

WA community embraces Ride to Conquer Cancer

Lisa's Story

Breast cancer survivor Lisa Tucker Watts will be pedalling her way to good health and helping future generations when she takes part in the Sunsuper Ride To Conquer Cancer benefiting the Western Australian Institute (WAIMR) for Medical Research next October.



The two day cycling event, which is new to Perth, has recently been launched and Lisa was one of the first people to decide she'd take on the challenge of the 200 kilometre ride.

"Cancer has had a huge impact on my life," Lisa says. "My mum died of breast cancer when she was my age and my sister was diagnosed with it four years ago. It was really hard to deal with it when my sister got breast cancer and it made me think about all that Mum had been through."

Lisa underwent gene testing which found that she also had the harmful BRCA1 mutation. When Lisa was told she risked a 70% to 90% possibility of early onset breast cancer, she opted for a preventative double mastectomy. Then, two weeks before her scheduled surgery, at the age of 35, she found a lump under her arm.

"It was already double the size of my sister's lump and a very aggressive type," she says. "I kept my appointment for the operation and had a bilateral mastectomy and reconstruction."

"This experience really showed me the importance of medical research", Lisa says. "Without the discovery of the BRCA1 mutation I may not have had such a positive outcome."

Now she's hoping that the challenge of the Ride to Conquer Cancer will help her to regain her fitness.

"It's a way of getting my 'Mojo' back!" she says.

"After chemo when my hair had fallen out I didn't leave the house much for 7 or 8 months. Now I figure that losing weight and boosting my immune system will also help reduce the chance of getting cancer again, so that's a good reason to ride."

But fitness is not the main reason Lisa will keep pedalling all the way to the finish line. "I'm doing it in memory of my Mum. This isn't about 'poor me,' this is about raising money to conquer cancer for other people in the future."

Lisa says she's excited and scared about the ride, but she'll be riding alongside her husband Geoff and the couple have already decided to buy each other bikes for Christmas. Lisa's Dad will be on their support crew.

She's urged DNAge readers to join her. "This is something that affects our whole community, no family is immune to cancer, so come and join me for the ride.

Your fundraising will help prevent the suffering of so many families."

Megan's Story

Megan Finch is a passionate WAIMR researcher in the field of liver cancer, but she's registered for The Ride to Conquer Cancer for a much more personal reason.



"My best friend's Mum died from breast cancer when my friend was only 9 years old, and I saw how that affected her as we grew up," she says. "My friend recently gave birth to her own first child, a little boy, and when I visited and told her that I was dedicating my ride to her Mum, she was really touched."

Megan is a PhD student in Professor George Yeoh's laboratory, based at the University of Western Australia, investigating the transformation of progenitor cells in the liver as they become cancerous.

She cycles to Uni every day and also plans to train for the event by riding longer distances on the weekends, having just purchased a new bike at a sale only a few weeks before The Ride to Conquer Cancer was launched.

"I now think it was fate," Megan says. "If I hadn't already bought the bike it would have seemed like more of a challenge, but WAIMR really is a great organisation and the fundraising is well worth it."

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About The Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer

The Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer, benefiting the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR), powered by Mining and Civil Australia (MACA), is set to become one of WA's premier fundraising events.

WAIMR Director, Professor Peter Klinken, is excited about the challenge which will boost funds to hard working researchers. He'll also be riding as a survivor of melanoma.

"Next year, on the weekend of October 20 and 21, we'll be cycling about 100 kilometres through some of Perth's loveliest scenery to a fully catered tent city, having a hot shower and a massage, enjoying a meal, drinks and entertainment and then sleeping overnight in tents which will be provided," he says.

"The next day, after a hot breakfast, we'll hop on our bikes again and ride back to Perth's central business district, where there'll be lots of families and friends cheering us on the homeward stretch. It's going to be incredibly uplifting."

Cancer survivors will ride with a yellow flag on the back of their bike, inspiring other riders to pedal hard and raise funds for research which will help conquer cancer and provide hope for the future.

Professor Klinken urged cyclists of all ages and abilities to participate, saying that although a 200 kilometre ride might seem like a monumental task, it would be nothing compared to the battle of people living with cancer.

"We will be taking care of participants every step of the way, providing pit stops along the route. Our team will also provide first

aid and bike maintenance, ensuring conditions are as safe as possible," he said. "The route is designed for anybody who wants to challenge themselves for a great cause."

"During the recent ride in Brisbane there were cyclists of all ages and abilities who completed the ride and experienced the huge adrenaline rush of achieving their goal. All you need to take part in the Perth ride is motivation, a bike and a helmet."

Cyclists registering for the Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer in Perth will receive all the information needed to train safely and effectively. They'll also be given tips on how to fundraise for the charity event.

"Everybody participating in the ride needs to raise \$2,500," said WAIMR's Director of Fundraising, Lesley Hooper. "But the great thing about the Ride is that it is fully supported from beginning to end. There are all sorts of tools available to riders and coaches who provide advice and ideas on everything from training to fundraising."

"With the funds that we raise, our scientists will be able to 'think outside the square' and move ahead with innovative ideas. These might include preventing the mutation of cells which cause cancer, or finding ways to stop tumours from growing. We will be in a position to buy the specialised equipment needed to carry out this type of research."

"We all know somebody who's been touched by cancer and this ride is very manageable compared to their struggle with this terrible killer, so why not get out there and make a difference to cancer research? At WAIMR, we're aiming for healthier lives in the future, and everybody taking part in the Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer will be helping us in our quest."

Above: Professor Peter Klinken and Professor Peter Leedman



"Eureka!" WAIMR Winner

One of the top young scientists at the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR), recently won the 2011 Eureka Prize for Emerging Leader in Science for his work in helping develop better drugs with fewer side-effects.

Associate Professor Kevin Pflieger has been working to improve treatments for conditions as disparate as drug addiction, prostate disorders and kidney failure. His leadership has placed the 34-year-old firmly on the world stage.

Associate Professor Pflieger's work focuses on the G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), which are found on the surface of human cells and looks at the role of these proteins in the cells response to pharmaceutical drugs, hormones and neurotransmitters. Put simply, his aim is to help improve drugs, so they have fewer side effects on patients.

Associate Professor Pflieger has co-invented the GPCR Heterodimer Identification Technology, improving screening for the pharmaceutical industry, which has to test hundreds of thousands of compounds in the search for potential new drugs.

The prize is part of the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes, the most prestigious awards in Australian science. Associate Professor Pflieger has already been recognised in 2010 as being responsible for one of the '10 of the Best' research projects and in 2009, he was Western Australian Young Scientist of the Year.

"Kevin is one of our rising stars at WAIMR and we are proud of his achievements," WAIMR's Director, Professor Peter Klinken said. "His work will lead to drugs with fewer side effects and that will benefit not only patients and people with serious illnesses, but will also provide economic benefits across the globe."

The 3M Eureka Prize for Emerging Leader in Science is awarded to a scientist who has used their leadership skills to create an impact inside their institution, among their peers, within their discipline or in the wider community.

'The Eureka's', have become the most coveted science awards in this country as every scientist knows a 'eureka' moment comes after decades of singular dedication, deep inquiry and rich collaboration.



Kevin, Gwen and their 7 year old son, Matthew at the awards.



High Tech Boost for WA Cancer Researchers



Australian Cancer Research Foundation

A \$2.4 million grant awarded to the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR) to purchase vital imaging equipment, will allow scientists to assess tumours and develop more effective forms of treatment.

"We are extremely grateful to the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF) for this grant, which will allow us to buy 3 pieces of expensive equipment that will be used by researchers across the State" said WAIMR Deputy Director, Professor Peter Leedman.

"This pre-clinical equipment is essential in the fight against human cancer, because it will help experts in the field move towards earlier disease detection, prevention strategies and assessment of the efficacy of new cancer treatments."

The pre-clinical MRI, PET/CT and Spect/CT scanners are non-invasive, high resolution monitoring tools, that are smaller versions of human imaging equipment, allowing researchers to examine tumour development in animal models of cancer.

"Investigating tumours in these models is a critical bridge between discoveries in the laboratory and the development of therapeutics to treat cancer patients," said WAIMR Director, Professor Peter Klinken.

ACRF Chairman, Tom Dery, said the grant to WAIMR would help to fast track research and increase the ways to develop more effective treatments.

The equipment will initially be housed in the Department of Nuclear Medicine at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (QEII MC) in Nedlands. When the new WAIMR research building on the QEII site is completed in the middle of 2013, the imaging equipment will be relocated to a purpose built facility within the building.

The equipment will be available to researchers from all over Western Australia, including WAIMR, the University of WA, QEII Medical Centre, Royal Perth Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, the Lions Eye Institute and Pathwest.



Solid Foundations for Research Hub

The new purpose built facility being constructed for the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR) will have a ground floor before Christmas.

WAIMR's Project Director of Capital Works, Trevor Dunn said that Doric Contractors was pouring the main building footprint ground floor slab in several sections.

"The basement is about half the size of the ground floor, as there is a service tunnel, which is vital for hospital services, running across the site," he explained. "So we have mainly poured the ground floor section which is suspended over the basement. The slab-on-ground section located to the north of the service tunnel should be completed soon."

Doric Contractors plan to relocate its site sheds and facilities onto the main floor area deck following further construction of the upper flooring decks. This will then free the western portion of the site to allow construction to commence to the 2 storey auditorium in early 2012.

The \$1.5 million auditorium, funded by the McCusker Charitable Foundation, will be available for public seminars and science education events.

A spacious foyer on the ground floor will include a café and, thanks to Lotterywest, spectacular audio visual displays.

"Our next step is construction of the cores for lifts and stairwells up to level one," said Mr Dunn.

WAIMR Director, Professor Peter Klinken, said it was exciting to see the Institute's long term vision for a state-of-the-art adult medical research facility emerging on the QEII site.

"It's great to see this project getting off the ground, so to speak," he quipped. "We are still on target to have this magnificent new facility completed in the middle of 2013."



MelanomaWA Ball

About 250 people who enjoyed the inaugural 2011 Bupa/MelanomaWA Ball at the Perth Convention Centre went home with an improved knowledge of melanoma and how to identify potential problems.

Organiser and MelanomaWA Founder, Clinton Heal, said that the aim of the Ball was to raise awareness about the cancer, although it was also a successful fundraising event.

"I asked the audience how many of them knew very little about melanoma and one third of the guests raised their hands," he said. "That had certainly changed by the end of the night."

As well as an informative talk by Dr Carolyn Williams about the proposed Melanoma research centre in Subiaco which will provide a comprehensive variety of services for melanoma patients, guests enjoyed dinner, an auction and danced the night away to the music of Darren Reid and the Soul City Groove.



Clint Heal and Dani York



Mangos for Melanoma

Summer is upon us and what could be yummiier than slicing into some juicy mango, straight from the fridge?

SKMRC is running its first Mango fundraising drive this year, with boxes of these Carnarvon grown mangos selling for just \$40 and part proceeds going to help our melanoma research.

To order, please go to our website <http://www.skmrc.org.au> and click on the order button. All orders need to be in by Friday 6th of January and your pre-paid box can be picked up from 21 Lovegrove Close Mt Claremont between 10am and noon on 13th of January, 2012. Enjoy!

SKMRC Welcomes New Committee Member

The Scott Kirkbride Melanoma Research Centre is pleased to announce that eminent melanoma researcher, Professor John Thompson, has joined its committee.



Professor Thompson is the Executive Director of the Melanoma Institute Australia, one of the world's largest melanoma treatment and research centres.

Professor Thompson's current research projects include investigating whether certain melanomas are resistant to chemotherapy and looking at chemotherapy techniques for limb tumours which can't be treated surgically.

On top of his role at the Melanoma Institute Australia, Professor Thompson is the Chair of Melanoma and Surgical Oncology of the University of Sydney, based at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

The SKMRC brought Professor Thompson to Perth last year to speak at the annual community seminar on melanoma.

"We are delighted Professor Thompson has agreed to join our committee," said SKMRC Manager, Dr Carolyn Williams.

"He brings a wealth of experience not only in the field of melanoma, but also as Director of the pre-eminent melanoma research institute in Australia. This appointment will provide valuable insights for us at a crucial time as SKMRC steps into the national and international melanoma stage," she said.

Our Research Team

New approach to Melanoma Treatment

A major hurdle to treating melanoma patients is that the lethal skin cancer doesn't respond well to standard treatments such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Now, thanks to a grant from the SKMRC, researchers Keith Giles, Michael Epis and an honours student, Rikki Brown, are working on a solution to this problem, trying to find new approaches to prevent melanoma growth and invasion.

"If melanoma is found early and excised from the skin, the survival rate is very good, but once the melanoma invades through other tissues, there really aren't many effective treatments," Dr Giles says. "Many of these patients will survive for as little as six months, so there is an urgent need to find new approaches to treat this disease and improve their outcome."

"We are working with microRNAs, which are very short RNAs that we have discovered are able to switch off signalling pathways that are critical melanoma growth and invasion.

"Although we're in the early stages of this project which is about understanding the mechanics of how this works, we're hopeful the microRNAs could ultimately be developed as possible new therapies for melanomas that respond poorly to standard drugs," he says.

Co-researcher Michael Epis says the team is hopeful that this possible new treatment could one day be used in combination with existing targeted therapies.

"The SKMRC funding has also allowed us to take on a very bright honours student, as well as paying for the sophisticated tools needed for this work," he says.

"We are all dedicated to fighting melanoma because we know what Vonnie (SKMRC founder Yvonne Kirkbride) has been through in her life and that has been a driving force for us. We've got the responsibility to find a good outcome for people who might be diagnosed with melanoma in the future. We don't want to let Vonnie down."



L to R: Doctor Keith Giles and Mike Epis



Exploring Nature's Therapeutic Potential

An interest in the chemistry of marine life ranging from sea horses to the humble sea sponge has led SKMRC researcher Dr Robin Scaife to make some fascinating discoveries about how compounds found in marine organisms may be able to destroy cancer cells.

Dr Scaife, who is with Molecular Discovery Systems at WAIMR's Nedlands campus hopes his findings will lead to the development of new drugs and improved treatments for patients with cancers including melanoma.

"A lot of drugs are based on natural products, and SKMRC funding has allowed us to access and test marine organisms collected from Western Australian waters," he says. "These are mainly marine sponges although the more unusual the life form, the more complex their chemistry may be."

In addition to testing marine natural products, Dr Scaife works extensively with synthetic molecules designed to have potential for drug development. These synthetic products are manufactured in the laboratory; a process which also relies heavily on SKMRC funding.

"I test all our chemical resources, natural or synthetic, by screening them for compounds which kill cancerous cells," he explains. "In some cases I'm looking for biological activity which selectively destroys cancer cells, but because most current use of chemotherapy is based on the fact that cancer cells divide quite quickly, I also think that if you target rapidly proliferating cells this will be useful in cancer treatments"

Although Dr Scaife was only awarded the SKMRC Discovery grant in 2010, his research is already producing exciting results. "One marine sponge extract showed the type of activity I'm looking for and dozens of our synthetic molecules also cause cancer cells to die," he says.

Dr Scaife says that, in addition to the extensively used cancer drug Taxol®, another good example of the direction in which his work could lead is the cancer drug Ombrabulin, developed by a French pharmaceutical company.

"Scientists in France discovered a plant-derived compound that disrupts the protein fibers in cells, and this new class of cancer drugs is being tested in cancer trials around the World "It's exciting to see how far we've come in this field and in my case, it would have been much more difficult to carry out this drug discovery research without the generous financial support of the SKMRC.

Tips for Sun Protection

Don't be caught red faced this Summer. Remember that:



- ✓ Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. At least two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70.
- ✓ Re-apply sunscreen every two hours, or more often, when sweating.
- ✓ Reflective surfaces, such as water, increase your risk of sun damage as these surfaces also reflect ultraviolet light. In some cases you can almost get a double dose of UV, directly from the sun and then through reflection.
- ✓ Slip on a long sleeved shirt, slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat which protects your ears and neck, slide on Australian standard sunglasses and seek shade!

Wesfarmers' Harry Perkins Oration 2011

Well known faces on Perth's health scene including WA Chief Scientist, Lyn Beazley and 2003 Australian of the Year, Fiona Stanley, attended WAIMR's recent Wesfarmers' Harry Perkins Oration at the University of WA.

WAIMR Deputy Director Peter Leedman told the audience that it was a great honour to welcome Professor Stephen Smith to the podium. Professor Smith, originally from London and now based in Singapore, championed the establishment of an Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) at Imperial College London and has published over 225 papers on reproductive medicine and cancer.

In his oration entitled "Do our clinicians need to be cleverer or do we the people need to be smarter?", Professor Smith's focus was on the changing face of health care and the need for improved integration between health researchers, the provision of health services and the community.

Professor Smith said that in OECD countries, while life expectancy had increased by more than 10 years since 1960, there had been a 6.3% increase in diabetes and 1 in 3 adults in the USA was obese.

He said that people should be able to manage their own medical conditions using technological tools such as their mobile phones to store their medical history in one place, which is easy to find.

"It's unacceptable that healthcare professionals in the community, GP practices and in hospitals can't routinely access patient records online," he said. "Sharing patient data would enable these professionals to provide better support."

"There needs to be a more proactive approach to managing care, such as allowing patients to use iPhone applications to make better choices about where they go to receive health care."

Professor Smith favoured increased patient interaction with healthcare professionals such as community nurses, social workers and community mental health workers and less frequent appointments to see specialists.

"We need healthcare professionals in the community to monitor individual's health regularly, providing predictive surveillance," he said. "This would reduce costs, significantly decrease emergency admissions to emergency departments at hospitals and provide a richer experience for both healthcare professionals and patients."

The annual Oration has been established in memory of the late Harry Perkins, who was WAIMR's inaugural Chairman and the driving force behind the formation of the Institute, whilst he was also Chairman of Wesfarmers.

The Wesfarmers' Harry Perkins Oration is a FREE event for the community. Please let us know if you would like to attend next year and we will ensure you receive an invitation.



L to R: Margaret Perkins, Professor Stephen Smith, Charles Perkins and Wesfarmers' CEO Richard Goyder.

National Funding for 2012

Each year WAIMR researchers, along with their counterparts around Australia, endure the rigorous process of writing and submitting grant applications to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Australian Research Council (ARC) in the hope of receiving funding to continue their work.

WAIMR Director Peter Klinken says he's proud to announce that a number of talented scientists at the Institute have been successful in this year's round of grants, allowing them to pursue their research into debilitating disorders including muscular weakness, mitochondrial disease, heart and liver problems and bone disease.

"These project grants will allow the successful applicants to continue their painstaking work that will lead to a healthier future for many people in our community and across the world," he says.

Two of WAIMR's Deputy Directors received project grants. Professor John Olynyk from WAIMR's Haemochromatosis and Liver Research program, based at Fremantle Hospital received an NHMRC project grant, while Professor Peter Thompson has been funded for a project on Information and Action for Aboriginal Heart health.

The Institute's outstanding work in the field of nerve and muscle disorders was supported by the NHMRC. Grants to internationally recognised researchers, Professor Nigel Laing and Associate Professor Kristen Nowak will fund one project to find new disease genes and another investigating routes to therapy for muscle disorders present at birth.

An NHMRC grant will allow Dr Aleksandra Filipovska and Dr Oliver Rackham to further study RNA processing in mitochondrial disease, which leads to dysfunction of energy producing mitochondria in human cells.

Associate Professor, Tom Ratajczak, an expert on Paget's disease, a chronic disorder that can result in enlarged and misshapen bones, will investigate the presence of mutant P62 proteins expressed in Paget's disease of bone on cell survival and death.

WAIMR's Dr Archa Fox, internationally known as the scientist who discovered a structure in the cell's nucleus known as the paraspeckle, has received a grant to work on her project, "A novel mechanism for controlling gene expression."

The head of the Laboratory for Liver Disease, George Yeoh will be part of a collaborative project engineering functional liver tissue to correct liver disease.

Along with a team of experts, Professor Nigel Laing is also part of a prestigious NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence Grant to establish standardised best practice clinical, molecular and pathological diagnosis of neuromuscular disorders so that patients throughout Australia will receive the best treatment.

Fellowships have been awarded to WAIMR members including Associate Professor Debbie Trinder, who has become a Senior Research Fellow for her valuable work into liver disease.

Professor Simon Brown, a renowned authority on emergency medicine, has received a Career Development Fellowship.

An Early Career Fellowship was awarded to Dr Gina Ravenscroft who is part of Professor Nigel Laing's team. This Fellowship provides national recognition of her talent as an outstanding young medical researcher.

Associate Professor Kevin Pflieger received a grant from the Australian Research Council (ARC) for his project "Investigating the functional interaction between vasopressin and angiotensin receptors."

"Kidney disease resulting from diabetes is a major health issue for Australians, and indigenous Australians in particular," Associate Professor Pflieger explains. "This project aims to enable improved therapies to be developed, as well as better inform doctors regarding the use of potential combinations of existing pharmaceuticals to treat this condition."



Professor Nigel Laing





Greenwood High School Visit

A group of keen human biology students from Greenwood Senior High school enjoyed their excursion to WAIMR's B block campus, enhancing their Year 12 studies with talks about genetics by Professor Laing, Doctor Gina Ravenscroft and Professor Dieter Wildenauer.

Sweet Celebrations for AGRF

The Australian Genome Research Facility's Perth node has recently enjoyed its first birthday celebration after a great year of working closely with Western Australian researchers to provide access to the latest genomics tools.

"We are now delivering to more than 100 researchers from academia and industry, in more than 45 locations," said AGRF Perth node manager, Shane Herbert.

"Our diverse range of clients come from backgrounds of bioscience, environmental science, biomedicine and agricultural biotechnology. We've been sequencing everything from bacteria to spiders, marine coral to native trees" he said.

"It's a milestone to reach our first birthday and the tight knit team working here in the laboratories at the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR) are looking forward to a busy future."

AGRF is Australia's largest provider of genomics services and solutions with the new Perth laboratories complementing a national network of state of the art services in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.



L to R: Shane Herbert, Matthew Davis and David Chandler



Scones, Sandwiches, Slice for Supporters

WAIMR has opened its doors to our loyal supporters with the fundraising department's first delicious 'thank you' morning tea.

After a 'cuppa' and a friendly question and answer session with Director Peter Klinken, eminent Professors Ruth Ganss and Grant Morahan brought guests up to date with their own internationally renowned research into diabetes and cancer and then took them on a tour of our laboratories.

If you would like to join us for a forthcoming morning tea and information event, we would love to meet you.

Call WAIMR's Manager of Community Relations, Jeanette Shorto on 9224 0364.



Jeanette pours a 'cuppa' for WAIMR supporters Jean and Graham.



L to R: WAIMR's Fundraising Director, Lesley Hooper with supporters, Graham and Anne.



Professor Ruth Ganss gave visitors a fascinating insight into her cancer research in the laboratory.



Director's Message

Hi Everyone,

The past year has been very exciting for all of us here at WAIMR.

We've watched construction begin on our new research headquarters within the QEII Medical Centre complex and rallied with other Western Australian scientists in Forrest Place against the prospect of Federal government funding cuts.

In addition, our brightest researchers have been honoured with numerous grants, Fellowships, awards and accolades for their outstanding, innovative work undertaken here at the Institute.

These included Associate Professor Kevin Pflieger who won the 2011 Eureka Prize for Emerging Leader in Science, for his work in helping develop better drugs with fewer side-effects. Congratulations to all.

With our huge new fundraising event, The Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer scheduled for October 2012, I'm definitely looking forward to more excitement next year, plus lots of training on my bike. I hope you can join me for this rewarding challenge!

As the year draws to a close, I'd like to thank you very much for your ongoing support of WAIMR. Our researchers are working towards a healthier future for everybody and that's only possible with your generosity and commitment to medical research.

I wish you a healthy and enjoyable holiday season,
Best wishes,

Professor Peter Klinken
Director WAIMR



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Bowel Cancer - Fact and Figures

- Bowel cancer is an abnormal growth of cells that develop within pre-existing growths, or 'polyps', on the inner lining of the bowel and rectum. Although polyps can be harmless, they should be removed because they are an early warning sign for cancer.
- Bowel cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in both men and women in Australia.
- It is the most commonly diagnosed internal cancer, with more than 1000 new cases each year in Western Australia alone.
- Death rates amongst colorectal cancer patients have not declined in recent history.

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