

Eating Disorders Think Tank 2024 (DRAFT PROGRAMME)

A single-stream 2-day scientific programme designed so attendees can participate in all sessions across the two days. The programme is intended to work as a whole, with invited speakers curated to provide diverse sessions addressing the most current scientific areas and findings, with high relevance for researchers and evidence-based practitioners of all expertise types.

Thursday 6 June 2024 – Day One

Time	Format	Venue Location
9:00am – 10:30am - Opening Session		
	Conference Open - Welcome to Country - Recognition of Lived Experience	
	Opening Address	
	Keynote Professor Nadia Micali (University of Geneva) <i>Brain and body in eating disorders: have the scales tipped too far to the brain?</i>	
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning Tea	
11:00am – 12:40pm – Scientific Session One: Advancements in Understanding		
	Professor Sarah-Cohen Woods (Flinders University) <i>The epigenetics of eating disorders</i>	
	Dr Romi Goldschlager (Prof Jayashri Kulkarni Lab, Monash University) <i>Hormones in the aetiology, maintenance and treatment of mental disorders including eating disorders</i>	

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	Dr Joanne Rathbone <i>The Social Cure: the role of social connection in recovery from mental illness and eating disorders</i>	
12:40pm – 1:40pm	Lunch	
1:40pm – 3:10pm – Interactive Session One: Co-Production in Research		
Interactive Session: Presenters: <i>Prof Genevieve Pepin, Shannon Calvert, Dr Sanna Barrand and team</i> Co-Pro in Eating Disorders: Beyond hype, can we truly revolutionise research?		
3:10pm – 3:40pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:40pm – 5:20pm – Scientific Session Two: Intervention Breakthroughs		
	Professor Antonio Verdejo-Garcia (Turner Institute of Brain & Mental Health, Monash Uni) <i>Impulsivity circuitry and behaviour at the intersection of EDs and addiction</i>	
	Dr Frank Iorfino (Professor Ian Hickie Lab, University of Sydney) <i>Personalised measurement-based mental health care provision</i>	
	Professor Zane Andrews (Monash University) <i>GLP1 Agonists: A biological Primer</i>	
	Speaker TBC <i>Psychedelic agents and treatment of mental illness</i>	
5:20pm – 6:20pm	Networking Drinks	
End of Day One		

Friday 7 June 2024 – Day Two

Time	Format	Venue Location
9:00am – 11.00 am – Opening Session		
	Conference Open – Acknowledgement of Country - Recognition of Lived Experience	
	Keynote 2 Professor Damien Keating (Flinders University) <i>The Role of the Microbiome in mental health, and new pathways identified in mood regulation</i>	
Panel Discussion and Interactive Session: Presenters: Leilani Darwin, Prof Boe Rambaldini, Kyar Wilkey and friends		
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research consideration guidelines A new framework and system for all researchers to evaluate the design of their research for closing the gap opportunities, cultural awareness, sensitivity and competency		
11:00am – 11:30am	Morning Tea	
11:30am – 12:50pm – Scientific Session Three: New Methodologies		
	Dr Emma Louise Seal and Dr Tamara Borovica (Prof Renata Kokanovik Lab, RMIT Uni) <i>Narrative methodologies for research in Lived Experience populations</i>	
	Dr Ravi Iyer (MAGNET Clinical Trials Network & Swinburne University) <i>End of the RCT? The New Clinical Trial Designs</i>	
	Speaker TBC <i>Machine Learning methodologies</i>	
12:50pm – 1:45pm	Lunch	

Time	Format	Venue Location
1:45pm – 3:15pm – Interactive Session Two: Translation		
<p>Interactive Session Presenters: Dr Tania Withington (Lead C&A ED Service, Queensland Health) & Dr Kirsty Jones (Crawford School Public Policy, ANU)</p> <p><i>Theory vs Reality in Research and Policy Translation & Implementation</i> Embedding research methodologies in clinical systems, infrastructure delivery, the role of co-production, co-design and engagement in facilitating policy change, implementing new policy (theory vs reality).</p>		
3:15pm – 3:40pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:40pm – 5:30pm – Contentious Conversations		
Contentious Conversations: The Great Debate		
	<p><i>Debate Topic:</i> <i>Research dollars are limited, eating disorder researchers and funders should be prioritising early illness.</i></p> <p><i>Team A vs Team B</i></p>	
Lightning Round Presentations – Novel high impact ECRs presentations nominated from the field (4x15mins)		
	Closing	
End of Conference		