**Medical School Research Showcase 2026**
Faculty of Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences
*90 Years of Discovery: From Foundations to Future Impact*

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| **Date** | **Tuesday, 3 November 2026** |
| **Time** | **1:00-5:00pm** |
| **Venue** | ES Meyers Lecture Theatre, Mayne Medical Building, Herston Precinct |
| **Event Overview** | *Celebration of the achievements of our Medical School research community and how their work is making a difference locally and globally. The showcase will feature a mix of presentations from early to mid-career researchers as well as esteemed research leaders.* |

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| **Welcome and Housekeeping** | |
| **1:00-1:05 pm** | Welcome by MC, A/Prof Jayesh Dhanani (Medical School, Director of Research) |
| **1:05-1:10 pm** | Acknowledgment of Country by Blake Stockton |
| **Introduction** | |
| **1:10-1:20 pm** | Opening address by Professor Michael Reade, Director, Greater Brisbane Clinical School |
| **Keynote Speaker** | |
| **1:20-1:50 pm** | Professor Ranjeny Thomas<br>Keynote Title: Antigen specific immunotherapy for autoimmune disease: my journey |
| **Abstract Presenters** | |
| **1:50-2:50 pm** | **"'90 Years Forward: Research Shaping the Next Generation of Health"**<br>**Chair: A/Prof Geoff Spurling**<br><br>• Anna Nuzzo (Ochsner Clinical School)<br>*Attempted vaginal birth, maternal risk stratum, and severe neonatal neurological morbidity at term; a population-based cohort study*<br>• Dr Jaimon Kelly (Centre for Online Health)<br>*Digital Health Trust, Literacy and Equity are distinct but interconnected drivers of digital inclusion*<br>• Dr Sasha Mealing (Children's Health Queensland Clinical Unit)<br>*Coeliac Disease: Food for Thought - Redesigning Diagnosis and Care for the Next Generation*<br>• Dr Ben Mitchell (General Practice Clinical Unit)<br>*Information seeking during patient consultations*<br>• Dr Christine Duplancic (Greenslopes Clinical Unit)<br>*The impact of nontuberculous mycobacterial infections in persons with cystic fibrosis*<br>• Dr Elizabeth Marsden (Mayne Academy of Critical Care)<br>*From GEDI to OPEN: Research Shaping the Future of Acute Care for Older Adults*<br>• Dr Hayley Thomas (Mayne Academy of General Practice)<br>*Eating Disorders and Christian Spirituality: A Qualitative and Co-Design Study*<br>• Kiara Knuckey (Mayne Academy of Medicine)<br>*Breath in, breath out: Can we detect lung disease with a simple breath test?*<br>• Bailey Schneider (Mayne Academy of Obstetrics and Gynaecology) |

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| | *Optimal timing of birth and adverse perinatal and maternal outcomes in low-risk nulliparous women in spontaneous labour: a population-based cohort study*<br>• A/Prof Antony Attokaran (Mayne Academy of Paediatrics)<br>*Developing Critical Care research in Central Queensland*<br>• Dr Stephen Parker (Mayne Academy of Psychiatry)<br>*Addressing substance use in psychosis care: partnering for impact*<br>• Dr John Mackintosh (Northside Clinical Unit)<br>*Telomere Biology and the Genomics of Pulmonary Fibrosis*<br>• Dr Mahnaz Samadbeik (Queensland Digital Health Centre)<br>*Turning routine health data into better care: towards a learning health system*<br>• Dr Julie Lee (Royal Brisbane Clinical Unit)<br>*Management of caesarean section related obstetric haemorrhage in Australian public hospitals (MACRO AUS)*<br>• Dr Annika Luebbe (Rural Clinical School)<br>*What's happening at the Rural Clinical School: Research across the medical disciplines*<br>• Olivia Dunstan (PA Southside Clinical Unit)<br>*Sleepless in GARU? Improving Recovery Through Better Sleep in Geriatric Rehabilitation*<br>• Kirby Patterson-Fahy (MD Student Research Showcase Presentation Winner)<br>*Does Lidocaine affect yield of non-tuberculosis mycobacteria from bronchoalveolar lavage?* |
| **Afternoon Tea** | |
| **2:50-3:25 pm** | Afternoon tea and networking |
| **Panel Session** | |
| **3:25-3:55 pm** | **"Research Then and Now in Digital Health: What Will Define the Next 90 Years?"**<br>**Chair: Professor Anthony Smith**<br><br>Panel Members:<br>• Professor Clair Sullivan – Director, Queensland Digital Health Centre<br>• Dr Bushra Nasir – Senior Research Fellow, Medical School, Rural Clinical School<br>• Dr Aaron Chambers – GP & Health System Innovator, GrowMedical |
| **Q&A** | |
| **3:55-4:05 pm** | Q&A facilitated by Professor Anthony Smith |
| **Internal Scheme Awardees – 2026 EMCR Seeding Grant Recipients' Presentations** | |
| **4:05-4:25 pm** | **Chair: A/Prof Jayesh Dhanani**<br><br>• Dr Mike Trott – Southside Clinical Unit<br>• Dr Mahnaz Samadbeik – Queensland Digital Health Centre<br>• Dr Melinda Ashcroft – Greenslopes Clinical Unit<br>• Dr Lee Woods – Queensland Digital Health Centre |

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| | • Dr Samantha Robertson – Queensland Digital Health Centre |
| **Medical School Research Excellence Awards** | |
| **4:25-4:45 pm** | **Chair: A/Prof Bernadette Richards**<br><br>**Medical School Research Excellence Awards – Presented by Professor Dan Chambers**<br>• Higher Degree Research Student Excellence Awards<br>- Clinical<br>- Non-clinical<br>• Research Partnership and Impact Award (5-min presentations each)<br>- Early-to-Mid Career Researcher<br>- Senior Career Researcher<br><br>**Presentations by the winners of the Research Partnership and Impact Award** |
| **Closing Remarks** | |
| **4:45-4:50 pm** | A/Prof Jayesh Dhanani |
| **Speakers and Award Winners – Photography** | |
| **4:50-5:00 pm** | Photography |