr Pietro Procopio The University of Sydney</p>		
<p>3:15pm-3:45pm Afternoon tea</p>		
<p>3:45pm-5pm Concurrent Session Day 1</p> <p>Plaza Auditorium</p>	<p>3:45pm-4:15pm Concurrent Session Day 1</p> <p>Plaza P7 & P8</p>	
<p>Consumer experiences of breast screening and beyond</p> <p>D1. Consumer experience with Sue Viney</p> <p>D2. A narrative overview of consumer-led studies informing breast cancer risk management in Australia.</p> <p>A/Prof. Jennifer Stone University of Western Australia</p> <p>D3. Consumer engagement: building an inclusive consumer network.</p> <p>Ms Madeline Cairns</p>	<p>Building a sustainable radiographer workforce</p> <p>E1. Steph Tamblyn BreastScreen Victoria</p> <p>4:15pm-5pm Concurrent Session Day 1</p> <p>Advancing clinical practice: insights into breast cancer assessment</p> <p>F1. Comparison of radiologist and medical officer reading performance in BreastScreen Queensland.</p> <p>Mr Nick Ormiston-Smith Queensland Health</p>	

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<p>BreastScreen Victoria</p> <p>D4. Quality improvement: use of gowns in assessment clinic. Louise Pitman BreastScreen Queensland</p> <p>D5. What the mammogram didn't show: lived experience and the equity challenge of dense breasts. Krysty Sullivan Breast Cancer Network Australia</p> <p>D6. Women's health mobile clinic pilot. Ginli Chew & Elise Kornmann BreastScreen Victoria</p> <p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>	<p>F2. Effectiveness of hybrid digital breast tomosynthesis/digital mammography in women presenting for routine screening at Maroondah BreastScreen: interim analysis. Dr Luke Marinovich The Daffodil Centre</p>
<p>5pm-6:30pm Welcome Reception & Exhibition Showcase ~Poster exhibit</p>	

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Day 2 | THURSDAY 5 March 2026

8am-9am Registration			
9am-10:30am Plaza Auditorium			
Plenary Session			
Keynote			
Mark McCrindle, Founder McCrindle			
10:30am-11am Morning tea			
11am – 12:30pm Concurrent Session Day 2 Plaza Auditorium	11am – 12:30pm Concurrent Session Day 2 Plaza 6	11am – 12:30pm Concurrent Session Day 2 Plaza 7	11am – 12:00pm Concurrent Session Day 2 Plaza 8
LGBTIQA+ communities: insights and inclusive practice G1. National Insights: inclusive screening recommendations for LGBTIQA+ communities. Carolyn Gillespie	Screening participation: exploring population-level trends and influences H1. Screening outcomes of digital breast tomosynthesis versus digital mammography in	Beyond the reading room: workforce solutions I1. “What the heck is a Breast Physician?”	Driving equity through remote assessment and radiology J1. Facilitating a remote assessment clinic in the Queensland context. Ms Brooke Westerman

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<p>LGBTQI+ Health Australia</p> <p>G2. From Principles to Practice: strengthening LGBTQ+ inclusion in cancer services.</p> <p>Scott Walsberger ACON</p> <p>G3. From barriers to breakthroughs: co-located breast and cervical screening for LGBTQ+ communities.</p> <p>Emily Spencer ACON</p> <p>G4. Social Inclusion Framework - connecting with our most vulnerable communities.</p> <p>Ms Liezl Oliver BreastScreen Victoria</p>	<p>women with a family history of breast cancer.</p> <p>Dr Tong Li The University of Sydney</p> <p>H2. Examining spatial patterns in breast cancer screening across Australia through the Australian Cancer Atlas. Professor Peter Baade Cancer Council Queensland</p> <p>H3. Differences in engagement of overdue and up-to-date breast screeners in the National</p>	<p>Dr Katrina Tiller Australasian Society of Breast Physicians</p> <p>I2. "What has the UK experience taught us?" Dr Lisa Hammerton Australasian Society of Breast Physicians</p> <p>I3. "Where to from here?" Dr Lauren Arnold Australasian Society of Breast Physicians</p>	<p>Queensland Health Biomedical Technology Services</p> <p>J2. The evolution of remote radiologist models in BreastScreen NSW Dr Nalini Bhola BreastScreen NSW</p> <p>12pm – 12:30pm Concurrent Session Day 2 Plaza 8</p> <p>K1. A road trip towards equity. Dr Cara Odenthal, Dr Amanda Blinco & Marianne Webb BreastScreen Queensland</p>
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12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch			
1:15pm-2:15pm Plaza Auditorium			
Plenary Session			
Keynote			
Prof. Gerald Lip, Clinical Director of the North East Scotland Breast Screening Programme and Consultant Radiologist at NHS Grampian			
2:15pm-3:15pm Concurrent Session Day 2			
Plaza Auditorium		Plaza P7 & Plaza P8	
Implementing and evaluating artificial intelligence in screen reading: technology driven and client focused L1. Integrating AI screen reading into BreastScreen Queensland: a scalable methodology for clinical implementation of AI tools. Mrs Michelle Tornabene & Tracey De Angelis Clinical Support Queensland, Queensland Health		Insights for inclusive services for clients with disabilities M1. Hidden Disability Sunflower Initiative Sandee Facy, Head of Hidden Disabilities Sunflower AUS/NZ & Deborah Stuart, CEO of Bayley House	

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<p>L2. AI implementation BRAIx. BreastScreen Victoria Dr Helen Frazer & Luke Neill BreastScreen Victoria</p>	<p>M2. Participation in the BreastScreen Australia program for women with intellectual disability: a population-based cohort study. Dr Janelle Weise University of Sydney</p> <p>M3. Exploring barriers and facilitators to breast screening participation among women with disabilities. Ms Fiona Watson BreastScreen South Australia</p> <p>M4. Sensory friendly breast screening clinics: the BreastScreen SA experience Georgina Upton BreastScreen South Australia</p>
<p>3:15pm-3:45 Afternoon tea</p>	
<p>3:45pm – 5:15pm Concurrent Sessions Day 2</p>	
<p>Plaza Auditorium</p>	<p>Plaza P7 & Plaza P8</p>

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<p>Implementing and evaluating artificial intelligence in screen reading: Technology driven and client focused</p> <p>N1. Driving healthcare innovation with human-centred design: a BRAIx case study.</p> <p>Dr Maho Omori & Dr Jocelyn Lippey St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne</p>	<p>In your language: culturally responsive screening for multicultural women</p> <p>O1. Towards equity in breast cancer screening: applying a communications and engagement framework to reach multicultural communities.</p> <p>Costa Vasili Ethnolink Founder and CEO</p>	
<p>N2. A year of machine reading in BreastScreen NSW.</p> <p>Matthew Warner-Smith Cancer Institute NSW</p> <p>N3. AI-based risk score is a strong short and medium term predictor of breast cancer: a population cohort study with external validation.</p>	<p>4:15pm–5:15pm Concurrent Session Day 2</p> <p>Plaza 6</p> <p>O2. Facilitating uptake of breast screening by refugee women resettled in metro Sydney.</p> <p>Ms B-Ann (Anita) Echevarria NSW Refugee Health Service</p> <p>O3. Speaking the same language: partnering with interpreters to raise awareness and enhance safety and quality</p>	<p>4:15pm –5:15pm Concurrent Session Day 2</p> <p>Plaza 7 & Plaza 8</p> <p>O5. Increasing cancer screening participation among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse women in Sydney Local Health District.</p> <p>Ms Sharon Allen BreastScreen NSW</p> <p>O6. Barriers and facilitators to breast cancer screening for South Asian women:</p>

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<p>A/Prof. Helen Frazer St Vincents Institute of Medical Research</p>	<p>in the breast screening experience, Marita Aldridge BreastScreen SA</p> <p>O4. Addressing breast cancer screening inequities through peer-to-peer health education: the Health in My Language (HIML) Project. Alexandra Rijavec Multicultural Centre For Women's Health</p>	<p>perspectives of women and General Practitioners in Victoria. Dr Farwa Rizvi Deakin University</p> <p>O7. Bridging language barriers: promoting breast cancer screening among Chinese migrant women in the ACT. Anushe Kahn Women's Health Matters.</p>
<p>5:15pm Day close</p>		
<p>7pm – 10pm Conference Dinner. Theme: a touch of sparkle! Plaza Terrace Room</p>		

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Day 3 | FRIDAY 6 March 2026

8am-9am Registration	
9am -10:30am Plaza Auditorium	
Plenary Session Governance for tomorrow's world BreastScreen Queensland reform agenda: getting future ready! Michelle Tornabene BreastScreen Queensland BreastScreen Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The evolution of accreditation• BreastScreen Australia program review: what now?	
10:30am – 11am Morning tea	
11am – 12:30pm Concurrent Sessions Day 3	
Plaza Auditorium	Plaza P7 & Plaza P8
Social marketing: empowering communities and eliciting behaviour change	Enhancing breast assessment: imaging innovation and patient-centred care

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<p>P1. Behind the scroll: how to do social media for public health. Lauren Alicia Murray & Nicole Millard Queensland Health</p>	<p>Q1. Extended follow-up of contrast-enhanced mammography for surveillance in women with a personal history of breast cancer. Wilson Yang Royal Melbourne Hospital</p>
<p>P2. Empowering Aboriginal women through a tailored behaviour change campaign: "Stay Healthy For You and Your Mob". Jessica Kesby & Tiana Parashko-Mays Cancer Institute NSW</p>	<p>Q2. Implementation of Contrast Enhanced Mammography (CEM) in the BreastScreen assessment setting. Ms Michelle Giles Maroondah BreastScreen Eastern Health</p>
<p>P3. Harnessing the power of social media to raise community awareness of breast cancer prevention and early detection. Ms Lorena Gibson & Ms Emily Gorman BreastScreen Victoria</p>	<p>Q3. Enhancing patient-centred care in tomosynthesis-guided and vacuum-assisted breast biopsy: The C.O.M.F.O.R.T.™ Framework for optimised positioning and procedural success. Sandhya Solanki Women's and Breast Imaging, Perth.</p>
<p>P4. Driving behaviour change: delivering an insight led campaign, "Breast Cancer Doesn't Wait", to motivate women to prioritise screening. Philippa Maynard & Camilla Hercus Cancer Institute NSW</p>	

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12:30pm-1:30pm | Lunch

1:30-2:30 | Plaza Auditorium

Plenary session

Ministerial Address (video)

Hon. Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Plenary session

Conference lessons and insights: What you told us!

BSA Conference Organising Committee

Final remarks and conference close

Queensland Health

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