

Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute

Annual Report 2022



Our vision

Healthy people Healthy communities





Our mission

Reduce chronic disease by developing, translating and implementing nutrition and health innovation research

Our research themes

- Discovery and excellence
- Technology and innovation
- Real-world impact
- A sustainable future



NHIRI at a Glance



103

Total Members

47
HDR Students





4 in 10

NHIRI Publications are in the top 10% journals by citescore

>\$4.5M

Total Grants Awarded





2,656

Total Media mentions*

4.5B

Potential media reach





113

Publications

99

Q1 Publications





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Director's Report

At the beginning of 2022, our Steering group, comprised of the Institute's core members and led by myself and Josh Lewis, worked to define the strategic direction for the Institute.

The development of our five-year strategic plan was conducted in tandem with a brand positioning exercise that involved extensive consultation with internal and external stakeholders.

This is the first strategic plan for the 'Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute'. It sets out our strategic direction and commitment to accomplish our shared purpose – 'to discover and share real-world solutions to improve health and quality of life'.

And it communicates the Institutes' strategic priorities that are driven by innovation, curiosity, and are impact focussed.

'2022 was a year of great advances at NHIRI, resulting in the development of an Institute wide strategy to guide our purpose and direction over the next five years'

I look forward to working with our Institute Steering Group, Advisory Board, other members, ECU staff and many other key stakeholders in realising our strategic commitments over the next five years, guiding the Institute's direction to create positive health impacts for all West Australians, Australians and globally.



Professor Jonathan Hodgson Director



A/Professor Joshua Lewis Research Program Lead

Highlights of 2022

Case Studies

In 2022 we released case studies on key research areas. They demonstrate the practical implications of our research and exciting potential for Impact on health outcomes, public heath policy and improved quality of life.











NHIRI/NSA Nutrition & Innovation for Healthy Ageing 2022 Symposium

The Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute (NHIRI) held its second Research Symposium at the Joondalup Country Club on the 7th October. The theme for this year's Symposium was Nutrition and Innovation for Healthy Ageing 2022 and was jointly hosted with The Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA). The keynote speaker, Professor Jason Wu, from the UNSW Faculty of Medicine & Health and the Head of the Nutrition Science Program at the George Institute for Global Health shared many valuable insights, including his innovative work with the 'Food is Medicine' programs.

The event provided opportunity for NHIRI and NSA members, and external collaborators at various stages of their career to share their cutting-edge research findings, network with like-minded researchers, and participate in lively discussion. The program showcased a diverse offering with 18 presentations across three sessions.



Highlights of 2022 cont.

Website

The new NHIRI website build was completed in late 2022.

The website is simple to navigate and showcases the exciting research and news in each of NHIRI's four research Themes.

National Nutrition Network

Ms Ros Sambell, NHIRI member and Chair of the National Nutrition Network-Early Childhood Education and Care (NNN) presented in October 2022 at the Inquiry into the most effective ways for Western Australia to address food insecurity for children and young people affected by poverty.

Following on from this the NNN will deliver policy and evidence briefs, as part of the their translation and advocacy strategy.



Minister for Early Childhood Education Dr Anne Aly (left) and Ros Sambell (right)

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NHIRI Researcher, Dr Ruth Wallace







'Little Aussie Bugs' Book launch

A collaborative effort between NHIRI and Channel 7/Telethon, the 'Little Aussie Bugs' series launched with four books: 'When We Are Hungry', 'When We Are Sick', 'My Healthy Tummy' and 'My Healthy Teeth'.

The books, produced by Dr Ruth Wallace and Dr Amelia Ruscoe were launched by the Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth, Anne Ally MP and will mean kids as young as two will soon be learning how to stay healthy.

From paddocks to plates: helping create a healthier community

The Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute has helped the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale become the first local council in WA to endorse comprehensive Local Food Action Plan. Project Lead Ana Gowrea (ECU Lecturer and Masters by Research candidate) explains the plan also outlines the importance of local schools offering healthy food programs.

The three-year Local Food Action Plan was developed in partnership with ECU, the Shire, Healthway, Western Australian Local Government Association, East Metropolitan Health Service and SJ Food and Farm Alliance.

Collaborating with our stakeholders

NHIRI members continue to develop new highly productive collaborations and partnerships. 2022 continued the wide range of engagement and collaboration with industry, government, research bodies, and other stakeholders.

Invited Presentations

The Australia and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society (ANZBMS), the Molecular & Experimental Pathology Society of Australasia (MEPSA) and the Australian & New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society (ANZORS) joint meeting. *A/Prof Josh Lewis*

The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand-Australian and New Zealand Society for Sarcopenia and Frailty Research (CSANZ-ANZSSFR), Sarcopenia Frailty and Cardiovascular webinar.

A/Prof Josh Lewis

The Australia and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society (ANZBMS), the Molecular & Experimental Pathology Society of Australasia (MEPSA) and the Australian & New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society (ANZORS) joint meeting. *Dr Marc Sim*

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The American Society for Nutrition, titled "Associations of specific types of fruit and vegetables with perceived stress in adults: The AusDiab study".

Dr Simone Radavelli-Bagatini

The Australia and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society (ANZBMS), the Molecular & Experimental Pathology Society of Australasia (MEPSA) and the Australian & New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society (ANZORS) joint meeting. *Dr Cassandra Smith*

Western Australian Cardiovascular Research Alliance (WACRA) Early and Mid-Career Researcher (EMCR) launch event 'Tips to Successful Fellowship writing' giving the Reviewer's Perspective.

A/Prof Josh Lewis

Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research Institute "Healthy ageing: you "aorta" look at lateral spine images" at the seminar.

A/Prof Josh Lewis

ECU "Building and maintaining successful collaborations" EMCR Networking morning tea.

A/Prof Josh Lewis



Royal Perth Hospital Research Foundation CEO, Cate Cassarchis, Chef Amanda Orchard, Dr Liezhou Zhong and Royal Perth Hospital Research Foundation Board Chair, Professor Lyn Beazley AO (left to right)

New Committee Memberships

WACRA ECR committee.

Dr Lauren Blekkenhorst and Dr Simone Radavelli Bagatini

School of Medical and Health Sciences (SMHS) EMCR committee.

Dr Simone Radavelli Bagatini

Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA) Perth Group Committee.

Dr Simone Radavelli Bagatini

Community Engagement

Inglewood Brightwater Aged-care home open day, 3D Printing showcase.

Dr Liezhou Zhong

City of Perth Library "Printing an appetite for life – Applications of 3D food printing for healthy and sustainable eating" in collaboration with Royal Perth Hospital Research Foundation.

Dr Liezhou Zhong and Amanda Orchard

ECU Spectrum Gallery, To Play & Win Exhibition, edible 3D chess pieces.

Dr Liezhou Zhong

Swan View Senior High School Career Expo. Dr Cassandra Smith, Dr Liezhou Zhong and Dr Simone Radavelli-Bagatini

Symposiums

American College of Sports Medicine Implementation Science 101: Practical Strategies to Close the Researchto-Practice Gap in Exercise Medicine - Exercise is Medicine.

Dr Mary Kennedy

Other

Guest Editor for the British Journal of Sports Medicine. Dr Myles Murphy

Committees & Groups

During 2022, NHIRI members NHIRI staff are members of range of International, National and State groups and committees.

Consumer and Community Involvement

We are committed to a consumer involved strategy and to do this. Dr Mary Kennedy is working with Western Australian Health Translation Network (WAHTN) on a three year plan for embedding consumer and community involvement (CCI) within NHIRI.

The CCI Program supports consumers, community members and researchers to work in partnership to inform decisions about health research priorities, policy and practice. Consumer and community involvement is about research being carried out with or by consumers and community members rather than to, about or for them, which is best practice research and improves lives by ensuring the community's voice is heard and understood in health research. Next year CCI will lead NHIRI through a research priority mapping exercise to create a consumer informed research agenda that will guide NHIRI's future research agenda

International

- Co-chair International Federation for Musculoskeletal Research Societies, Future Global Leaders Committee
- Program advisory group member, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
- Member, American College of Sports Medicine, Moving Through Cancer Task Force
- Member, American College of Sports Medicine, Exercise is Medicine Education Committee
- Member, American Heart Association, Council on Epidemiology and Prevention (EPI)
- Member, American Heart Association, Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health
- Member, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
- Member, American Heart Association
- Member, American Society for Nutrition
- Member, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
- Member, World Public Health Nutrition Association



It is essential to engage with these groups strategically, knowing what their aims and needs are and how the Institute can help achieve these

- Member, International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies
- Member, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition, and Physical Activity, Scale- up and Implementation Special Interest Group
- Life member, Pakistan Engineering Council (Member of Washington Accord)
- Member, Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention Society
- Member, Society for Implementation Research Collaboration
- Member, International Society for Nutritional Psychiatry Research
- Member, Australasian Epidemiological Association
- International Network for Child and Family Centred Care
- Cluster Leader, Early Life Origins of Health Consortium, Cardio-metabolic group
- Member, Origins Scientific Committee
- Member of Pregnancy and Childhood Epigenetics (P.A.C.E.) Consortium

National

- Member, Nutrition Society of Australia
- Member, Nutrition Australia
- Member, Australian Atherosclerosis Society
- Member, High Blood Pressure Research Council of Australia
- Australian and New Zealand Obesity Society
- Member, Australian Cardiovascular Alliance
- Council member, Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society

Committees & Groups cont.

National cont.

- Member, Australian Society for Medical Research
- Member, Australian Pattern Recognition Society
- Member, Sports Medicine Australia
- Member, Australian Physiotherapy Association
- Member, Sports Physiotherapy Australia
- Member, Australian College of Physiotherapists
- Member, Health Services Research Association of Australia & New Zealand
- Member, Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, Early to Mid-Career Research Committee
- Member, Australia and New Zealand Society for Sarcopenia and Frailty Research Taskforce
- Member, Australia and New Zealand Society for Sarcopenia and Frailty Research
- Member, Australia and New Zealand Society for Sarcopenia and Frailty Research, Early and Mid-career Researchers Committee
- Western Australian representative, Australia and New Zealand Society for Sarcopenia and Frailty Research Council
- Member, Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council, Dietitians Australia
- Member, Exercise and Sport Science Australia
- Member, Australian and New Zealand Alliance for Cardiovascular Trials
- Member, Dietitians Australia
- Member, Australian Breastfeeding Association
- Member, Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology
- Member, Raine Management Committee, Raine Genetic Subcommittee
- Member, Australia Physiological Society
- Member, Australian College of Midwives
- Member, Australian Nurses Federation
- Member, Unity of First People in Australia, Clinical Reference Group
- Member, Australian Academy of Science, National Committee of Nutrition
- Member, Physical Activity Alliance, Physical Activity Assessment, Prescription, and Referral Work Group



State

- Director, Western Australian Cardiovascular Researchers Alliance
- Chair, Nutrition Society of Australia, Perth Regional Group
- Member, Nutrition Society of Australia, Perth Regional Group
- Chair, Sports Medicine Australia, Western Australia Branch
- Member, Western Australian Bone Research Collaboration

'Little Aussie Bugs' to teach children how to be healthy

Kids as young as two will soon be learning how to stay healthy, with a new set of children's books to arrive in every WA Early Childhood Education and Care centre by the end of the year.

A collaborative effort between Edith Cowan University's Nutrition and Health Innovation Research Institute and Channel 7/Telethon, the 'Little Aussie Bugs' series has launched four books: 'When We Are Hungry', 'When We Are Sick', 'My Healthy Tummy' and 'My Healthy Teeth'.

Launch attendees include Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth Anne Ally MP, and Member for Hillarys Caitlin Collins MLA on behalf of Ministers Amber-Jade Sanderson and Simone McGurk.

The books are aimed at two-to-four-year-old children, featuring short, simple language and characters such as 'ugly bugs' and 'power bugs' to illustrate what happens inside people's bodies and other concepts of healthy living.

Researcher Dr Ruth Wallace said it was important to enhance health literacy from a young age.

"Health literacy is where people understand how to be healthy: how to tell adults when they don't feel well, when to go to the doctor, when to wash your hands and the like," she said.

"It's multifaceted and this project aimed to start developing those health literacy skills in very young children.



Dr Amelia Ruscoe (left) and Dr Ruth Wallace (right)



"We're trying to use these books as a tool for educators to use to promote the message, using these engaging characters and catch phrases."

Despite the children's age, Dr Wallace said there was scope for promoting healthy habits in young children, even though parents ultimately make many decisions on their behalf.

"Research shows many children are at day care for maybe 10 hours a day, five days a week," she said.

"So, by not only providing them with healthy food, but getting them involved in nutrition and health education, such as getting them to serve themselves and decide when they are full at mealtimes, increases their autonomy.

"They can go home and say, 'We had a yummy pizza today', and have a recipe card of how to make it."

The books have been in trial in select centres and Dr Wallace said feedback has been encouraging.

"Some of the educators have used toy koalas and kangaroos to mimic the characters and to help tell the stories," she said.

"It's been getting a great reaction from the kids."

Following the launch, the books will be redeveloped as e-books accompanied by an online short course for educators to get the most out of the materials.

ECU part of international taskforce clarifying prevention, diagnosis and treatment of sarcopenia

An international task force has sought the expertise of Edith Cowan University (ECU) researchers to assist in developing clinical and research guidelines for a common age-related condition.

Sarcopenia is characterized by the loss of muscle mass, strength and physical performance.

The effects can be debilitating — and extremely common. An estimated 29 per cent of older adults living in the community have sarcopenia, with the number rising among those who are hospitalised, have multiple conditions, frailty or live in residential aged care facilities.

Yet despite its prevalence, there has been ambiguity regarding how sarcopenia should be defined.

There has also been a lack of updated clinical and research guidelines, including consumer perspectives specific to Australia and New Zealand – until now.

Researchers from ECU's Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute (NHIRI) worked with a team of experts across Australia and New Zealand to develop guidelines for sarcopenia's prevention, diagnosis and management in the two countries.

The team, known as the Sarcopenia Diagnosis and Management Task Force, sought feedback from people affected by sarcopenia, health professionals, researchers and academics to formulate 17 recommendations for sarcopenia management and research.

These include advice for clinicians on how to prevent sarcopenia, such as a healthy diet and physical activity, how to assess and monitor sarcopenia in patients, and how to define and diagnose the condition.

ECU senior research fellow Dr Marc Sim said many people were unaware of sarcopenia, despite its prevalence in the community.

"Hopefully these important findings raise the awareness of sarcopenia, and can help people impacted by the condition," he said.

"It will also allow medical professionals to provide best-practice advice to help people avoid developing it "

Associate Professor David Scott and Dr Jesse Zanker led the taskforce.

"For too long people have believed losing muscle and strength is an inevitable part of ageing," Professor Scott said.

"We can all prevent, slow and in some cases reverse loss of muscle and strength.

Dr Zanker said it's time to empower people to be in control of their independence.

"These guidelines are the first of their kind to illuminate a path forward," he said.

"This research will have a real impact on people's lives."



It's not them, it's you: why potatoes don't deserve their bad reputation

With low or no-carbohydrate diets rising in popularity in recent times, the humble potato is now regularly overlooked in favour of other vegetables. In fact, research literature has previously indicated potatoes may have a detrimental effect on health, such as possibly increasing the likelihood of developing Type 2 diabetes.

However, new Edith Cowan University (ECU) research has shown while spuds may not have all the same benefits as some other vegetables — such as lowering risk of Type 2 diabetes — health issues associated with potatoes may actually be due to how people are preparing them and what they're eating them with.

More than 54,000 people reported their dietary intake for the long-term Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study. A recent analysis of this study led by Dr Nicola Bondonno from ECU's Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute, found people who consumed the most vegetables were 21 per cent less likely to develop Type 2 diabetes than those who consumed the least amount of vegetables.

PhD candidate Pratik Pokharel carried out work on the analysis and said while potatoes didn't have the same impact on Type 2 diabetes, they also didn't have any negative effect.

"In previous studies, potatoes have been positively linked to incidence of diabetes, regardless of how they're prepared – but we found that's not true," Mr Pokharel said.

"In Denmark, people consume potatoes prepared in many different ways; in our study, we could distinguish between the different preparation methods.

"When we separated boiled potatoes from mashed potatoes, fries or crisps, boiled potatoes were no longer associated with a higher risk of diabetes: they had a null effect.

Mr Pokharel said underlying dietary patterns were the key. "In our study, people who ate the most potatoes also consumed more butter, red meat and soft drink — foods known to increase your risk of Type 2 diabetes," he said.

"When you account for that, boiled potatoes are no longer associated with diabetes. It's only fries and mashed potatoes, the latter likely because it is usually made with butter, cream and the like."



Mr Pokharel said findings from the study indicate vegetables could play a key role in reducing Type 2 diabetes, as people who ate a lot of leafy greens and cruciferous vegies such as spinach, lettuce, broccoli and cauliflower had a significantly lower risk of developing the condition.

He said the relationship between vegetables and diabetes should be incorporated into public dietary guidelines – as should the benefits of eating potatoes.

"The finding that vegetables lower diabetes risk is crucial for public health recommendations, and we shouldn't ignore it," he said.

"Regarding potatoes, we can't say they have a benefit in terms of type 2 diabetes, but they also aren't bad if prepared in a healthy way."We should separate potatoes and other vegetables in regard to messaging about disease prevention but replacing refined grains such as white rice and pasta with potatoes can improve your diet quality because of fibre and other nutrients found in potatoes."

Mr Pokharel said people should be advised to increase their vegetable intake — and they could include potatoes, so long as they left out some of the unhealthy extras such as butter, cream and oil. "Potatoes have fibre and nutrients, which are good for you," he said.

"People talk about carbs being bad, but it's more about the type of carbs you're having; compared to something like white rice, boiled potatoes are a good quality of carbohydrate."But just take care how you prepare them: don't eat fries, or mash with extras in it all the time.

"Just boil them and eat them like other greens or other foods—and you don't need to have it with red meat all the time."

'Vegetable, but not potato, intakes are associated with a lower risk of type 2 diabetes in the Danish Diet, Cancer and Health cohort' was published in Diabetes Care.

Credit: ECU Newsroom

Put the kettle on! How black tea (and other favourites) may help your health later in life

A daily cup of tea could help you to enjoy better health late in life — however if you're not a tea drinker, there are other things you can add to your diet.

The key is flavonoids, which are naturally occurring substances found in many common foods and beverages such as black and green tea, apples, nuts, citrus fruit, berries and more.

They have long been known to have many health benefits – however new Edith Cowan University (ECU) research shows they may be even better for us than previously thought.

The Heart Foundation supported a study of 881 elderly women (median age of 80), which found they were far less likely to have extensive build-up of abdominal aortic calcification (AAC) if they consumed a high level of flavonoids in their diet.

AAC is the calcification of the abdominal aorta – the largest artery in the body which supplies oxygenated blood from the heart to the abdominal organs and lower limbs – and is a predictor of cardiovascular risk such as heart attack and stroke.

It has also been found to be a reliable predictor for latelife dementia.

ECU Nutrition and Health Innovation Research Institute researcher and study lead Ben Parmenter said while there were many dietary sources of flavonoids, some had particularly high amounts.

"In most populations, a small group of foods and beverages—uniquely high in flavonoids—contribute the bulk of total dietary flavonoid intake," he said.



"The main contributors are usually black or green tea, blueberries, strawberries, oranges, red wine, apples, raisins/grapes and dark chocolate."

There are many different types of flavonoids, such as flavan-3-ols and flavonols, which the study indicated appear to also have a relationship with AAC.

Study participants who had a higher intake of total flavonoids, flavan-3-ols and flavonols were 36-39 per cent less likely to have extensive AAC.

Black tea was the study cohort's main source of total flavonoids and was also associated with significantly lower odds of extensive AAC.

Compared with respondents who didn't drink tea, participants who had two-to-six cups per day had 16-42 per cent less chance of having extensive AAC. However, some other dietary sources of flavonoids such as fruit juice, red wine and chocolate, did not show a significant beneficial association with AAC.

Though black tea was the main source of flavonoids in the study – likely due to the age of the participants – Mr Parmenter said people could still benefit from flavonoids without putting the kettle on.

"Out of the women who don't drink black tea, higher total non-tea flavonoid intake also appears to protect against extensive calcification of the arteries," he said.

"This implies flavonoids from sources other than black tea may be protective against AAC when tea is not consumed."

Mr Parmenter said this was important as it allows non-tea drinkers to still benefit from flavonoids in their diet. "In other populations or groups of people, such as young men or people from other countries, black tea might not be the main source of flavonoids," he said.

"AAC is a major predictor of vascular disease events, and this study shows intake of flavonoids, that could protect against AAC, are easily achievable in most people's diets."

'Higher habitual dietary flavonoid intake associates with less extensive abdominal aortic calcification in a cohort of older women' was published in Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology.

Catch a break: higher vitamin K intake linked to lower bone fracture risk late in life

Breaking bones can be lifechanging events – especially as we age, when hip fractures can become particularly damaging and result in disability, compromised independence and a higher mortality risk.

But research from Edith Cowan University's Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute has revealed there may be something you can do to help reduce your risk of fractures later in life.

In collaboration with the University of Western Australia, the study looked at the relationship between fracture-related hospitalisations and vitamin K1 intake in almost 1400 older Australian women over a 14.5-year period from the Perth Longitudinal Study of Aging Women.

It found women who ate more than 100 micrograms of vitamin K1 consumption — equivalent to about 125g of dark leafy vegetables, or one-to-two serves of vegetables — were 31 per cent less likely to have any fracture compared to participants who consumed less than 60 micrograms per day, which is the current vitamin K adequate intake guideline in Australia for women. There were even more positive results regarding hip fractures, with those who ate the most vitamin K1 cutting their risk of hospitalisation almost in half (49 per cent).

Study lead Dr Marc Sim said the results were further evidence of the benefits of vitamin K1, which has also been shown to enhance cardiovascular health.

"Our results are independent of many established factors for fracture rates, including body mass index, calcium intake, Vitamin D status and prevalent disease," he said.

"Basic studies of vitamin K1 have identified a critical role in the carboxylation of the vitamin K1-dependant bone proteins such as osteocalcin, which is believed to improve bone toughness.

"A previous ECU trial indicates dietary vitamin K1 intakes of less than 100 micrograms per day may be too low for this carboxylation.

"Vitamin K1 may also promote bone health by inhibiting various bone resorbing agents."



Dr Sim said eating more than 100 micrograms of vitamin K1 daily was ideal – and, happily, it isn't too difficult to do.

"Consuming this much daily vitamin K1 can easily be achieved by consuming between 75-150g, equivalent to one to two serves, of vegetables such as spinach, kale, broccoli and cabbage," he said.

"It's another reason to follow public health guidelines, which advocate higher vegetable intake including one to two serves of green leafy vegetables — which is in-line with our study's recommendations."

Vitamin K1-rich foods

Vegetables: Kale, spinach, broccoli, green beans Fruits: Prunes, kiwi, avocado

'Dietary Vitamin K1 intake is associated with lower longterm fracture-related hospitalization risk: the Perth longitudinal study of ageing women' was published in Food & Function.

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Predicting the future: a quick, easy scan can reveal late-life dementia risk

Late-life dementia is becoming increasingly common in people after 80 years of age.

A new long-term study has shown a simple and common scan can reveal if people are at increased risk of developing the condition late in life.

Late-life dementia develops when brain cells are damaged from several diseases, some of which cause narrowing of the blood vessels to the brain.

Edith Cowan University (ECU) researchers have discovered an important link between vascular health and late-life dementia. This link is calcification of the plaques which can build up within the abdominal aorta, which is the largest artery in the body and supplies oxygenated blood from the heart to the abdominal organs and lower limbs.

This calcium build up – known as 'abdominal aortic calcification', or AAC – can be very useful to predict cardiovascular disease risk such as heart attack and stroke. Researchers have now found it is also a reliable marker for late-life dementia.

Led by ECU's Nutrition & Health Innovation Institute and Centre for Precision Health, the international team included researchers from the University of Western Australia, University of Minnesota, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and the Marcus Institute for Aging Research, Hebrew SeniorLife, Harvard Medical School.

They examined the AAC results in 968 women from the late 1990s, and then followed their health status for over 15 years. They found one in two older women had medium to high levels of AAC, and these women were twice as likely to be hospitalized or die from a late-life dementia independent of other cardiovascular factors or genetic factors.

Centre for Precision Health director Professor Simon Laws said AAC could identify dementia risk earlier in people's life, which could prove vital in warding off the condition.

"There's an adage in dementia research that what's good for your heart is good for your brain," he said. This study reaffirms this link and further adds to our understanding of late-onset dementia risk and potential preventative strategies.



"What's come to light is the importance of modifying risk factors such as diet and physical activity in preventing dementia: you need to intervene early and hopefully this study allows for the earliest possible change and the greatest impact.

"AAC is important as it was able to identify dementia risk in people who don't have the major genetic risk factor present in 50 per cent of people who develop Alzheimer's disease, which is the most common form of dementia."

Conveniently, AAC can be easily detected using lateral spine scans from bone density machines.

These machines are common, with some 600,000 bone density tests performed each year in Australia to screen for osteoporosis.

ECU Associate Professor and National Heart Foundation Future Leader Fellow Joshua Lewis said an additional scan capturing lateral spine images can be performed when people undergo standard bone density tests.

"It's generally very quick and easy to capture these scans and they are less-invasive, cheaper and miniscule in radiation exposure compared to X-rays or CT scans," Professor Lewis said.

"We know the causes of AAC go beyond traditional cardiovascular risk factors and many of these causes overlap with late-life dementia risk factors.

"At ECU we're also working with the computer science team automating the AAC assessments, which will make the process a lot quicker and easier rather than needing a trained imaging expert to read the scans.

"It means these scans may be a cheap, rapid and safe way to screen a large number of susceptible older Australians for higher late-life dementia risk."

Professor Lewis said incorporating dementia risk into discussions surrounding cardiovascular health could see people make necessary lifestyle changes.

"I think the next step is telling people about their AAC and late-life dementia risk to see if this can motivate healthy diet and lifestyle behaviour changes."

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Chef's kiss: Research shows healthy home cooking equals a healthy mind

New research from Edith Cowan University (ECU) has found being confident in the kitchen is not only good for your taste buds: it's also good for your mental health.

The study follows ECU's successful partnership with The Good Foundation and Jamie's Ministry of Food initiative, with a mobile food kitchen providing cooking classes in the community as well as at the University's Perth and SW campuses, throughout 2016 to 2018.

In total, 657 participants undertook the seven-week healthy cooking course.

At the same time, ECU Nutition & Health Innovation Research Institute academics measured the program's effect on participants' cooking confidence and self-perceived mental health, as well as their overall satisfaction around cooking and diet-related behaviours.

Researchers found those who participated in the program saw significant improvements in general health, mental health and subjective vitality immediately after the program which remained six months after completing the course, when compared to the study's control group.

Improvements in cooking confidence, the ability to easily change eating habits and overcome lifestyle barriers to healthy eating were also reported.

Lead researcher Dr Joanna Rees said the study showed the importance of diet for mental health.

"Improving people's diet quality can be a preventive strategy to halt or slow the rise in poor mental health, obesity and other metabolic health disorders," she said.

"Future health programs should continue to prioritise the barriers to healthy eating such as poor food environments and time restrictions, whilst placing greater emphasis on the value of healthy eating via quick and easy home cooked meals, rich in fruit and vegetables and avoiding ultra-processed convenience foods."



The Institute has previously found a link between eating more fruits and vegetables, and improved longer term mental health in a larger study collecting more sophisticated dietary data, implying the participants in the current study may have felt better due to improved diet.

However, the study showed participants' mental health improved despite their reported diet not being found to have changed after completing the program.

Also, the mental health benefits were equal among participants who were overweight or obese, and those in a healthy weight range.

"This suggests a link between cooking confidence and satisfaction around cooking, and mental health benefits," Dr Rees said.

The study also revealed cooking remains a highly gendered task.

At the start of the program, 77 per cent of participants who identified as female claimed to be confident about cooking, compared to just 23 per cent of those who identified as male.

But at the end of the program, cooking confidence and cooking skills were equal across both counterparts.

"This change in confidence could see change to the household food environment by reducing the gender bias and leading to a gender balance in home cooking," Dr Rees said.

"This in turn may help to overcome some of the barriers presented by not knowing how to cook, such as easing the time constraints which can lead to readymade meals which are high in energy but low in nutritional value".

'How a 7-Week Food Literacy Program Affects Cooking Confidence and Mental Health: Findings of a Quasi-Experimental Controlled Intervention Trial' was published in Frontiers in Nutrition.

Credit: ECU Newsroom

NHIRI Grants & Awards Highlights

Promotions

Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Simone Radavelli-Bagatini & Dr Myles Murphy

Senior Lecturer (Level C). Dr Ruth Wallace

Awards

Fellowship of the Nutrition Society of Australia. Fellowship is awarded to members who have made contributions of special merit to the scientific study of nutrition and/or its applications to animals and humans.

Professor Jonathan Hodgson

Australian Pattern Recognition Society Early Career Researcher Award 2022, announced at The International Conference on Digital Image Computing: Techniques and Applications (DICTA).

Dr Zulgarnain Gilani

Royal Perth Hospital Research Foundation's Early-Career Researcher Best Publication Award inaugural winner for 'Abdominal aortic calcification on lateral spine images captured during bone density testing and late-life dementia risk in older women: A prospective cohort study'.

Dr Marc Sim

WACRA publication prize for the 'Best scientific paper arising from an early career cardiovascular researcher undertaken in WA'.

Dr Marc Sim.

Marc also received the People's Choice award for the best presentation on the night.



Dr Marc Sim and Dr Lauren Blekkenhorst (left to right)



Dr Myles Murphy, Dr Jack Dalla via and Dr Cassandra Smith (left to right)

ECU EMCRN Symposium, Outstanding Presentation Award.

Dr Myles Murphy

ECU EMCRN Symposium, Outstanding Presentation Award.

Dr Cassandra Smith

ECU EMCRN Symposium, Outstanding Presentation Award.

Dr Jack Dalla Via

Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.

Dr Lesley Andrew

International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) and its Nutrition Academy, IOF Nutrition Award 2022. Dr Marc Sim

Fellowship into the Australian Sports Medicine Foundation, announced at the Sports Medicine Australia conference.

Dr Myles Murphy.

Myles was nominated by Dr Andrea Mosler (La Trobe University) and Prof. Caroline Finch (ECU).



Dr Andrea Mosler, Dr Myles Murphy and Chair of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation Fellows, Mr Michael Kenihan (left to right)

NHIRI Grants & Awards Highlights

Grants & Fellowships in the news

Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Emerging Leaders Fellowship. 'Preventing falls in older Australians: an appetite for change'. Awarded up to \$390,444.

Dr Marc Sim

Dr Marc Sim was one of just four WA academics to be awarded the honour.



Defence Science Centres Collaborative Research Grant program. 'Dynamic two-way communication using gestures for humanmachine teaming'. Awarded \$150,000. Dr Zulgarnain Gilani

Raine Priming Grant. 'Explainable Al Frameworks for Automatic Detection and Localisation of Abdominal Aortic Calcification'. Awarded \$248,913. Dr Zulgarnain Gilani Dr Gilani was also named the Raine/Robson Fellow, deemed the highest ranked applicant among the cohort.



Dr Zulgarnain Gilani

Medical Research Future Fund, Dementia Ageing and Aged Care Mission grant. 'Getting to the heart of healthy ageing: a behaviour change program to promote dietary pattern changes'. Awarded \$506,834.96. Dr Catherine Bondonno A total of 18 grants were funded from the Medical Research Future Fund and will look at new ways to extend older Australians' healthy,

active, years of life.



Dr Catherine Bondonno

Student Awards

PhD Completions

Analise Nicholl

Thesis title: Investigating Cardiometabolic Health and Child-Centred Research in Young Children participating in the Milky Way Study: A Randomised **Controlled Dairy Intervention** NHIRI Supervisor: A/Prof Therese O'Sullivan

Giang Truong

Thesis title: Robust fitting: assisted by semantic analysis and reinforcement learning NHIRI Supervisors: Prof David Suter and Dr Zulgarnain Gilani

Joanna Rees

Thesis title: Diet quality and mental health: how does improved cooking confidence after a food literacy program affect mental health outcomes and associations with dietary gut biomarkers of the gutbrain axis?

NHIRI Supervisors: Prof Amanda Devine and A/Prof Josh Lewis.

Najmeh Fayyazifar

Theses title: Deep Learning and Neural Architecture Search for Cardiac Arrhythmias Classification NHIRI Supervisor: Prof David Suter

Simone Radavelli-Bagatini

Thesis title: Diet, Cardiovascular Disease, and Mental Health

NHIRI Supervisors: A/Prof Josh Lewis, Prof Jonathan Hodgson, Dr Catherine Bondonno and Dr Marc Sim.



Simone Radavelli-Bagatini

Awards

PhD candidate Caroline Hill was awarded The Judges and People's choice awards and PhD candidate Chris Andrew received The Judges Choice runner up award at the NHIRI 2022 Research Symposium.

Callum McCaskie (PhD Candidate) won the Best Student Researcher Award at the 2022 Australian Strength and Conditioning Association Conference. His research is titled, 'No difference in tibial bone density between elite female and male Australian footballers'.

NHIRI Supervisor: Dr Marc Sim

Liam Sherwood (Masters by Research student), was awarded a \$500 travel grant from the Marcus J Rosen Fund, administered by the Australian Physiotherapy Association, to attend the Sports Medicine Australia conference and present the results of his research titled 'Quantifying Fear Avoidance Behaviours in people with mild traumatic brain injury using patientreported outcome measures: A Systematic Review using the COSMIN Guidelines'.

NHIRI Supervisor: Dr Myles Murphy



Liam Sherwood



Chris Andrew (left) and Caroline Hill (right)

NHIRI 2022-2027

2022 saw the development of our five-year Strategic Plan. This led to an Institute-wide strategy to guide our direction and focus over the next five years.

The Institute has been very successful, building on our National and International reputation and research impact in our four research themes: Discovery and excellence, Technology and innovation, Real-world impact; and A sustainable future.

Objective 1: Support a pipeline of curiosity - driven research to improve health

Strategies & Actions:

- Use large observational data sets for new discoveries
- Conduct high impact trials or interventions
- Develop and evaluate new research tools or resources

Objective 2: Develop and adopt new and innovative technologies to improve health and quality of life

Strategies & Actions:

- Develop 3D food printing to improve the eating experience for vulnerable communities
- Developing AI and machine learning to anticipate, understand and prevent chronic diseases
- Monitor and explore new ways to utilise technologies to improve health

Objective 3: Scale and innovate discoveries to communities in Western Australia and beyond

Strategies & Actions:

- Become a consumer-facing digital presence
- Be known as an influential stakeholder in decision making
- Design policy briefs / consensus statements or clinical practice guidelines to influence systems change

Objective 4: Connect, support and develop high - performing leaders for a sustainable future

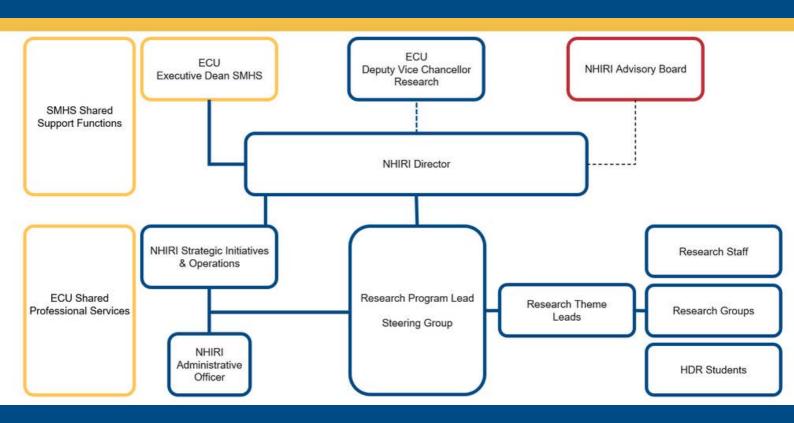
Strategies & Actions:

- Develop mechanisms for a long term view on strategic plan
- Plan and mentor for success
- Identify and develop networks outside the Institute



NHIRI Governance

NHIRI Organisational Structure





Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute

STRATEGIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE



NHIRI in the media

ECU's media monitoring service recorded 2,656 media mentions for 2022, with a potential audience reach of 4.5 billion.

Media included:

- New research from Dr Joanna Rees found being confident in the kitchen is not only good for your taste buds: it's also good for your mental health.
- Professor Jonathan Hodgson was featured in online media following the Sixth International Scientific Symposium on Tea and Human Health, reporting that recent high-quality data from long-term prospective studies indicate that higher intakes of tea are associated with reduced risk of vascular dementia, and potentially Alzheimer's disease.
- In conjunction with WA Police, Dr Myles Murphy has led a world-first study to help WA Police Force recruits avoid injury.
- Dr Zulqarnain Gilani delivered a workshop to around 20 children and their parents/ carers on how AI can help predict cardiovascular diseases and Obstructive Sleep Apnea. The children loved to have their 3D photos taken during the workshop and it was fun to see their 3D scans being morphed into one another.
- A collaborative study published in The Lancet
 Regional Health Western Pacific, between the
 Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute
 and the Centre for Precision Health, found that
 in community-dwelling older women, those with
 more advanced Abdominal Aortic Calcification
 (AAC) had higher risk of late-life dementia. The
 study was led by Dr Marc Sim and Dr Tenielle
 Porter (CPH), and included Associate Professor
 Josh Lewis, Professor Simon Laws (CPH), Dr
 Catherine Bondonno and Professor Jonathan
 Hodgson.



NHIRI in the media cont.

- NHIRI member Ana Gowrea has helped the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale become the first local council in WA to endorse comprehensive Local Food Action Plan. The three-year Local Food Action Plan was developed in partnership with ECU, the Shire, Healthway, Western Australian Local Government Association, East Metropolitan Health Service and SJ Food and Farm Alliance.
- An new educational app has proved equally as effective teaching high school students about Meningococcal Disease as classroom-led programs. MIApp was developed by experts including Professor Amanda Devine, Dr Julie Boston, Margaret Miller and Dr Lesley Andrew and other School of Medical & Health Sciences, School of Education and School of Science researchers in collaboration with The Amanda Young Foundation.
- A recent analysis of the Danish Diet, Cancer and Health Study by Dr Nicola Bondonno and PhD Candidate Pratik Pokharel found that potatoes aren't the problem, it's how we prepare them and what we eat them with.
- A study led by PhD candidate Ben Parmenter, found that those with high level of dietary flavonoids were far less likely to have extensive build-up of abdominal aortic calcification, which is a predictor of cardiovascular risk such as heart attack and stroke.
- Researchers from ECU including NHIRI Senior
 Research Fellow Dr Marc Sim and Research
 Program Lead A/Prof Josh Lewis, worked with a
 team of experts across Australia and New
 Zealand to develop guidelines for sarcopenia's
 prevention, diagnosis and management in the
 two countries.
- Research from the NHIRI Team in collaboration with the University of Western Australia has revealed that vitamin K1 may help reduce your risk of fractures later in life.



NHIRI in the media cont.

Our researchers contribute to Medical Forum magazine, Western Australia's monthly publication for general practitioners and medical specialists, key government people, hospital trainees and corporate subscribers.



New Core Members

We would like to welcome our new Core Members who joined us in 2022.



Dr Cassandra Smith

"I'm an accredited exercise physiologist who is passionate about helping older Australians with chronic diseases to create healthy lifestyle habits"

"My focus is on evidence-based practice to develop contemporary clinical practice guidelines and policy that support evidence-informed care"



Dr Annie De Leo

NHIRI Advisory Board

We would like to thank our Advisory Board members who volunteer their time. Their skills and experience are invaluable and help support NHIRI in achieving its purpose and strategic performance.



Professor Moira Sim MBBS, FRACGP, FAChAM, GDipAlcDrugAbStud, GAICD (Chair)

Professor Moira Sim (MBBS, FRACGP, FAChAM, GDipAlcDrugAbStud, GAlCD) is the Executive Dean of the School of Medical and Health Sciences at Edith Cowan University, where she leads a multidisciplinary health school. Moira has a broad health and education background as a general practitioner with over 30 years of practice in the community, a specialist addiction medicine physician and an academic with particular expertise in communication in healthcare and interprofessional learning. She is an established leader, educator, innovator and change agent in the health sector and has served on boards of governance for general practice organisations at national, state and local levels. Moira heads a team of medical advisors to the Health and Disability Services Complaints Office and is part of the core education team for Medical Defence Australia National.

Dr Gina Trapp

Dr Gina Trapp is an ARC DECRA Fellow at The University of Western Australia and Head of Food and Nutrition at the Telethon Kids Institute (14 staff/students). She has a Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition and Psychology) with First Class Honours and a PhD in Public Health. She is also a Registered Public Health utritionist recognised by the Nutrition Society of Australia and a former NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow.

With expertise in public health nutrition, nutritional epidemiology and built environments, Dr Trapp leads a multidisciplinary research program helping to understand how the environments within which children live, play and go to school influence the types of foods they eat, their physical activity levels and their weight status (120+ publications). She currently leads seven ARC, Healthway, National Heart Foundation, Cancer Council WA and WA Health Department-funded projects focussing on improving school, community, consumer and cultural food environments to support access to healthy foods in collaboration with key stakeholders and the community (\$8.88M in research funding).

The quality and impact of her research has been formally recognised through a total of 36 awards/prizes at the local, national and international level, including, a West Australian Young Tall Poppy Science Award, recognising her as, "One of Western Australia's most outstanding young scientists".





Dr Joe Kosterich M.B.B.S (WA) 1985

GP, speaker, author, and health industry consultant, Joe is a regular in the media and is often called to give opinions in medico legal cases. He is WA State Medical Director for IPN, Clinical editor of Medical Forum Magazine, Medical Advisor to Medicinal Cannabis company Little Green Pharma, and HIF Insurance. Joe is chairman of the Australian Tobacco Harm Reduction Association, teaches students at both UWA and Curtin Medical schools and has been involved in post graduate education for over 20 years.

Previously Joe held senior positions in the Australian Medical Association and sat on numerous industry and government boards.

Professor Kadambot H.M Siddique

Over 30 years' experience in agricultural research, teaching and management in both Australia and overseas. He has developed a national and international reputation in agricultural science especially in the fields of crop physiology, production agronomy, farming systems, genetic resources, breeding research in cereal, grain and pasture legumes and oilseed crops.

He has published >800 scientific papers, books and book chapters. Professor Siddique was the Highly Cited Researcher in Agricultural Science in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. He is the Highly Cited Researcher (Hi Ci) in 2021 and 2022 in two categories: (i) Agricultural Sciences (ii) Plant and Animal Science (Thomson Reuters/ Clarivate Analytics). Google Scholar h-index: 102 and citations: 39,533 (11 February 2023).

Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, Australian Agricultural Institute, Indian National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Foreign Fellow of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and Fellow of African Academy of Sciences (first Australian to be elected to the Academy). Professor Siddique was designated by United National FAO as Special Ambassador for the International Year of Pulses 2016.

Professor Siddique is the recipient of national and international awards including: Urrbrae Memorial Award, Member of the Order of Australia (AM), 2014 Western Australian Year of the Award (CitWA), the Dunhunag Award by China's Gansu Provincial Government. He received the Friendship Award from the Chinese Central Government (the highest award for a foreign expert) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to agricultural science and education in China over the years and was the Western Australian Indian of the Year 2021. Professor Siddique was one of the three finalists for the Western Australian Scientist of the Year 2022 Award.

Professor Siddique has also trained numerous Honours, MSc and PhD students. He has developed an extensive network of scientists within Australia and has also established a diverse range of overseas (China, India, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Malaysia, East Timor, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Europe, Canada, USA) collaborative research and educational projects. He holds a number of national and international committee positions.





Professor Jason Wu, PhD, FAHA

Professor Jason Wu is a Professor in the UNSW Faculty of Medicine & Health and the Head of the Nutrition Science Program at the George Institute for Global Health. His research focuses on improving health and wellbeing through developing innovative 'Food is Medicine' programs, evaluation of population food policies, and figuring out how dietary factors drive or prevent diseases. Jason's research has shaped nutrition guidelines and policies in Australia and globally, featuring in the likes of British Medical Journal and American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Professor Robin Daly, PhD, FASMF, FASBMR

Professor Robin Daly, PhD, FASMF, FASBMR, holds the position of Chair in Exercise and Ageing, co-leads the Preventing and Managing Chronic Diseases research domain and is Head of the Musculoskeletal Health and Mobility group within the Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition at Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia. He has 25 years of experience in conducting clinical, translational and implementation trials to understand how exercise and nutritional approaches can prevent and manage diseases, particularly osteoporosis, sarcopenia, falls and fractures, type 2 diabetes and cognitive related disorders. His work has led to the implementation of evidence-based, community exercise programs and nutritional products to optimise musculoskeletal health and body composition. He has published (co-edited) 3 books and over 235 peer-reviewed articles and 2021-22 was ranked in the top 2% of cited researchers in the field of Endocrinology and Metabolism. He is immediate-Past President of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Sarcopenia and Frailty Research (ANZSSFR), a member of the medical and scientific advisory committee of Healthy Bones Australia, a council member of the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS) and a past (2014-19) council member of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ANZBMS). He is also a Fellow of Sports Medicine Australia and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR).





Angela Boothroyd

Angela Boothroyd qualified with a BSc majoring in microbiology and genetics and then went on to do a MSc Engineering with a focus on microbiologically induced corrosion. She worked as a researcher and then as a partner in a consulting laboratory dealing mainly with biodeterioration. An inherited retinal degenerative condition, resulting in visual impairment, eventually forced her out of this work. Angela is now convenor of the Perth group of Retina Australia and a consumer member of Lions Eye Institute Consumer and Community Advisory Panel. She is passionate about healthy mind and body through good nutrition and exercise.



Dr Phil Dolan SF Fin FAICD

Phil Dolan is an active angel investor with a focus on female founded startups. He is also an adjunct professor at the La Trobe University Business School, where he teaches Creative Problem Solving. He has also taught Portfolio Management at Masters level. He was previously Dean of the Business School at the University of Western Australia, and before entering academia worked for over a decade in the Investment Management arm of Macquarie Bank. His education includes degrees in Mathematics, IT, Business and a PhD in Finance from Stanford University. He has been a member of a number of Investment

Committees and Boards of educational institutions, and is a member of FINSIA's Victorian Regional Council. He is a Senior Fellow of FINSIA, and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Prof Kevin D Croft, PhD FRSCPhD, University of Western Australia, 1978
Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry

Prof Kevin Croft is a Professorial Fellow and Head of Division of Cardiovascular Science in the School of Biomedical Science at the University of Western Australia. He has research interests in nutritional biochemistry, biomarkers of oxidative damage, atherosclerosis and the mechanism of vascular protection by dietary polyphenols. He has served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Royal Society of Chemistry journal Food and Function from 2013–2017. He has over 300 peer reviewed publications. He was on the advisory group that put together the National Heart Foundation of Australia position statement on "Antioxidants in foods, drinks and supplements for cardiovascular health".





Professor Peter Thompson

Professor Peter Thompson graduated from Medicine and did his postgraduate degree in Medicine at the University of Western Australia. He trained in cardiology at Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard University in Boston. Professor Thompson is skilled in project management and team management, assisted by his completion of MBA qualifications in 2000. At Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital he was Director of the Coronary Care Unit from 1975 to 2005, Head of Cardiovascular Medicine from 1995 to 2005 and Director of Research from 2005 to 2015. He is currently Consultant Cardiologist and Head of the Heart Research Institute at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Western Australia. He is also Deputy Director of the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.



Rohan Prince

Rohan Prince has 22-year experience working in State Government in various roles and since 2017 has been the Director of Horticulture and Irrigated Agriculture at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. He is an enthusiastic result driven, leader and manager with a broad range of experience in agricultural research, development, and extension. His current role leads Fruit Vegetable and Northern Irrigated Cropping R&D Program with oversight of activities and staff from Albany to Kununurra. Rohan was the 2011 Winner, Industry Impact Award, AUSVEG National Awards for Excellence, and a finalist for the 2010 and 2011 for Researcher of the Year, AUSVEG National Awards for Excellence, Finalist 2012 Australian Water Association WA State Water Awards – Young Professional of the Year.

Prof Moira Clay

Professor Moira Clay is one of Australia's foremost experts in research strategy. She is a transformational leader and a highly experienced facilitator, with an extensive knowledge of the changing research agenda. She has a reputation for professionalism and integrity and is known for her collaborative and inclusive approach. Moira has extensive senior executive experience in research institutes in Victoria, NSW and WA – including 6 months as Acting Director of the Telethon Kids Institute. She was President of two peak bodies – the Australian Society for Medical Research (2003) and Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) (2013), leading significant public, political and scientific advocacy initiatives. In 2018, she was nominated as a Fellow of ARMS, acknowledging her enduring and substantial contributions to research management, and her active philanthropic involvement was profiled in a TEDx Fremantle talk. In 2011, she completed the Eureka Institute International Certificate in Translational Medicine. She is currently the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Menzies Institute.



Moira founded Moira Clay Consulting in 2013, propelled by her drive to help Australian health and medical research leaders achieve transformative health benefits for the community. MCC has built a strong reputation for adding value to health and medical research organisations (including medical research institute's; hospitals, funding bodies; universities; peak bodies and major initiatives) across Australia.

NHIRI Team



Professor Jonathan Hodgson



Associate Professor Josh Lewis



Professor Amanda Devine



Cheryl Croce



Dr Lauren Blekkenhorst



Dr Catherine Bondonno



Associate Professor Therese O'Sullivan



Dr Marc Sim



Dr Mary Kennedy



Dr Liezhou Zhong



Dr Nicola Bondonno



Professor David Suter



Dr Jack Dalla Via



Associate Professor Rae-Chi Huang



Dr Zulqarnain Gilani



Dr Myles Murphy



Dr Simone Radavelli-Bagatini



Dr Cassandra Smith



Dr Annie De Leo



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Externally funded research projects and fellowships active in 2022

Projects

Research Team	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Bondonno, C., Hodgson, J., Dimmock, J., Lewis, J., Schousboe, J., Whitehead, L, Sim, M.G-B, Dalla Via, J., Bondonno, N., Bucks, R., Sim, M., Schultz, C., Kennedy, M., Laws, S., Woodman, R.	Getting to the heart of healthy aging: a behaviour change program to promote dietary pattern changes	National Health and Medical Research Council, MRFF - Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission
Bondonno, C., Christophersen, C., Hodgson, J., Bondonno, N., Schultz, C., Croft, K.	Pardon the vegetables: how nitrate source determines health impact	Royal Perth Hospital Medical Research Foundation, Springboard Grants
Devine, A., Marino, M., Lewis, J., Prince, R., Miller, M., Boston, J., Tay, G., Forlano, R., Hill, J.	Investing in your bones: supporting lifelong health and performance	Arthritis Foundation of WA, Grant
Murphy, M., Lewis, J., McCaskie, C., Hart, N., Mosler, A.	Improving the health and performance of Western Australian Police Force recruits by developing an injury and physical performance surveillance system and quantifying the financial burden of injury	WA Police, Grant
Wallace, R.	Little Aussie Bugs Educational book set	Channel 7 Telethon Trust, Grant
Bondonno, C.	Nitrate and human health – villain or superhero?	Department of Health WA, Near Miss Merit Awards
Fayyazifar, N., Suter, D. Maiorana, A., Masek, M.	Developing a novel deep learning architecture for automatic cardiac arrhythmia detection and classification	Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, WA Science Industry PhD Fellowship Program

Externally funded Research projects and fellowships active in 2022 cont.

Projects cont.

Research Team	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Bondonno, C.	Nitrate: the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of human health?	Department of Health WA, WA Near-miss Awards: Ideas
Suter, D., Mehizadeh, M., Hiew, J., Vignarajan, J., Wood, F., Hamilton, E., Ritter, J., Goodred, C., Manning, L., McLeod, G., Hendrie, D., Gupta, A., Islam, S.M.S., O'Hanlon, SM., Gibson, D., Saha, S., Berghuber, A., Masek, M., Abu-Khalaf, J.M., Abela, B.	Better and faster than the human eye: artificial intelligence and computational radiomics for foot x-rays in patients with diabetes-related foot infections	Department of Health WA, Research Translation Projects
Gilani, S.Z., Carter, O., Markovic, C., von Mollendorf, D., Lloyd, A., Howard, Z., Hong, J.	Dynamic two-way communication using gestures for human-machine teaming	Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, Defence Science Collaborative Research Grants
Sim, M.	A novel machine-learning approach to reduce falls in older community-dwelling Australians	Department of Health WA, WA Near-miss Awards: Ideas
Zhong, L.	Three-dimensional fruit and vegetable- based texture modified food printing in Australian residential aged care: A proof- of-concept study	Department of Health WA, WA Near-miss Awards: Ideas
Andrew, L. Wallace, R., Estai, M.	Primary carers' knowledge and practices of infant oral health promotion	Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future
Huang, R-C.	Early Life Prevention of Childhood Obesity and Lifelong Non-Communicable Diseases	Department of Health WA, WA Near-miss Awards: Emerging Leaders Program
Huang, R-C.	Lifecycle – Early Life Stressors and LifeCycle Health	National Health and Medical Research Council, European Union Collaborative Research Grants

Externally funded Research projects and fellowships active in 2022 cont.

Projects cont.

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Research Team	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Blekkenhorst, L.	Dietary nitrate intake and its associations with cardiometabolic, cognitive and mental health outcomes	Raine Medical Research Foundation, 2021 Healy Research Collaboration Awards
Murphy, M., Rio, E., D'Allesandro, P., Whife, C.	The efficacy of Transcranial direct current stimulation during rehabilitation following Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) reconstruction on functional outcomes and return to play timelines. A double-blind randomised controlled trial (The TACL study)	Orthopaedic Research Foundation of WA, Grant
Bellinge, J., Hillis, G., Schultz, C., Hodgson, J.	Prevention of Aortic Stenosis progression Phylloquinone Ossification Reduction Trial (PASSPORT)	Heart Foundation, NHF - Vanguard Grants
Blangero, J., Brennecke, S., Beilin, L., Hui, J., Melton, P., Huang, R-C	Epigenetic Biomarker Discovery for Cardiovascular Disease Risk Stratification of Women Following Preeclampsia	National Health and Medical Research Council, Ideas grants
Sambell, R., Prideaux, S., Devine, A., Goodwin, S.	Local Eats	Healthway (WA Health Promotion Foundation), Healthy Communities Grant
Hodgson, J., Lewis, J., Devine, A., Schousboe, J., Woodman, R., Jackson, B., Dimmock, J.	Developing a novel approach to improve diet and lifestyle	National Health and Medical Research Council, MRFF Preventive and Public Health
Hodgson, J.	Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF) 2021	Department of Health WA, Medical and Health Research Infrastructure
Verhasselt, V., O'Sullivan, T., Cooper, M., Finlay-Jones, A., Srinivasjois, R., Conolly, L.	Colostrum, the missing link for healthy children in Western Australia	Channel 7 Telethon Trust, Grant
Bondonno, N., Hodgson, J., Tjonneland, A. Kyro, C.	Is the source of dietary nitrate a determinant of its impact on cancer risk?	Raine Medical Research Foundation, Raine/Robson Fellow Travel Award

Externally funded Research projects and fellowships active in 2022 cont.

Projects cont.

Research Team	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Bondonno, N., Hodgson, J., Gislason, G., Murray, K., Bondonno, C., Dalgaard, F.	Investigating the Relationship between Dietary Components and Cardiometabolic Disease	Raine Medical Research Foundation, 2020 Healy Research Collaboration Award
Suter, D., Schousboe, J., Cootes, T., Prince, R., Harvey, N., Kiel, D., Islam, S.M.S	Automated methods for evaluating structural vascular disease	National Health and Medical Research Council, Ideas grants
Lewis, J., Suter, D., Schousboe, J., Cootes, T., Prince, R., Harvey, N., Kiel, D., Islam, S.M.S.	Predicting falls in the elderly: A novel machine learning approach	Edith Cowan University, Australia-Germany JRC Scheme (UA-DAAD)
Lewis, J.	Perth Longitudinal Study of Ageing Women	Department of Health WA, Future Health Research and Innovation Fund - Biobank Interim Support Program 2021
Lewis, J.	A novel machine-learning approach to reducing falls and their burden in older Australians	Department of Health WA, Near Miss Merit Awards
Lewis, J.	Bone tired: Better understanding of vascular-bone ageing	Rebecca L Cooper Medical Research Foundation Ltd, Grant
Lewis, J.	A change of heart: developing a novel tool to alter the course of cardiovascular disease	Department of Health WA, Near Miss Merit Awards
Bloomfield, L.E., Westphal, D., Barwood, D.M., Miller, M.R., Boston, J., Howell, D., Andrew, L.J., Devine, A.,Masek, M.	Meningococcal Infection, Awareness Prevention and Protection (Mlapp) – Improving and evaluating adolescent access to meningococcal education through the use of an app	Lotterywest, Grant

Projects cont.

Research Team	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Byrne, M.F., Partington, G.P., Anderson, K.L., Shaw, T., Miller, M.R., Lester, L., Gower, G.C., Cross, D., Devine, A.	Evaluation of Foodbank WA s School Breakfast and Food Nutrition Program (01/2015FBWA)	Foodbank, Grant
Miller, M.R., Waters, S.K., Lombardi, K.L., Cross, D.S. , Pearce, N.L., Baker, S.L., Jung, J.H., Medley, S., Devine, A., Hearn, L.A., Fletcher, A.C.	Request for food and nutrition curriculum support materials as part of the WA Healthy Children Program - K-10 School Food and Nutrition Curriculum Support Materials	Department of Health WA, WA Healthy Children Program
Gilani, S.Z., Carter, O., Markovic, C., von Mollendorf, D., Lloyd, A., Howard, Z., Hong, J.	Dynamic two-way communication using gestures for human-machine teaming	Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, Defence Science Centre DaRT Seed Grant
Fortington, L.V., Allen, G., Murphy, M.C., Hart, N.H	Injury epidemiology in Western Australia Police recruits: A retrospective cohort study	WA Police, Grant
Sim, M	Reducing falls and their burden in older Australians	Department of Health WA, Near Miss Merit Awards
Blekkenhorst, L.	Vegetable types and their bioactives: Growing the evidence for cardiovascular benefits	National Health and Medical Research Council, Investigator grants
Giglia, R., Cooper, M., Binns, C., O'Sullivan, T., Silva, D., Moorhead, A.	Helping new mums to be better breastfeeders - before their babies are even born	Department of Health WA, Near Miss Merit Awards
O'Sullivan, T., Moorhead, A., Binns, C., Silva, D., Demirci, J.R., Cooper, M., Giglia, R.	Helping new mums to be better breastfeeders - before their babies are even born	Stan Perron Charitable Trust, New Child Health Research Grant
Miller, M.R., Devine, A.	What motivates and supports primary school teachers to teach nutrition?	Healthway (WA Health Promotion Foundation), Healthway - Scholarship

Projects cont.

Research Team	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Latino, C. Christophersen, C.T. Mehta, S., Gianatti, E., Devine, A., Lo, J.S.H.	The Effect of Dietary Resistant Starch on Maternal Glycaemia and the Gut Microbiome in Gestational Diabetes	Spinnaker Health Research Foundation, Edith Cowan University Spinnaker Explorers Grant
Christophersen, C.T., Grosse, C., Devine, A.	Application of a plant based diet in active Ulcerative Colitis (UC)	St John of God Health Care, Scholarships to support Industry Engagement PhD Projects
Abbiss, C. Christophersen, C.T., H.J., Devine, A.	Influence of Enzyme Rich Malt Extract on gut health symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome and endurance exercise performance	Ateria Health Australia Pty Ltd, Grant
Cruickshank, T., Ciccone, N.A., Blacker, D., Stanley, M.J., Turner, M., Van Der Groen, O.L., Learmonth, Y., Bartlett, D.M., Devine, A., Laws, S., Lo, J.S.H.	The feasibility and therapeutic utility of a 12- week telehealth delivered environmental enrichment program for young stroke survivors experiencing cognitive impairment	Perron Institute for Neurological and Translational Science, Neurotrauma Research Program
Gowrea, A.M., Godrich, S., Sambell, R., Andrew, L.J., Devine, A., Masek, M., Trent, A.M.	Pathway to healthy food environments: a guide for local governments in Western Australia	Healthway (WA Health Promotion Foundation), Healthway - Grant
Sim, M.G.B., Abbiss, C., Ciccone, N.A., Newton, R., Edwards, D., Cruickshank, T., Stanley, M.J., Boxall, K., Van Der Groen, O., Devine, A., Laws, S.	Develop a systematic profiling of neurological conditions that will facilitate personalised treatment and streamline service delivery	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Western Australia, MS WA - Research funding for social and applied research
Godrich, S., Humphreys, E., Zivkovic, S., Stoneham, M., Devine, A,, Bernhagen, M.	Food Community: A systemic approach to support healthy food availability, access and use across regional Western Australia	Healthway (WA Health Promotion Foundation), Health Promotion Project Grant
Newton, R., Christophersen, C.T., Galvao, D. A., Taaffe, D.R., Broadhurst, D.I., Hart, N. H., Devine, A., Spry, N.A.	An exploratory study to determine if exercise can impact the gut microbiota composition of men receiving androgen suppression therapy for prostate cancer	Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Grant

Projects cont.

Research Team	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Galvao, D.A., Hayne, D., Newton, R., Joseph, D., Tang, C., Taaffe, D.R., Chambers, S., Devine, A., Lopez Da Cruz, P., Spry, N.A.	Weight loss for overweight and obese prostate cancer patients: a randomised trial of a clinic-based versus telehealth delivered exercise and nutrition intervention	Cancer Council of WA Inc, Prostate Cancer Research Initiative
Seet, PS., Dowse, A.E., Klarin, A., Suter, D., Sharafizad, J., Duczynski, G.A., Johnstone, M.N., Marceddo, A.D., Cripps, H.D., Jones, J.	Investigating the opportunities and challenges posed by disruptive and converging technologies in Cyber, IoT, AI/ autonomous technologies to the mission, design, structure, operations and future roles and planning of Defence and the Australian Defence Force	Department of Defence, Strategic Policy Grants Program
Suter, D.	Tensor and Hypergraph Methods in Fitting Visual Data	Australian Research Council, Grant - Discovery Projects
Abu-Khalaf, J.M., Suter, D., Shitov, D.	Developing a Framework for Speech Recognition and understanding in digital learning contexts	Science and Industry Endowment Fund, SIEF - Ross Metcalf Stem Business Fellowship

Fellowships

Member	Project Title	Funding Scheme
Dr Mary Kennedy	Exploring the gap in supportive cancer care in rural and remote WA	Department of Health WA, Future Health Research and Innovation Fund - Implementation Science Fellowship
Dr Catherine Bondonno	Nitrate and human health - villain or superhero?	Royal Perth Hospital Medical Research Foundation, Career Advancement Fellowship
Dr Lauren Blekkenhorst	Stronger evidence for the cardiovascular health benefits of specific vegetables and their bioactive compounds	Heart Foundation, NHF - Postdoctoral Fellowships
A/Prof Josh Lewis	Developing & evaluating a novel tool for primary prevention of clinical cardiovascular disease	Heart Foundation, NHF - Future Leader Fellowships
Dr Nicola Bondonno	Variations in flavonoid metabolism as an explanation for inter-individual differences in physiological responses to flavonoid-rich foods	National Health and Medical Research Council, Early Career Fellowship
Dr Marc Sim	Novel strategies to reduce the risk of falls and associated injury in older Australian	Royal Perth Hospital Medical Research Foundation, Career Advancement Fellowship
Dr Marc Sim	Preventing falls in older Australians: an appetite for change	Department of Health WA, WA Near-miss Awards: Emerging Leaders Program

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	Title	Q1 Journal	Impact Factor
1	Adu, M. D., Bondonno, C. P., Parmenter, B. H., Sim, M., Davey, R. J., Murray, K., Radavelli-Bagatini, S., Magliano, D. J., Daly, R. M., Shaw, J. E., Lewis, J. R., Hodgson, J. M., & Bondonno, N. P. (2022). Association between non-tea flavonoid intake and risk of type 2 diabetes: the Australian diabetes, obesity and lifestyle study. Food and Function, 13(8), 4459-4468. https://doi.org/10.1039/d1fo04209b	30	6.317
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9	Berman, Y. E., Doherty, D. A., Mori, T. A., Beilin, L. J., Ayonrinde, O. T., Adams, L. A., Huang, R. C., Olynyk, J. K., Keelan, J. A., Newnham, J. P., & Hart, R. J. (2022). Associations between Prenatal Exposure to Phthalates and Features of the Metabolic Syndrome in Males from Childhood into Adulthood. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health,, 19(22). https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph192215244		4.614
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