

CRE HiPP

SHOWCASE 2022

Wednesday 9th November 2022
3.00pm – 5.30pm



“Health Equity across Preconception & Pregnancy”

PRESENTATIONS OVERVIEW

KEYNOTE

Dr Nisha Khot

“Health equity in obstetrics and promoting diversity in health leadership for women’s reproductive health”

Dr Nisha Khot is an obstetrician and current Clinical Director of obstetrics & gynaecology at Peninsula Health. Nisha was trained in India and UK before moving to Australia in 2010. She is currently a RANZCOG Board Director and is passionate about health equity and promoting diversity in health leadership.



Dr Briony Hill

“Developing a set of core indicators for preconception health in Australia”

Dr Briony Hill is a Research Fellow in the Health and Social Care Unit (HSCU) at Monash University, a CRE HiPP postdoctoral fellow and the coordinator for the national Preconception Health Network. Her research interests include maternal wellbeing, in particular weight stigma, lifestyle health and obesity prevention during the preconception, pregnancy and postpartum periods. With a strong interest in health behaviour change, psychosocial wellbeing and understanding the mechanisms that lead to the attainment of healthy lifestyles and weight for women during their reproductive years, she applies an Ecological Systems Theory lens to her research to recognise the broader impacts on weight management and lifestyle health that extend through the community, society and government. She has generated new knowledge on preconception lifestyle health, implemented a workplace wellbeing program, and contributed to developing a national set of core indicators for preconception health.



Rebecca Madill

“Establishing a consumer and community involvement (CCI) group to understand health information seeking behaviours for CALD women during pregnancy”

A first year PhD Candidate at the Monash Centre for Health Research and Implementation (MCHRI), Rebecca’s research aims to support women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) during pregnancy, by understanding health information seeking behaviours, and supporting health lifestyles through digital health technologies. Currently working with the Australian Women’s Health Research, Translation and Impact Network (WHRTN) as a Project Manager for the Consumer and Community Involvement Sub-Committee, Rebecca has a background as a Registered Nurse and a strong passion for public health.



Professor Louise Maple Brown & Sian Graham

“Incorporating Indigenous knowledges in diabetes research: the Diabetes across the Lifecourse; Northern Australia Partnership”

Louise Maple-Brown is Head of Department of Endocrinology at Royal Darwin Hospital (Northern Territory, Australia), a Senior Principal Research Fellow with Menzies School of Health Research, and Co-Chair NT Diabetes Network. Louise leads a clinical research program within the Menzies Wellbeing and Preventable Chronic Diseases division, with a focus on diabetes and related conditions among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Louise established and leads the Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australian Partnership (this partnership includes several large NHMRC-funded projects). After completing the majority of her physician and endocrinology training at St Vincents Hospital Sydney, Louise moved to Darwin in 2002 to pursue her passion for improving the health of Indigenous Australians, and has been providing clinical diabetes services to urban and remote NT communities for over 20 years.



Sian Graham is of Noongar and Bardi-Jawi decent from two different areas in WA, the Balladong Wheatbelt region and One Arm Point in the Kimberley, with strong connections throughout the Northern Territory and Western Australia. Having learnt from and guided by many strong leaders in her family and communities, Sian is always reflecting on her old people's journeys to remind herself of why she needs to work towards better outcomes and positive change. Sian has undertaken research in both urban and remote communities across the Northern Territory and the Kimberley, and has worked at Menzies School of Health Research for over 12 years. Dedicated and committed to working towards improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Sian believes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must play an imperative role in research.



Elizabeth Nkabane-Nkholongo

“Cultural adaptation of a mobile conversation Agent to provide health education to the hard to reach adolescent girls and young women in Lesotho”

Mrs. Nkabane-Nkholongo, is the Executive Director of LeBoHA, and a Mosotho nurse-midwife with specialties in health care management, nursing education, and primary health care. She has an Advanced Bachelor's Degree in nursing, and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Limpopo, and is now completing her Doctor of Public Health degree in Health Systems Strengthening (including research testing an evidence-based mHealth application designed to provide women's health education in Lesotho). Project lead on a US National Institute of Health (NIH) Fogarty Center grant that has been prepared that includes an m-health animated character providing detailed counselling and patient navigation about gender-based violence (GBV). She served as the Deputy Chair for the Lesotho Nursing Council from 2010–2013, spearheading Lesotho's first competency-based nursing and midwifery. in-service training program.



KEYNOTE

Professor Sharon Bessell

“The first 2000 days and beyond: how health and social inequities impact deleteriously during these formative years”

Sharon Bessell is a Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy at The Australian National University. Sharon is the director of the Children's Policy Centre, and of the Poverty and Inequality Research Centre. She is the co-host of Policy Forum Pod, a weekly podcast that brings cutting edge research and thinking to inform debates on pressing policy challenges. In 2019 she was named as one of the Australian Financial Review's Women of Influence. Sharon's research interests revolve around issues of social justice and human rights, focusing on three broad areas: (i) social policy, social justice and the human rights of children; (ii) childhoods over time and intergenerational relations; (iii) the gendered and generational dimensions of poverty. Sharon teaches courses on social policy, poverty reduction, globalisation, global development, children's human rights, and gender.

