



VCCC Alliance

From roadmap to realisation: Advancing Genomics in Cancer Care

Location: Lecture Theatre B, Level 7,
VCCC Building/ Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Date: Friday 7 August 2026

Aim

To unite leaders in cancer care, research, policy, and consumer advocacy to review progress, align initiatives with the National Framework for Genomics in Cancer Control, and strengthen patient pathways while addressing equity for all populations.

Outcomes

- Share priorities identified to accelerate implementation of the roadmap to Precision Oncology in line with the National Framework for Genomics in Cancer Control and Australian Cancer Plan.
- Best-practice models showcased to strengthen coordination and patient pathways.
- Barriers and opportunities identified to improve genomic access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, rural, and regional communities.
- Stronger national partnerships established to drive continuous improvement and knowledge exchange.

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Program *(subject to change)*



Time	Item	Presenters
9.30am	Program begins	
9.30am	Welcome & acknowledgement of country	Prof David Ashley (VCCC Alliance)
9.40am	Opening address	Dr Kortnye Smith (Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre)
9.45am	Overview of the National Framework for Genomics in Cancer Control and its role in guiding sector priorities	Prof Vivienne Milch (Cancer Australia)
10.00am	Importance of Precision Oncology – Sharing from lived experience	Kathy Minas (Lived experience advocate)
10.10am	Translating progress into practice: The future of genomic implementation at scale	Tiffany Boughtwood (Australian Health Genomics)
10.25am	Omico's evolving role: Transforming cancer care in Australia	Dr Damien Kee (Omico; Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre)
10.40am	Clinical cancer genomics – Research, translation and impact	Prof Sean Grimmond (University of Melbourne)
11.05am	Break	
11.25am	Strengthening patient pathways Integrating Genomics into cancer: Supporting patients in everyday practice. - Supporting incidental germline findings - Q&A	Dr Kortnye Smith (Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre) A/Prof Alison Trainer (Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre)
12.00pm	Understanding and addressing equity in genomics: Current barriers and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. - Setting the scene - Regional perspectives on access and equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - Community-driven initiatives on genomics access and equity - Indigenous genomics and the future of precision oncology - Community and lived experience perspective - Q&A	Chaired by: Louise Lyons (Australian Alliance for Indigenous Genomics; VCCC Alliance) Presenters include: - Melissa Sheldon (Lived experience advocate) - Leah Lindrea-Morrison (Lotjpa Yapaneyepuk – Talk Together)
12.50pm	Lunch	
1.50pm	Understanding and addressing equity in genomics Current barriers and opportunities for rural and regional populations - Setting the scene - Community and lived experience perspective - Uptake of precision oncology in rural and regional areas - Q&A	Chaired by Dr Sam Harris (Bendigo Health; VCCC Alliance) Presenters include: - Amelia James (Lived experience advocate) - Dr Malaka Ameratunga (Bayside Health; MPCCC)
2.50pm	AI-Enabled Molecular Tumour Boards: Tools, Perspectives and Patient Impact Panel discussion: Accelerating precision oncology through technology	Prof David Ashley (VCCC Alliance, WEHI) Moderator: Tiffany Boughtwood Panel members: Panel members: Prof David Ashley, Prof Sean Grimmond, Louise Lyons, Dr Sam Harris
3.30pm	Closing Remarks & Next Steps	
3.40pm	End of day	