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INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS TO BE SHOWCASED IN SYDNEY'S SOUTH WEST

Cutting edge medical technology revolutionising health care around the world - and being developed in our own backyard - will be placed in the spotlight at the annual Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase at the Liverpool Catholic Club on October 18 and 19.

Presented by the Ingham Institute and South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD), the event gives the community the opportunity to support the Institute's researchers who work tirelessly to improve health and wellbeing.

Over two-days, researchers join consumers, clinicians, academics, managers and clinical support staff to discuss ground-breaking initiatives which harness new ideas, new technologies and new approaches to the delivery of health care.

It also gives the general public an opportunity to celebrate the efforts of the research community in Sydney's South West and learn about new methods, techniques and developments in basic science, medicine, health care, population and community health.

The Showcase will also feature the Three Minute Thesis Competition in the Opening Plenary, a skills development activity that challenges higher degree research students to explain their projects to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

A large selection of health and medical abstracts in both oral and poster formats will be featured, showcasing medical breakthroughs of the Institute's research teams as well as better treatment options on a number of critical disease areas such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, mental health and population health studies.

Event proceedings for this year's Showcase will include presentations from chief executive SWSLHD Amanda Larkin, research director Prof Michael Barton and key note speaker international gastroenterologist Prof Stephen Pandol.

None of this would be possible were it not for the contributions of the community-based founders, all self-made businesspeople dedicated to the common goal of improving the health of future generations of people who live in and around their home towns in western Sydney.

Over time, the millions donated by these extraordinary visionaries has heavily influenced the more than 300 affiliated researchers covering a broad range of diseases and over 200 clinical trials under co-ordination by Ingham Institute, the majority being conducted in collaboration with Local Health District hospitals and health services.

If you'd like to know more and attend the Showcase on October 18 and 19, it's free, just register at the link below or you can buy a ticket for the awards dinner to meet the research stars of the future – and the special people whose contributions have helped bring their work to fruition.

WHAT: Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase presented by the Ingham Institute and SWSLHD

WHEN: Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18 and 19 from 8:30am – 4pm

WHERE: Liverpool Catholic Club, 424-458 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool West

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Jean Kitson

To register to attend either/both days of the Showcase go to: <https://inghaminstitute.org.au/content/2016-0>

To attend the awards dinner on Wednesday, October 19 go to: <https://inghaminstitute.org.au/content/2016-awards-dinner>

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ABOUT THE INGHAM INSTITUTE

The Ingham Institute is a not-for-profit research organisation in Sydney's south west established to undertake medical research that specifically addresses and can be applied to the needs of the local population and wider Australia.

Located at Liverpool Hospital, the Ingham Institute is changing the way medical research is done in Australia by transferring research into practice across its five research streams, enabling the swift transfer of findings into day-to-day medical practice.

The Institute's research team are focused on exploring new medical approaches across its five research streams. These include: Cancer, Clinical Science (comprising Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes and Infectious and Inflammatory Diseases), Population & Health Services, Injury and Rehabilitation and Mental Health. They are at the forefront of the most advanced medical breakthroughs and clinical discoveries and are committed to saving and improving lives.