

# Setting the stage: Preparing for the 2025 lung cancer screening program national rollout

Date: 23 May 2025

Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Location: The Florey (30 Royal Parade, Parkville)  
with a hybrid option

## Program

Aim: To empower and prepare Victorian health professionals, administrators, and advocates for the 2025 National Lung Cancer Screening Program rollout, with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to deliver effective, equitable, and culturally safe lung cancer screening and care across diverse communities.

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# Symposium Program

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| Time      | Topic   | Overview of the Session  | Presenters and Panellists  |
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| 9.00am    | Registration and check in   | Registration and morning tea   |  |
| 9.30am    | Formalities   | Welcome<br>Welcome to Country  | Prof Grant McArthur AO<br>Wurundjeri Elder Tony Garvey   |
| Session 1 | Chairs: Prof Jon Emery and A/Prof Gavin Wright                                |  |  |
| 9.45am    | Setting the scene: The Lung Cancer Screening Program Rollout                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the national implementation plan, timeline, and priorities</li> <li>• Ensuring equitable access across metro, regional, and rural settings</li> <li>• National insights on equity challenges from a patient perspective</li> <li>• System preparedness and accessibility for priority populations in Victoria</li> <li>• Indigenous health perspectives and program considerations</li> </ul> | <p>Anne Fidler - Consumer advocate, Chair of Consumer Group, Lung Foundation Australia</p> <p>Jess Pratt – Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care</p> <p>Prof Vivienne Milch - Medical Director, Cancer Australia</p> <p>Peter Bligh – National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)</p> <p>Dr Bridie O’Donnell - Executive Director, Public Health Network and Programs, VIC Department of Health</p> <p>Nicola Farray - Executive Director, VIC Department of Health</p> |
| Session 2 | Chair: A/Prof Nicole Rankin   |  |  |
| 10.30am   | Understanding Lung Cancer Screening: Evidence, guidelines, and best practices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the latest evidence and guidelines for lung cancer screening</li> <li>• Eligibility criteria and risk assessment tools for identifying high-risk individuals</li> <li>• Challenges and barriers to lung cancer screening</li> </ul>   | <p>A/Prof Nicole Rankin - University of Melbourne</p> <p>A/Prof Gavin Wright - St Vincent’s Hospital</p> <p>Kathy McCann - Ballarat Health</p> <p>Anne Fidler - Consumer advocate</p> <p>A/Prof Henry Marshall - The Prince Charles Hospital and University of Queensland</p>  |

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| 11.15am    | Break  |  |  |
| Session 3  | Chair: A/Prof Gavin Wright   |  |  |
| 11.30am    | Lung cancer screening pathways   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigating the diagnostic journey from GP referral to screening entry</li> <li>• What happens next? Navigating the patient journey from form to CT scan</li> <li>• The approach to additional findings in the radiology report</li> <li>• Managing nodules and transitioning into multidisciplinary care (MDT)</li> </ul>   | <p>A/Prof Justin Tse - University of Melbourne</p> <p>Dr Miranda Siemenowicz - Northern Health</p> <p>Dr Mark McCusker – The Royal Melbourne Hospital</p> <p>Dr Beverley Woon – Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre</p> <p>Bianca Bell - North Western Melbourne PHN</p> <p>Kathy McCann – Ballarat Health</p> |
| 12.30pm    | Lunch and networking   |  |  |
| Session 4a | Chair: A/Prof Kalinda Griffiths  |  |  |
| 1.25pm     | Building a person-centred culturally safe model of care for First Nation communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving from Cancer Journey Strategy to Lung Cancer Screening Pilot program</li> <li>• Addressing barriers and challenges for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</li> <li>• Strengthening relationships to support culturally safe, person-centred care</li> <li>• Defining success – key indicators and pilot assessment</li> <li>• Insights from lived experience, state-level implementation</li> <li>• Measuring impact through evaluation and continuous improvement</li> </ul> | <p>A/Prof Kalinda Griffiths - Poche SA+NT, Flinders University</p> <p>A/Prof Lisa Whop – The Australian National University</p> <p>Shannon Gleeson - Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)</p> <p>Deb Buck - Consumer advocate</p>                                      |

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| <b>Session 4b</b>                                |   |   |  |
| <b>Chair: Prof Jon Emery</b>                     |   |   |  |
| 2.15pm   | <b>Building a person-centred culturally safe model of care for other priority populations</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insights into priority populations</li> <li>• Addressing barriers and challenges for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities</li> <li>• Ensuring equity and access in regional and rural areas</li> <li>• Developing person-centred, culturally safe care models for diverse populations</li> </ul> | <p>Hannah McGinty - Lung Foundation Australia</p> <p>Ewan Wylie - Heart of Australia</p> <p>A/Prof Henry Marshall - The Prince Charles Hospital and University of Queensland</p> |
| 2.45pm   | <b>Afternoon tea</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Session 5</b>                                 |   |   |  |
| <b>Chairs: Prof Jon Emery and Dr Lisa Briggs</b> |   |   |  |
| 3.00pm   | <b>Integrating best practice cancer care</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening shared care models for coordinated patient management</li> <li>• Optimising the role of the multidisciplinary team in lung cancer care</li> <li>• Enhancing cancer services and workforce readiness</li> <li>• Addressing the psychosocial impacts of lung cancer screening</li> </ul>                 | <p>A/Prof Cathy Segan - Cancer Council Victoria</p> <p>Mary Duffy – Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre</p>  |
| 3.45pm   | <b>The importance of data collection and monitoring</b>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR) for lung cancer – how it works and data capture</li> <li>• Ensuring data quality through effective</li> </ul>   | <p>A/Prof Kalinda Griffiths-Poche SA+NT, Flinders University</p> <p>Prof Dorota Gertig - Telstra Health, National Cancer Screening Register</p>                                  |

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|        |  | <p>collection and monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Indigenous Data Governance principles</li> </ul>                                   |  |
| 4.05pm | Common strategies across health services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging communities through workshops, outreach, and education</li> <li>Strengthening support systems and improving access to knowledge and resources</li> </ul> | <p>Hailey Fisher - Lung Foundation Australia</p> <p>Katie McFadden - The Daffodil Centre</p> <p>Kate Broun - Cancer Council Victoria</p> |
| 4.45pm | Closing statements                       | Closing remarks and next steps   |  |
| 5.00pm | Event close                              |  |  |