

The Australian Eating Disorders Research & Translation Centre's (AEDRTC) Eating Disorders Think Tank 2024: *Coming Together to Advance Science and Understanding*

Thursday 6 June 2024 – Day One

Time	Session	Location
9:00am – 10:30am	Opening Session	King Edward Ballroom
9:00am – 9:25am	Conference Open - Welcome to Country - Recognition of Lived Experience	
9:25am – 9:40am	Opening Address: The Hon Ingrid Stitt MP (Minister for Mental Health Victoria)	
9:40am – 10:30am	Keynote Speaker 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	Foyer
11:00am – 12:30pm	Scientific Session One: Advancements in Understanding	King Edward Ballroom
11:00am – 11:25am	Professor Sarah Cohen-Woods (Flinders University) <i>The epigenetics of eating disorders</i>	
11:25am – 11:50am	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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11:50am – 12:15pm	Dr Joanne Rathbone (Australian National University) <i>The Social Cure: the role of social connection in recovery from mental illness and eating disorders</i>	
12:15pm – 1:30pm	Lunch	Foyer
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Interactive Session One: Co-Production in Research	King Edward Ballroom
<p>Panel Discussion and Interactive Session: Co-Pro in Eating Disorders: Beyond hype, can we truly revolutionise research? Presenters: Prof Genevieve Pepin, Shannon Calvert, Dr Sanna Barrand and team</p>		
3:00pm – 3:20pm	Afternoon Tea	Foyer
3:20pm – 5:00pm	Scientific Session Two: Intervention Breakthroughs	King Edward Ballroom
3:20pm – 3:45pm	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>	
3:45pm – 4:10pm	Dr Frank Iorfino (Professor Ian Hickie Lab, University of Sydney) <i>Personalised measurement-based mental health care provision</i>	
4:10pm - 4:35pm	Professor Zane Andrews (Monash University) <i>GLP1 Agonists: A biological Primer</i>	

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4:35pm – 5:00pm	Dr Meg Spriggs (<i>Independent researcher and lived experience consultant</i>) <i>Psychedelic agents and treatment of mental illness</i>	
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Networking Drinks	Grand Vestibule at Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne
End of Day One		

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Friday 7 June 2024 – Day Two

Time	Session	Venue Location
9:00am – 11:00am	Opening Session	King Edward Ballroom
9:00am – 9:10am	Conference Open – Acknowledgement of Country - Recognition of Lived Experience	
9:10am – 10:00am	Keynote Speaker Professor Damien Keating (Flinders University) <i>The role of the gut-brain axis in mental health and mood disorders</i>	
10:00am – 11:00am	Panel Discussion and Interactive Session: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research consideration guidelines Presenters: Leilani Darwin, Kyar Wilkey and friends <i>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</i>	
11:00am – 11:30am	Morning Tea	Foyer
11:30am – 12:45pm	Scientific Session Three: New Methodologies	King Edward Ballroom
11:30am – 11:55am	Dr Emma Louise Seal and Dr Tamara Borovica (Prof Renata Kokanovik Lab, RMIT Uni) <i>Narrative methodologies for research in Lived Experience populations</i>	

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11:55am – 12:20pm	Dr Ravi Iyer (MAGNET Clinical Trials Network & Swinburne University) <i>End of the RCT? The New Clinical Trial Designs</i>	
12:20pm – 12:45pm	Dr Dominic Dwyer (Orygen) <i>How to Use Machine Learning Methodologies to Better Understand Mental Illness</i>	
12:45pm – 1:45pm	Lunch	Foyer
1:45pm – 3:15pm	Interactive Session Two: Translation	King Edward Ballroom
<p>Interactive Session: <i>Theory vs Reality in Research and Policy Translation & Implementation</i></p> <p>Presenters: Dr Tania Withington (Lead C&A ED Service, Queensland Health) & Dr Kirsty Jones (Crawford School Public Policy, ANU)</p> <p><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).</i></p>		
3:15pm – 3:35pm	Afternoon Tea	Foyer
3:35pm – 4:20pm	Contentious Conversations	King Edward Ballroom

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<p>Contentious Conversations: The Great Debate Topic: <i>Research dollars are limited, eating disorder researchers and funders should be prioritising early illness.</i> Chair: <i>Dr Beth Shelton</i> For the Positive: <i>Prof Nadia Micali (University of Denmark), Prof Stephen Touyz (University of Sydney), Dr Anna Rose EDNA</i> Against: <i>Jane Rowan (EDFA), Prof Eoin Killackey (Orygen), Prof Claire Foldi (Monash University)</i></p>		
4:20pm – 5:00pm	Lightning Round Presentations and Closing	King Edward Ballroom
4:25pm – 4:55pm	<p>4 x 5-minute lightning round presentations (top rating ECR poster applications selected) Novel high impact ECRs presentations nominated from the field</p>	
4:55pm -5:00pm	Think Tank 24 Wrap Up and Closing	
Conference Close		

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