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## **South Western Sydney leads health care of the future**

Fascinating keynote speakers - including a history-making Olympian - and ground-breaking research presentations will be among the highlights of the 2019 Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase on 5 and 6 June.

The showcase at The William Inglis – MGallery by Sofitel, Warwick Farm, will put the spotlight on south western Sydney as a centre of innovation, collaboration and medical advancement.

Proudly presented by the South Western Sydney Local Health District and the Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research, the premier event highlights how research and innovation projects will transform health care in south western Sydney and the world.

District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin described the keynote speakers as “innovators in health care”.

“I am excited to hear from our impressive keynote speakers about their cutting-edge research projects as well as learning more about the outstanding research in south western Sydney,” Ms Larkin said.

“I am proud our staff are shaping the future of health care through their research and innovation.”

The only woman to represent Australia at both Summer and Winter Olympic Games, Jana Pittman, is among the select group of local and international speakers at this year’s event.

Ms Pittman, a final year medical student at Western Sydney University and mother-of-three, will speak on health, sport and the environment, reflecting on her elite sporting career and experiences.

The keynote speakers, all leaders in their fields, also include the Chair of the National Mental Health Commission Lucy Brogden and Professor Iain McGregor, of the University of Sydney, who will speak on the future of medicinal cannabis. Professor McGregor describes his field as one of the most exciting and rapidly developing frontiers in health and pharmacology.

Centre for Health Equity Training, Research and Evaluation Director, Professor Evelyne De Leeuw, will discuss a world-first strategy on creating healthy airports, with particular reference to the new Western Sydney Airport.

The packed showcase program also includes information stalls and presentations from doctors, nurses and allied health professionals as well as high school students.

The NSW Government invested approximately \$58 million in teaching, training and research across the South Western Sydney Local Health District in 2018/19.

For more details on the showcase, visit [www.healthbeyondshowcase.org.au](http://www.healthbeyondshowcase.org.au).