

# The Big Catch-Up Immunise. Prevent. Protect. Immunisation Conference 2023

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**WHEN** Friday, October 20th 2023  
9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**WHERE** Pine Tree Ln  
Terrigal NSW 2260  
Australia  
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**COST** Paid Event

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Build on your skills and knowledge around vaccines, vaccine communication, current research and Australia's place in the global scene. Listen, learn, interact, and network with like-minded peers from across Australia.

Immunisation conference 2023 is presented by the Hunter, New England & Central Coast Primary Health Network in conjunction with the Hunter New England and Central Coast Local Health Districts.

With the ongoing uncertainty with COVID-19, and the importance of our valuable workforce the conference planning team have made the decision to encourage RATs prior to entry and to request masks be worn throughout the conference.

All immunisation providers are encouraged to attend.

Event details	
When	Friday 20th October 2023
Conference Time	9am registration. 10am start. 4pm finish.
Dinner	6pm registration. 6:30pm start. 9pm finish
Where	Crowne Plaza Terrigal

## Terms and Conditions

\*\*\*Refunds for face to face tickets will not be issued after 6 October 2023.

If you are unable to attend, you may be able to reassign your ticket to a friend but will need to notify Sydney Cruikshank at [scruikshank@thephn.com.au](mailto:scruikshank@thephn.com.au).

Dietary swaps may not be possible after 6 October 2023.

\*\*\*No refunds will be considered for live stream and recording tickets.

## Accommodation

\*\*\*Crowne Plaza is offering a discounted rate of 10% off their Best flex rate for Thursday and Friday night. Reservations can be made by emailing [reservations.terrigan@ihg.com](mailto:reservations.terrigan@ihg.com) or by phoning the inhouse reservations team directly during business hours on 02 4384 9114 Monday to Friday. When making the booking request please ensure to have guests mention they are part of the HNECC Immunisation Conference so the reduced rate can be accessed.

## Conference Agenda

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Topic	Presenter
Conference Open	Patrick Cashman
Meningococcal - How a Life Can Change in 12 Hours	Sarah Joyce
COVID-19 and a Global Vaccine Perspective	Dr Pete Murray
The NSW Immunisation Strategy and Low Childhood Coverage	Dr Sonya Ennis
The Big Catch-Up, Let's Invite Everyone.	Katrina Clark
Data quality and tips to using the Australian Immunisation Register	Lauren Dalton
Collaboration; the importance of what we do	Dr Kathryn Taylor
Panel Discussion	
New vaccines, or new to the NIP: Evidence and policy	Dr Archana Koirala
Health Pathways	Sandra Fitzgerald
Tales from afar	Patrick Cashman

## Dinner Agenda

Topic	Speaker
Open/Welcome	Patrick Cashman
So, you think you've had a vaccine reaction?	Professor Nick Wood
Panel Discussion	
TBA	Dr Kat Taylor

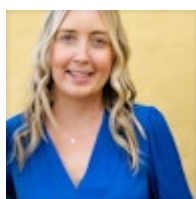
## Presenters and Speakers



### Patrick Cashman

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR IMMUNISATION RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE

Paddy Cashman RN, BHSc, MPH&TM, GCertAppMgt, PhD student. Paddy is currently with the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) as the Global Health Technical Officer based in the Solomon Islands. Patrick was the Immunisation Coordinator for Hunter New England LHD NSW where he has initiated a successful closing the gap for immunisation program. Operational and research interests include nurse immuniser education, Aboriginal immunisation, the social science of immunisation and adverse events following immunisation. Patrick manages the Vaxtracker AEFI active surveillance project and is part of the AusVaxSafety team and member of AEFI-CAN & COSSI.



### Sarah Joyce

Sarah Joyce is a distinguished advocate for disability and meningococcal. As an ambassador for Meningitis Centre Australia and CoMO, Sarah has been featured on buses, billboards and by numerous large media outlets. Her advocacy journey includes promoting meningococcal vaccines through public speaking and social media engagement, leading to increased vaccination rates. Sarah's dedicated advocacy led to the acknowledgment of World Meningitis Day in Australia by health ministers, who also sent her a letter of gratitude, marking one of her proudest achievements.



### **Katrina Clark**

**ABORIGINAL IMMUNISATION MANAGER FOR AT HUNTER NEW ENGLAND (HNE) HEALTH LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

Katrina Clark is the Aboriginal Immunisation Manager for at Hunter New England (HNE) Health Local Health District and has experience across Australia in immunisation and infectious diseases.

Katrina is a Barkindji Woman, from far Western New South Wales. She completed a Graduate Diploma of Indigenous Health Promotions at The University of Sydney, Diploma of Population Health, Armidale NSW, Certificate IV in Indigenous Research Capacity Building, Aboriginal Health College, Adelaide SA and is currently enrolled in a Master of Public Health at the University of Sydney. Katrina's role with HNE involves working with the Immunisation Services to promote culturally safe services and communication between those involved in providing immunisation services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Katrina is committed to ensuring equity of access to vaccinations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



### **Dr Sonya Ennis**

**MANAGER OF IMMUNISATION AT NSW HEALTH**

Dr Sonya Ennis is the Manager of Immunisation at NSW Health. Her interest in immunisation began properly in 2003 when she joined the National Meningococcal C Vaccination Program, and before that was when she had her first daughter vaccinated 28 years ago! Sonya was Senior Policy Analyst in the Immunisation Unit for many years before taking on the Manager's role in 2018. Sonya completed a Master of Public Health in 2008 and a Professional Doctorate of Public Health in 2018 where her research interests were measles and pertussis control in vulnerable populations.



### **Dr Pete Murray**

**PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN**

Dr Pete Murray is a Public Health Physician working in the Health Protection team of Hunter New England Population Health. He has previously worked in pharmaceutical funding and procurement in New Zealand. His areas of interest are immunisation, health equity, and health systems strategy and planning.



## **Dr Kat Taylor**

**PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN AND GENERAL PRACTITIONER**

Dr Kat Taylor is a Public Health Physician and General Practitioner and has worked in the field of public health for the past 10 years in South Australia and New South Wales. She commenced working with Central Coast Local Health District as Director, Public Health in October 2020. During the pandemic, she led the Public Health response for the LHD, providing regular COVID-19 updates for healthcare providers, external partner organisations and community members across the Central Coast. Kat has a particular interest in Aboriginal Health, emerging infectious diseases, and public health risk communication.



## **Professor Nicholas Wood**

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CLINICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES, NCIRS, SENIOR STAFF SPECIALIST**

Professor Nicholas Wood is a staff specialist general paediatrician and Professor in Clinical Vaccinology at the University of Sydney. Nick holds an NHMRC Career Development Fellowship. He leads the NSW Immunisation Specialist Service and coordinates the Immunisation Adverse Events Clinic at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. He is a senior investigator on the Primary Health Network Immunisation Support Program. Nick is interested in maternal and neonatal immunisation, as well as research into vaccine safety, including genetics and long-term outcomes of adverse events following immunisation.



## **Lauren Dalton**

**PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORKS IMMUNISATION SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Lauren Dalton (B.SC, Hons, MPH) has a background in Public Health and have been working with NCIRS since 2017 managing the Primary Health Networks Immunisation Support Program. Lauren also managed the immunisation portfolio at the South Eastern Sydney Medicare Local and Central and Eastern Sydney PHN. Lauren is committed to ensuring all PHNs have the ability to share and access quality and timely information and resources and are assisted in navigating the complexities of supporting immunisation providers.