

Transforming Healthcare Research & Innovation Symposium

14 October 2026

	Session	Speaker
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration	
9:00am – 10:10am	Welcome and plenary	Chair: West Moreton Health (WMH) Executive Director Medical Services, Dr Nicola Murdock
	Event information	WMH Director Research, Christopher Hicks
	Acknowledgement of Country	WMH Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Unit, Maurice Woodley
	Official welcome	WMH Chief Executive, Hannah Bloch
	Sponsor welcome	West Moreton Health Foundation (WMHF) Chief Executive Officer, Scott Young and National Australia Bank (NAB) Riverlink representative, Melissa Rogaloff
	Plenary speaker	University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) Professor of Social and Behavioural Science and Chair, Cancer Survivorship, Professor Jeffrey Dunn AO
	Awards: Research Excellence and Research to Practice	WMH Director Research, Christopher Hicks, WMHF Chief Executive Officer, Scott Young, and NAB representative, Melissa Rogaloff
10:10am–10:35am	Morning tea	
10:35am–11:45am	Research session	Chair: Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research (QCMHR) Assistant Director, Dr Duncan McLean
Standard	Core components and implementation outcomes of the Preventative Integrated Care Service – first three years	Darling Downs and West Moreton Primary Health Network Regional Planning Lead and Queensland University of Technology PhD Candidate, Ashleigh Earnshaw
Rapid	New ROTEM FIBTEM: should the fibrinogen replacement threshold change for critical bleeding?	WMH Emergency Specialist, Dr Akmez Latona

Rapid	Developing trauma-informed care guidelines for the emergency department context	QCMHR, Principal Research Officer, Olivia Miller
Standard	Nurse-led transitional and aftercare program for adult burn survivors: development and preliminary effects	UniSQ, Associate Professor Jonathan Bayuo
Rapid	Breast cancer, brain health and exercise: insights from novel clinical studies	UniSQ, Lecturer, Tahnee Downs
Standard	Delayed discharge beyond medical clearance in gastrointestinal surgery: a qualitative study of workflow, system misalignment, and operational normalised delay	UniSQ, Lecturer and University of Technology Sydney, PhD Candidate Mathulada Chaimee
Rapid	When ADHD runs in families: impacts of unrecognised maternal ADHD	WMH Registered Nurse, Tamara Taione
Rapid	Computed Tomography Coronary Angiography-first evaluation in an Australian regional chest pain assessment service: real-world outcomes	WMH and Metro South Health, Basic Physician Trainee, Dr Krishnaa Sivapalan
11:30am – 11:35am	Question time	
	Vote break / 5 mins stretch time	
11:40am–11:45am	Award: Best Research presentation	WMH Director Research, Christopher Hicks, WMHF Chief Executive Officer, Scott Young, and NAB representative, Melissa Rogaloff
11:45am–12:45pm	Lunch and poster display	
12:45pm – 1:55pm	Quality Improvement session	Chair: Senior Director Patient Safety and Quality, Erin Finn
Rapid	Beyond keywords: semantic NLP for auditing narrative clinical documentation in mental health electronic health records	QCMHR Director of Service Evaluation and Research Unit, Dr Niall Higgins
Standard	Empowered nurses, improved patient journeys: implementing Extended Practice Authority RN in the Ripley Minor Injury and Illness Clinic	WMH Assistant Nursing Director, Marissa Alexander, and WMH Nurse Unit Manager, James Want
Rapid	Charting the unknown: establishing pathways for supporting dysphagia post electroconvulsive therapy	WMH Speech Pathologist, Alison McGann
Standard	Safer transfusions for rural communities: strengthening blood	WMH Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC), Bronwen Pauli

	product traceability and stewardship across rural hospitals	
Rapid	Implementing room service on demand and electronic menu management in a greenfield sub-acute facility: the critical role of the senior nutrition assistant	WMH Senior Dietetic Assistant, Cheryl Grulke
Rapid	Cellulitis: what is the scope of OT intervention in an acute hospital setting?	WMH Senior Occupational Therapist and Lymphoedema Practitioner, Julia Douglas
Standard	Improving pneumococcal vaccination uptake among dialysis patients with chronic kidney disease: a quality improvement study in Queensland, Australia	WMH Clinical Nurse, Alison Kenny
Rapid	More than a screening tool: changing dysphagia referral practice across four rural hospitals	WMH Speech Pathologist, Olivia Jones
1:40pm – 1:45pm	Question time	
	Vote break / 5 mins stretch time	
1:50pm – 1:55pm	Award: Best Poster and Best Quality Improvement presentation	WMH Director Research, Christopher Hicks and WMHF Chief Executive Officer, Scott Young and NAB representative, Melissa Rogaloff
1:55pm – 2:15pm	Afternoon tea	
2:15pm – 3:25pm	Clinical Innovation session	Chair: Executive Director of Mental Health, Addictions, Custodial Health and Statewide Services, Dr Luke Butcher
Rapid	Breaking down barriers to Hepatitis C testing	WMH Clinical Nurse, Lisa Ball, and WMH CNC, Grace O'Donoghue
Rapid	Implementation of SOSI compliant SMS confirmation process for appointment bookings in paediatric dietitian clinic	WMH Senior Paediatric Dietitian, Ainsley Galton
Standard	Improving patient access and flow for general medicine through the implementation of the Rapid Assessment Intervention and Discharge (RAID) model of care at Ipswich Hospital	WMH Project Lead General Medicine Redesign, Kate Atkinson
Rapid	Implementing an OT cadet in mental health residential rehabilitation	WMH A/Occupational Therapy Discipline Lead and Allied Health Workforce Lead, Jessica Warner
2:40pm – 2:45pm	Question time – session one	

Rapid	Evaluation of cancer treatment diary card (PROMs tool) for the monitoring of treatment related toxicity	WMH Pharmacist Advanced, Lesley Dawson
Standard	Systems approach to health intelligence: identifying opportunities for patient-centred models of care	WMH Health Intelligence Lead, John Marquess
Rapid	Rural palliative care outreach and in-reach model: developing an integrated specialist rural palliative care service	WMH Senior Staff Specialist, Dr Trish Kahawita, and WMH Nurse Navigator / Nurse Practitioner Candidate, Ela Thompson
Standard	Time is tissue: redesigning rural wound care to improve access	WMH Acting Senior Planning Officer, Elle Goodwin, and WMH Clinical Nurse, Melissa Jackson
3:15pm – 3:20pm	Question time – session two	
3:20pm – 3:25pm	Award: Best Clinical Innovation presentation	WMH Executive Director Mental Health, Addictions, Custodial Health and Statewide Services, Dr Luke Butcher, and WMHF Chief Executive Officer, Scott Young and NAB representative, Melissa Rogaloff
3:25pm – 3:30pm	Closing remarks	WMH Director Research, Christopher Hicks