

GI Cancer Roundtable 2026

Friday 17 – Saturday 18 July

Location: Crystalbrook Riley Cairns

DAY 1: FRIDAY 17TH JULY

12:30 REGISTRATION

13:00 LUNCH

SESSION 1: The Known Knowns, the Known Unknowns and the Unknowns

Chairs: Dan Buchanan & Lochlan Fennell

- 14:00** One Family, One Cancer, Three Perspectives – What Comes Next? - Lived Experience of EOCRC
Natalie Diepenhorst
- 14:10** Known Knowns: Trends in EOCRC, Risk Factors and Dispelling the Myths
Lisa Boardman (International Speaker)
- 14:30** Known Unknowns: What is Early Onset Colorectal Cancer? Genetic and Non-genetic Causes and Our Plans to Understand the Increasing Incidence
Dan Buchanan
- 14:45** The Unknowns: Bluesky Thinking
Lochlan Fennell
- 15:05** Discussion
Moderator: Alex Boussioutas

15:30 AFTERNOON TEA

- 16:00** Bowel Cancer Australia - You Should Never Be Told that "You're Too Young to Have Bowel Cancer"
Claire Annear

SESSION 2: Is screening the answer to EOCRC?

Chairs: Hooi Ee & Mark Jenkins

- 16:15** From Evidence to Policy: Population Screening in the Age of Early-Onset CRC for Australians
Eleonora Feletto
- 16:30** Current Screening and Future Projections
Driss Ait Ouakrim
- 16:45** Is the FIT test fit for EOCRC?
Erin Symonds
- 17:00** Discussion
Moderators: Hooi Ee & Mark Jenkins

17:30 DAY 1 CONCLUDES

18:30 Dinner

Location – Salt House | 6/2 Pier Point Road, Marina Point Cairns City, QLD

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DAY 2: SATURDAY 18TH JULY

7-7:45am – Morning Walk

08:30 - ARRIVAL

SESSION 3: Gastroenterological Perspectives in EOCRC

Chairs: Kirsty Campbell

- 09:00** Gastroenterology Challenges and Multidisciplinary Approach to EOCRC
Lisa Boardman (International Speaker)
- 09:20** Early-onset Pre-malignancy
Andrew Buckle
- 09:35** Metachronous Risk and Ongoing Surveillance in Young Adults
Hooi Ee
- 09:50** EOCRC in Regional Australia
Kirsty Campbell
- 10:05** Discussion
Moderator: Andrew Buckle

10:30 MORNING TEA

SESSION 4: Aetiological and Risk Stratification Insights

Chairs: Ingrid Winship & Vicki Whitehall

- 11:00** Risk Prediction and Risk Stratification
Mark Jenkins
- 11:15** Understanding Gut Microbiota: Epithelia Interactions using Functional Modelling
Susan Woods
- 11:30** Immune Cell Contributions to Colorectal Cancer Development
Lisa Mielke
- 11:45** Decoding Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer Through Tumour Mutational Signatures
Peter Georgeson
- 12:00** Exploring Key Bacterial Pathogens in the Microbiome
Danielle Ingle
- 12:15** Discussion
Moderator: Vicki Whitehall

12:45 LUNCH

SESSION 5: Where to from here?

Chairs: Dan Buchanan & Lochlan Fennell

- 13:45** Meeting Summary
- 14:00** Discussion

14:45 EVENT CONCLUDES

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