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## Pushing healthcare innovation beyond 2017

Lifesaving medical treatments, breakthrough technologies and revolutionary procedures were in the spotlight this week at the annual *Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase* held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club.

Presented by South Western Sydney Local Health District and the Ingham Institute, the event attracted over 600 delegates, 168 abstracts and 39 poster displays.

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

The Showcase also provided an opportunity for the general public 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 and health care.

Emceed by performer and scriptwriter, Jean Kittson, the engaging program included a Three Minute Thesis Competition, which challenged higher degree research students to explain their intricate projects to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

The winner of this year's Three Minute Thesis Competition was Priyanka Ray for her presentation on a qualitative study that explores bilingual GPs experiences of caring for culturally and linguistically diverse cancer patients.

The poster competition was won by the District's Multicultural Health Research Officer, Della Maneze, for her research on patients' motivation and confidence in managing diabetes.

The Showcase also featured UNSW SimWars, where a number of undergraduate students were thrown into different interactive medical emergency simulations. Actors enthusiastically played their roles and the students had to solve their medical emergencies in a timed environment.

The entertaining competition was won by a group of four UNSW medical students (5th and 6th year) called Bromeostasis with the Lightning talks won by Brian Lin who is a 4th year UNSW medical student. The Lightning talks involved UNSW medical students talking about their research projects to the audience.

The *Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase* not only recognises and celebrates the amazing work undertaken across the District but also bridges the gap between theory and clinical practice.