



7th OzMRS SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

29th-30th October 2025

Innovation Campus
Woolongong



The Australian Metastasis Research
Society presents the
**The 7th OzMRS
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

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Innovation Campus Wollongong,
Aspire Event Centre

Day 1- Wednesday 29th October

17:30-18:00

Arrival and Registration

18:00-18:05

Welcome to Country, Opening Remarks by OzMRS President

18:05-19:00

Scientific Session 1

Chairs: Vaibhavi Joshi, Diana Schuhmacher

Keynote Presentation: **A/Prof Christine Chaffer**

Invited Presentation: **Prof. Claudine Bonder**

19:00-20:30

Canapés & Poster Session

20:30-22:00

Post Session Drinks

Day 2- Thursday 30th October

08:00-08:30

Arrival and Sponsor Display

08:30-10:10

Scientific Session 2

Chairs: Ann-Katrin Piper, Moganalaxmi Reckdharajkumar

Keynote Presentation: **Dr. Tadayoshi Hashimoto**

Invited Presentation: **A/Prof Sam Stehbens**

Invited Presentation: **Dr. Gary Tincknell**

Selected Talk: **Dr. Diana Schuhmacher**

Selected Talk: **Ashna Kumar**

10:00-10:40

Morning Tea and Sponsor Display

10:40-11:20

Panel Discussion

Working together to improve metastasis research and outcomes

Moderator: A/Prof Phillip Gregory

Panel: Narelle Langridge (Patient advocate), Giselle Hollinshead (Patient advocate), Gary Tincknell (Clinician), Maree Bilandzic (Researcher), Aadya Nagpal (ECR researcher)

11:20-11:30

Sponsor Presentation: Race Oncology

11:30-12:05

ECR Flash Talks- Sponsored by Race oncology

Chair: Sharissa Latham

12:05-13:05

Lunch & Poster Session

13:05-14:15

Scientific Session 3

Chair: Diana Schuhmacher & Aadya Nagpal

Selected Talk: **Dr Deanna Miller**

Selected Talk: **Dr Aparna Jayachandran**

Invited Presentation: **A/Prof David Croucher**

Invited Presentation: **Dr. Maree Bilandzic**

14:15-14:25

OzMRS AGM

14:25-15:00

Award Session and Meeting Close

Selected Flash Talks

Moganalaxmi Reckdharajkumar	The paradox of Rho-ROCK Signalling in Breast Cancer Metastasis
Dr. Kate Beecher Matthews	SSRI prescription following breast cancer diagnosis is not associated with altered early metastasis risk: a propensity-matched multi-institute cohort study
Dr. Aadya Nagpal	Defining the Role of Endothelium in Organ-Specific Pre-Metastatic Niche Transformation
Dr. Vaibhavi Joshi	STING in breast cancer brain metastasis
Dr. Charles Bidgood	Targeting the E/M-Hybrid Cell State to Improve Therapy Response in Breast Cancer
Dr. Ann-Katrin Piper	Distinct Molecular Features Enable Survival of Circulating Tumour Cells in Gastric Cancer
King Ho Leong	Establishment of patient-derived models of metastatic appendiceal cancers
Dr. Samuel Lee	Understanding tumour progression and drug resistance through optical barcoding in metastatic breast cancer
Jessica Conley	Gemcitabine is highly potent against metastatic cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma models: a novel chemotherapeutic approach for a malignancy lacking systemic options