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# LIVING WITH CANCER

## OUR RESEARCH, YOUR FUTURE

An interactive forum hosted by PCFA and Ovarian Cancer Australia. Facilitated by renowned journalist Julie McCrossin.

- 9.30am**      **Registration**
- 9.45am**      **Welcome and Introduction**
- 9.50am**      *Our stories with Julie*
- 10.00am**     **Presentation:** Overview of New Therapies for Ovarian Cancer & Prostate Cancer  
*A/Prof Jonathan Harris, Queensland University of Technology*
- 10.20am**     **Question Time** Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
- 10.30am**     **Morning Tea & Registration for Lab Tours**
- 11.00am**     *Door prize draw & Our Stories with Julie*
- 11.10am**     **Meet the Researcher:** New Vaccines for Prostate Cancer  
*A/Prof Kristen Radford, Mater Research*
- 11.25am**     **Question Time** Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
- 11.35am**     **Meet the Researcher:** Personalised treatment for ovarian cancer  
*Prof Lewis Perrin, Mater Research*
- 11.50pm**     **Question Time** Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
- 12.00pm**     **Stand-Up Networking Lunch & Lab Tours**
- 1.00pm**      *Door prize draw & Our Stories with Julie*
- 1.10pm**      **Presentation:** Does lifestyle influence quality of life and survival following a diagnosis of ovarian cancer?  
*Prof Penny Webb, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute*
- 1.20pm**      **Question Time** Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
- 1.30pm**      **Presentation:** Psychosocial care for men with prostate cancer  
*Prof Suzanne Chambers, Griffith University*
- 1.40pm**      **Question Time** Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
- 1.50pm**      **Panel & Audience Discussion:** Unmet Needs  
*Prof Suzanne Chambers, Psycho-oncologist*  
*Prof Penny Webb, Cancer Epidemiologist*  
*A/Prof Sandi Hayes, Exercise Physiologist*  
*Dr Catherine Shannon, Medical Oncologist*
- 3.10pm**      **Awards of Appreciation Presentation**
- 3.20pm**      **Closing Summary**
- 3.30pm**      **Close**

## Presenters



**Julie McCrossin** gets people talking and she is renowned for her warmth, humour, intelligence and commitment to social justice. After 20 years as a broadcaster with ABC Radio National, ABC TV and Network Ten, she is now a freelance journalist and facilitator. She presented the radio show Life Matters on ABC Radio National for 5 years, covering countless health, welfare and educational topics with a frequent rural focus. Julie was also a team leader on the media quiz show "Good News Week" for 5 years on Network Ten and ABC TV. Currently Julie presents a travel program for Qantas and facilitates conferences and seminars nationally. Julie offers a range of interactive formats that stimulate audience discussion while keeping people on topic and on time. Julie is especially known for her capacity to guide forums on sensitive topics, such as suicide prevention, mental health, child protection and family law.



**Associate Professor Jonathan Harris** completed his PhD at the University of Queensland and his work has resulted in fruitful national and international collaborations. He has been the leader of the Molecular Simulation Group at Queensland University of Technology's Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation since 2001 and lectures in Protein Chemistry in the School of Biomedical science at QUT.

Associate Professor Harris specialises in molecular modelling, protein chemistry and peptide synthesis. In particular, his group's research is focused on molecular design and discovery of new inhibitors that block enzymes involved in cancer progression and metastasis.



**Associate Professor Kristen Radford** is a Senior Research Fellow and NHMRC CDA Level 2 fellow. She completed her PhD in 1997 from the University of Newcastle, NSW and was awarded NSW Young Australian of the Year in 1998. She then undertook a postdoctoral position at Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London (now Cancer Research UK) developing new dendritic cell-based vaccine strategies for cancer immunotherapy. She joined Mater Research in 2001 and played a key role in obtaining the preclinical data that justified the first blood dendritic cell vaccine trial in prostate cancer that was completed in 2009. Her research interests are focussed on understanding basic dendritic cell biology in humans and applying this knowledge to develop more potent cancer vaccines.



**Professor Lewis Perrin** is a gynaecological oncologist with a special interest in minimal access surgery for the treatment of cancerous and non-cancerous diseases of the female reproductive organs. He is involved with clinical research and is a major contributor to many trials that determine the best treatment for patients with gynaecological cancers. Professor Perrin is a lead investigator in several studies ranging from laparoscopic surgery to new techniques in the delivery of chemotherapy. He joined the Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer in 1993. He began his training here, but also included a year as a clinical fellow in colorectal surgery at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

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**Professor Penny Webb** is a cancer epidemiologist specialising in women's cancers. She received her PhD from Oxford University and spent a year at the International Agency for Research in Cancer in France, before moving to Brisbane in 1995. She now heads the Gynaecological Cancers Group at the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute and leads studies that aim to identify factors that influence risk of, and survival following ovarian and endometrial cancer.



**Professor Suzanne Chambers** is a registered nurse and health psychologist who has worked as a practitioner researcher in psychological support for people with cancer for over 20 years. Her current role is Professor of Preventative Health at the Griffith Health Institute (GHI) at Griffith University. Her particular area of interest is in adjustment to prostate cancer and she is currently leading two large scale trials into psycho-education, decision support and couples based interventions for men with localised prostate cancer. Professor Chambers has published extensively on the psychological aspects of cancer including decision support, couples and sexuality, lifestyle and unmet supportive care needs for men with prostate cancer and psychological intervention for Cancer Helpline callers in a high level of distress.



**Associate Professor Sandi Hayes** is a Principal Research Fellow within the School of Public Health, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology and co-leads ihop. Associate Professor Hayes' research experience and interests relate to understanding recovery following cancer treatment. Her work has a particular focus on improving understanding of lymphoedema (swelling) caused by cancer treatment, as well as understanding the role of exercise in 'bridging the gap' between treatment cessation and the return to 'normal' daily lives for cancer survivors. Associate Professor Hayes currently holds a Cancer Council Queensland Senior Research Fellowship which provides research funding for five years (2014-2018) to improve understanding of cancer survivorship concerns.



**Dr Catherine Shannon** is a Consultant Medical Oncologist and Director of Medical Oncology at the Mater Adult Hospital, South Brisbane. She is the principal or co-investigator on a number of phase I, II and III clinical trials in breast, gynaecological and lung cancer. Currently on Executive ASBD, advisory on breast cancer for Breast Cancer Australia, Dr Shannon has previously completed a fellowship with Breast Cancer Unit of the Royal Marsden Hospital. She obtained extensive experience in phase I and II trials of novel agents for metastatic breast cancer. Dr Shannon has a special interest in the management of breast cancer in young women and pregnant women and has published in this field.