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# DISCOVERY

# Message from the Director

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Australia's medical researchers have been at the forefront of efforts to understand, successfully treat, and ultimately stop the spread of COVID-19. I am very proud of the WIMR researchers who have led this urgent response. I thank them for their leadership and dedication, especially throughout this pandemic.

WIMR research efforts include developing a more informative blood test that indicates whether a COVID-19 patient will require intensive medical treatment, and developing a vaccine specifically designed for one of the most at risk groups in the community – the ageing.

WIMR members are also advising the Government and health authorities on a range of vaccine-related issues.

While COVID-19 research has been prioritised for a number of our teams, our other research continues. I am delighted to report that WIMR has been recognised through a number of highly competitive national funding rounds this year.

In total, six WIMR researchers and affiliates were successful in the National Health and Medical Research Council Investigator Grants and Medical Research Future Fund priority projects. A broad range of WIMR research will benefit from these grants including important projects focused on kidney disease and kidney transplants, fatty liver disease, critical infections, tuberculosis and cardiac therapies. WIMR's level of funding success is an acknowledgment of the pioneering and world-class research that is being conducted at WIMR and across the Westmead Health Precinct.

However, these research funds do not cover the full cost of research. Recent statistics released by the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes indicates that Australian Government grants for medical research only cover around 70% of the direct research costs and provide no support for the indirect costs associated with doing research.

WIMR relies on support from the public to bridge this significant funding gap, covering these indirect costs that are essential to many aspects of our work – from employing the most gifted and dedicated staff; to purchasing, updating and maintaining the high-tech equipment that is crucial to our work. Donations are even required for the purchase of basic, yet essential items like test tubes, personal protective equipment and petri dishes.

Community support for medical research is needed now, more than ever. By trusting WIMR with your donation, you are investing in dedicated and passionate people who possess world-leading knowledge and skills. You will be a vital part of our ultimate purpose – finding cures and saving lives.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,

**Professor Philip O'Connell**  
Executive Director



## ON THE COVER:

### **"Smooth Muscle Actin (green) and Vimentin (red) fibres in Myofibroblasts"**

An entry into the Westmead Research Hub Art in Science Competition, by Shaan Kanagalingam, Research Assistant at WIMR's Centre for Heart Research.

Of her image, Shaan says, "This was captured using the VS120 slide scanner. The image perfectly shows how cardiac fibroblasts (cells that produce connective tissue) express alpha smooth muscle actin when treated with transforming growth factor beta 1, demonstrating a shift to a myofibroblast phenotype (cells that have features of both smooth muscle cells and fibroblasts). I personally just really like how obvious and clear the fibres are visualised in the cell."

## TRAGIC LOSS INSPIRES SASCHA'S SUPPORT

At WIMR, supporters are vital to the progress and ultimate success of our work. We are constantly inspired by those who recognise the important role that medical research plays in ensuring better health now and for future generations.

At just 30 years of age, Sascha Ryner chose to make a donation to WIMR. She sat down with us recently to share her story.

"I had always said that if I had the money, I would want to do something good with it. Five months after mum died, my grandmother unfortunately passed away too, and I made a decision to donate some of my inheritance to medical research. Not really understanding my mum's illness – autoimmune hepatitis – this felt like the right fit.

"I did a lot of research, and really, from the moment I stumbled across an article



about the incredible work that Professor Jacob George is doing in autoimmune hepatitis, it was a fairly easy decision. After speaking with Jacob, it was clear that he truly understood my mum's experience, and mine too, and really took the time to explain some of the intricacies of the disease that weren't even explained to me by the doctors when mum was sick and in hospital. More than that, though, there was no doubt in my mind that he truly cares about his patients and the donors who make his research possible.

"To those considering making a donation to WIMR, I would say that it is absolutely the right way to go. I reached out to many, many research institutes, but WIMR was second to none.

"I know I made the right decision donating to WIMR because the whole team have gone out of their way to make me feel valued. Jacob and the WIMR Foundation have ensured I feel connected to the research I've helped fund, and that alone has brought me a lot of comfort in my grieving process too."

## COLEMAN GREIG LAWYERS PARTNER WITH WIMR

We are grateful to Coleman Greig Lawyers, who recently partnered with WIMR as Honorary Solicitors. Coleman Greig's Wills and Estate Planning team assists WIMR with our Gifts in Wills program, and are also available to offer an initial consultation, free of charge, to people thinking about leaving a bequest to WIMR.

We recently spoke with Karina Penfold, part of Coleman Greig's Wills and Estate Planning team, to discuss the partnership, and what to expect in that initial consultation.

"My role at Coleman Greig involves advising people about estate planning. It's a very detailed and delicate process, and I really get to know the person as we progress.

"It's also an extensive process. Sometimes it might seem like we are asking too many questions, but it's really all part of giving a full service and ensuring that what we provide

for the client isn't just a 'Band-Aid'. It's something that is lasting and reflective of their wishes.

"Obviously we don't have a crystal ball and can't predict everything that might happen down the track, but we try to be as detailed as possible from the outset to try and cover off as many circumstances as possible.

"The initial consultation is about an hour and we collect as much basic information as we can. Then, if the person decides to proceed with the bequest, we will have reviewed all the information, and provide the best advice to make sure their wishes are covered.

"Personally, as an employee of Coleman Greig, it's important that I have the opportunity to work with not-for-profit organisations like WIMR. At Coleman Greig, it's not just about the billable hours

– it's about the bigger picture and helping the community. As a team member, that's very rewarding."

For more information about WIMR's Gifts in Wills program call Hilary May Black, our Gifts in Wills Manager, for a confidential chat on 02 8627 3027 or email her at [hilary.mayblack@sydney.edu.au](mailto:hilary.mayblack@sydney.edu.au)



# WIMR pioneer has COVID-19 in his sights

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The terms “world-leading”, “respected” and “pioneering” are often used to describe those who have made a difference through medical research. They have never been more appropriate than when describing infectious diseases physician, clinical virologist, scientist and WIMR’s inaugural Executive Director, Professor Tony Cunningham AO.

Professor Cunningham is internationally renowned for his research on the immunobiology (or how the immune system responds to disease) of HIV and herpesviruses. His work on vaccine and microbicide development, and as an antivirals expert, has led to improved outcomes for patients, especially the ageing population, globally.

Along with his team, Professor Cunningham has made key contributions to our understanding of human immunology and neurobiology of herpes simplex virus (HSV). Professor Cunningham says, “This work led to the development and trialling of a partly successful candidate HSV vaccine and recently, a highly effective vaccine for shingles.”

Shingles is a viral infection, caused by the herpes zoster virus – the same virus that causes chickenpox. The incidence of shingles increases as we get older, because the body’s natural immunity declines.

This spurred Professor Cunningham and his team to develop a shingles vaccine specifically for the ageing population. The vaccine, named Shingrex, has been shown to be more than 90% effective at protecting against the virus – even for those over 70 years of age.

“When people reach their 50s and 60s, T cell immunity declines, allowing shingles to strike. That’s why our adult shingles vaccine is directed specifically at T cell immunity,” Professor Cunningham explained.

“The results are quite remarkable because there are no other vaccines that perform nearly so well for people in their 70s and their 80s. We are seeing results comparable to those of childhood vaccinations.”

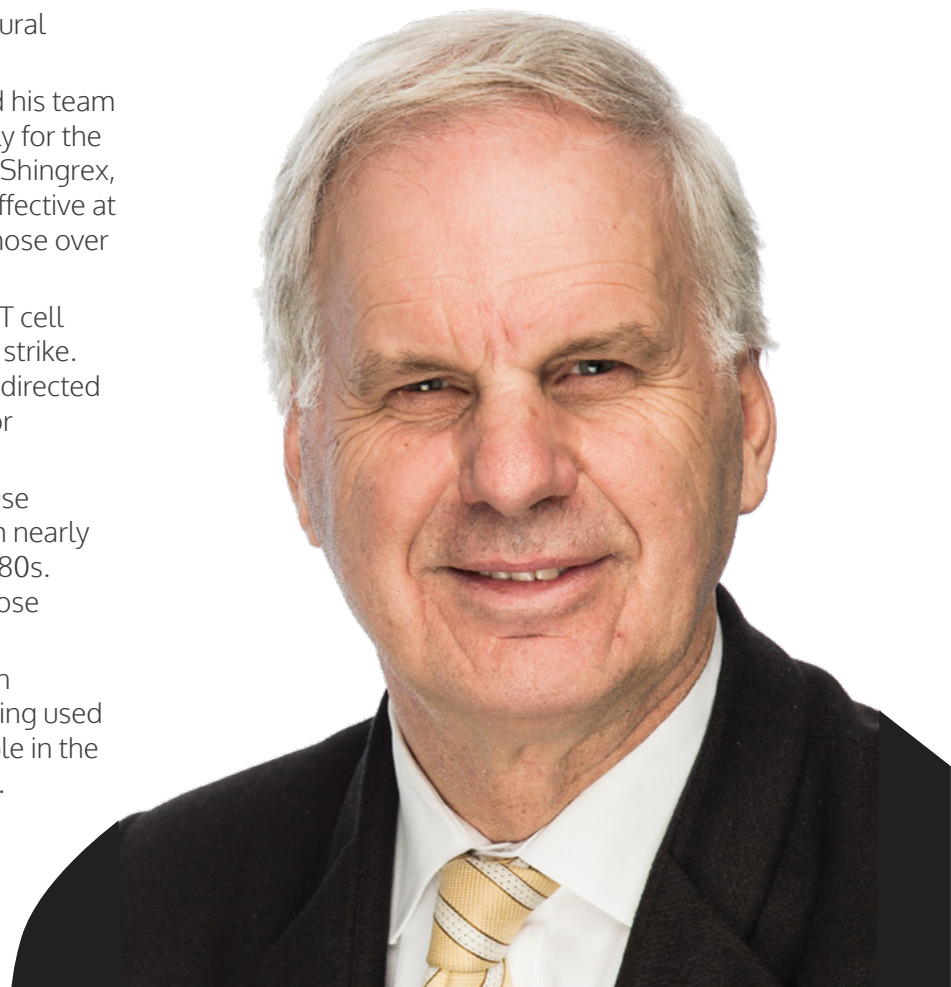
While the Shingrex vaccine has not been approved for use in Australia yet, it is being used to protect the health of millions of people in the United States, Canada and parts of Asia.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and a global focus was placed on developing a vaccine, Professor Cunningham knew that he had to turn his attention to developing a COVID-19 vaccine specifically for the ageing population.

“In the past, we have been able to contribute to highly effective vaccines for some the most vulnerable people in our community – the ageing. When COVID-19 struck, we knew that our skill set meant it was our responsibility to help.”

It’s hard to believe that Professor Cunningham has any time to spare, but he always finds time for his family – his wife, Associate Professor Ilona Cunningham who is a highly-regarded haematologist, and his children, Andrew and Fiona.

A keen tennis player, Professor Cunningham is also an avid scuba diver and underwater photographer. His stunning photographs adorn his office walls and shelves, scattered among awards and recognition for his decades of tireless and life-saving work.



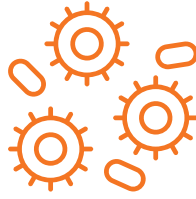
# Research highlights

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## CENTRE FOR VISION RESEARCH

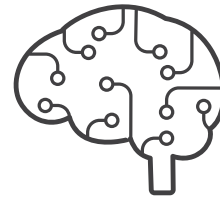
A WIMR study has shown that smoking may lead to the early onset of wet age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a leading cause of severe vision loss. The study compared the age of onset for wet AMD in individuals who currently smoked, previously smoked and had never smoked. Those who smoked developed wet AMD far earlier than those who had previously smoked, or never smoked. Central macular thickness, an indicator of the amount of fluid in the retina, was also significantly higher in current smokers. Importantly, those who previously smoked but had quit had a similar risk of developing wet AMD to those that had never smoked. These findings strengthen the case for eye clinics and eye healthcare practitioners to provide smoking cessation support and intervention to patients with AMD.



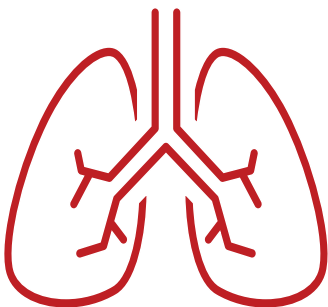
## CENTRE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES & MICROBIOLOGY

New research has demonstrated the safety of bacteriophage therapy in treating severe staphylococcus aureus infections in the blood, a step forward in the fight against antibiotic resistance. Bacteriophage or 'phage' is a virus that selectively attacks bacteria. Phage therapy was used for centuries to treat bacterial infections, but was largely replaced when antibiotics became widely available. WIMR's team is now revisiting the use of phage therapy to treat bacterial infections that are growing increasingly resistant to current antibiotic treatments.

## BRAIN DYNAMICS CENTRE



A paper recently published in *Nature* shed light on the treatment mechanisms of psychotherapy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The WIMR team studied how these connections in the brain differ in PTSD patients who responded to treatment, compared to those who did not. The research demonstrated that, even prior to treatment, those who did respond had a different profile of brain connections than non-responders. The team also shed light on how these connections change in both groups as a result of treatment.

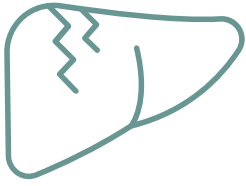


## LUDWIG ENGEL CENTRE FOR RESPIRATORY RESEARCH

WIMR has an international reputation for researching the mechanisms underlying the occurrence of obstructed breathing during sleep, with the aim of improving the treatments available for this important disorder. This WIMR team also studies the health implications of obstructive sleep apnoea, including its possible links to cancer.

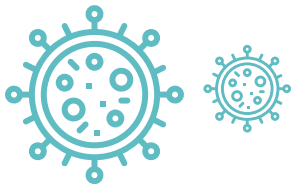
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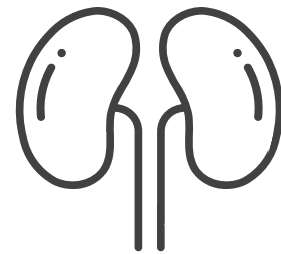
## STORR LIVER CENTRE

For the first time, WIMR researchers have identified and described a new and unique subset of human cells that are involved in the immune response against hepatitis B (HBV) infection. The discovery could help develop new treatments for HBV and inform future vaccine design. For years, immunological memory was thought to be driven by B and T immune cell responses. Recent studies in mice suggest that natural killer (NK) cells can also 'remember' viral infections, but it remained unknown whether this applied to human viral infections. In a world first, this study described the presence of memory NK cells (mNKs) in humans following exposure to HBV. It is hoped that this discovery could help harness the anti-viral properties of mNKs to develop new treatments and improve vaccines so that everyone is protected against this virus.



## CENTRE FOR VIRUS RESEARCH

WIMR researchers are working around the clock to try to solve the deadly mystery that is COVID-19, and are proud to be playing a significant role in saving lives. One team is using genetic sequencing of the COVID-19 virus to help understand where genetic variants have come from and how they are spreading in the community. Another team is developing the world's first predictive blood test to establish which patients will need to be admitted to hospital for urgent medical treatment (rather than home quarantine). Plus, a WIMR team are the only researchers in the world working to develop a COVID-19 vaccine specifically designed for one of the most vulnerable groups in the community – the ageing.



## CENTRE FOR TRANSPLANT & RENAL RESEARCH

Research published in *Nature* has shown that human stem cells can be used to create insulin-producing pancreatic islets. When transplanted into diabetic mice, these islets can control blood glucose levels. The cells used in this therapy are also able to evade detection by the immune system. This means that they can potentially reduce the incidence of transplant rejection and the need for recipients to take immunosuppressant drugs for the rest of their life.



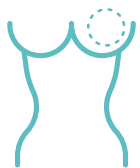
## CENTRE FOR IMMUNOLOGY & ALLERGY RESEARCH

WIMR's Associate Professor Scott Byrne and his team are dedicated to uncovering the mechanisms by which sunlight mediates both harmful and beneficial health effects. While we are mostly told to protect ourselves from the harmful effects of sunlight, emerging evidence supports a protective effect of sunlight against a range of diseases including asthma, depression, colitis, autoimmune diseases, liver inflammation, obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. By understanding and manipulating these processes, it is hoped we will be able to live healthier lives under the Australian sun.



## CENTRE FOR DIABETES, OBESITY & ENDOCRINOLOGY

A study underway at WIMR aims to understand how the drug lisdexamfetamine (LDX) improves the symptoms of binge eating disorder. To date, research suggests that binge eating disorder is linked to certain parts of the brain that relate to reward and inhibition, such as the dopamine system, and the front striatal regions of the brain. The WIMR team believes that its study will show that LDX acts by normalising connectivity within and between brain circuits responsible for reward and impulse control.



## CENTRE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Congratulations to WIMR's Professor Anna deFazio. She has been announced as a recipient of the 2020 Jeannie Ferris Cancer Australia Recognition Award for her outstanding contributions to ovarian cancer research. For more than 20 years, Professor deFazio has dedicated her work to improving outcomes for women with ovarian cancer. Professor deFazio leads the INOVATe study, a collaborative program that aims to identify the differences in ovarian cancer cell biology between patients to help personalise treatment and ultimately improve the survival rate.



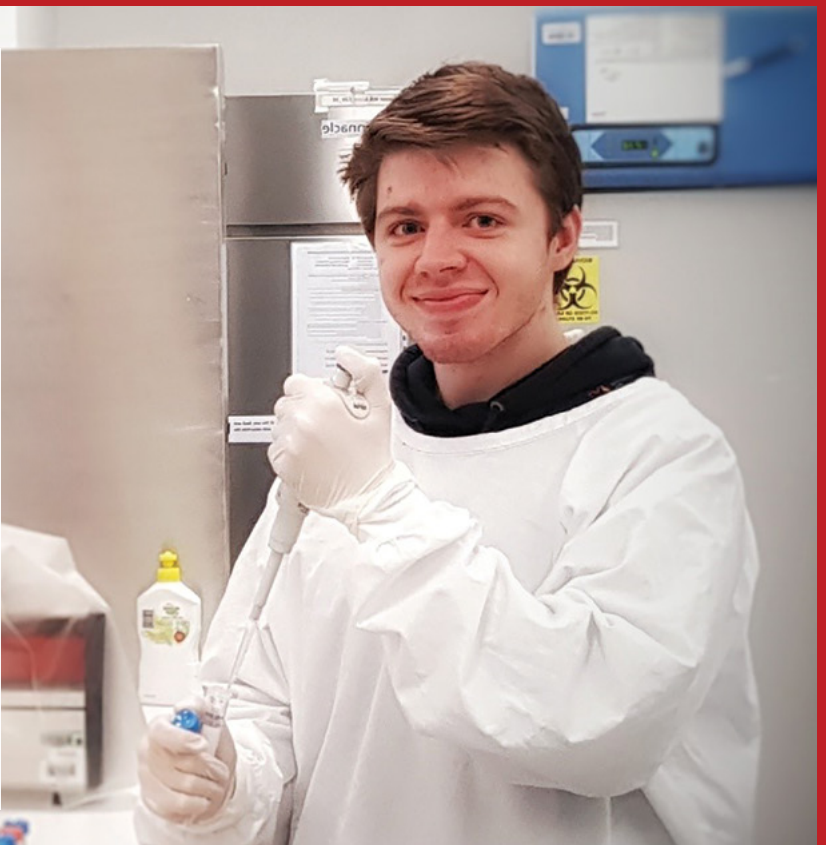
## CENTRE FOR HEART RESEARCH

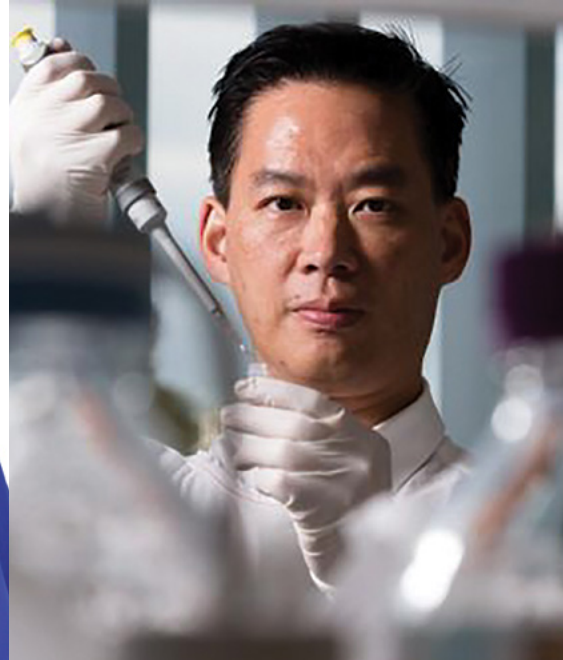
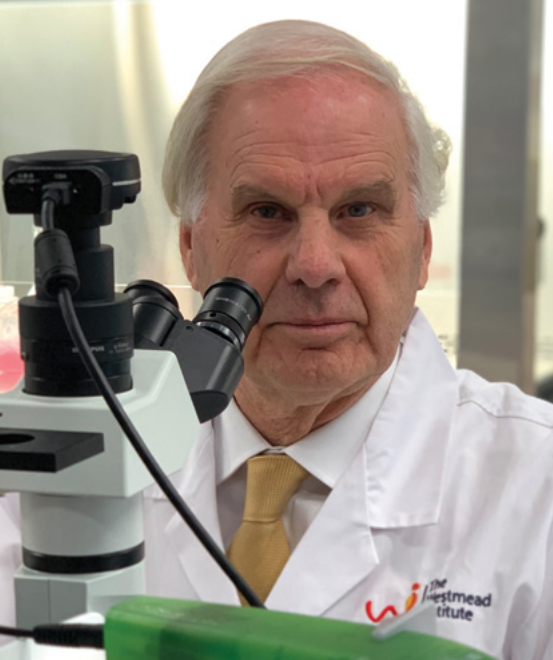
Associate Professor Eddy Kizana's research finds ways of using genes or genetic material to replace cardiac devices to treat and prevent sudden death from heart rhythm problems. He aims to understand the molecular basis of cardiac rhythm and conduction, and to uncover new molecular targets and approaches for the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias. His research uses gene therapy to restore conduction following a heart attack in order to prevent sudden death and to turn heart cells into pacemaker cells with the capacity to beat on their own.

## STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Conor Baxter from WIMR's Centre for Immunology and Allergy Research. Conor was awarded Best Oral Presentation at the 2020 Sydney Spinal Symposium. He presented on a protein called GDF15, and its potential to treat spinal cord injury. Conor is part of a WIMR team whose research indicates that GDF15 can enhance recovery by promoting an increase in astrocytes (a cell that interacts with synapses) to the injury site.

Students like Conor represent an exciting new era of research at WIMR, and we look forward to following his career.





**PROFESSOR TONY CUNNINGHAM AO**

*Co-Director, WIMR's Centre for Virus Research*



**In the past, we have been able to contribute to highly effective vaccines for some of the most vulnerable people in our community – the ageing. When COVID-19 struck, we knew that our skill set meant it was our responsibility to help.**



Professor Tony Cunningham is an infectious diseases physician, clinical virologist and scientist, internationally renowned for his research on the immunobiology of HIV and herpesviruses, his work on vaccine and microbicide development, and as an antivirals expert. Professor Cunningham has had extensive experience in vaccine development – he is now using these skills as he works toward developing a vaccine for COVID-19, targeted at older at-risk individuals.

**PROFESSOR SARAH PALMER**

*Co-Director, WIMR's Centre for Virus Research*



**As a medical virologist, I am driven to apply my skills to develop therapies and save lives in the face of this crisis.**



Professor Sarah Palmer is a medical virologist. Her research has focused on understanding the genetic characteristics and dynamics of persistent HIV across a range of tissues and cells. The goal is to develop interventions designed to reduce persistent HIV reservoirs and inform HIV eradication strategies. Individuals with weaker immune systems, such as the elderly, and those with underlying health conditions like HIV, are most vulnerable to COVID-19. Professor Palmer has turned her expertise toward developing a COVID-19 vaccine that could benefit these individuals. Professor Palmer and her team will identify key parts of viral proteins that stimulate a protective response against all genetic variants of the virus worldwide.

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BENJAMIN TANG**

*Leader, WIMR's Precision Genomics in Intensive Care Medicine Group*



**Identifying the patients that need urgent treatment will help us to save lives.**



Associate Professor Benjamin Tang is a scientist in WIMR's Centre for Immunology and Allergy Research. He is also an intensive care doctor and a coronavirus researcher. His lab is based in WIMR and Nepean Hospital, Sydney. Associate Professor Tang and his team are working toward developing a blood test to rapidly identify which COVID-19 patient will need to be admitted to hospital for urgent medical treatment (rather than self-isolation or home quarantine).

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## **WIMR pioneers at the forefront of COVID-19**





**PROFESSOR JON IREDELL**

*Director, WIMR's Centre for Infectious Diseases and Microbiology*



**A pandemic like COVID-19 really brings home the importance of researchers and clinicians working closely to save lives.**



Professor Jon Iredell is an infectious disease physician and microbiologist who spends half his time at Westmead hospital in a combined Infectious Diseases/ Microbiology Department and half his time in research at WIMR. Professor Iredell's major research projects are in critical infection, including the study of bacterial septic shock, and in bacterial genetics and ecology. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Professor Iredell has managed the COVID-19 Clinic at Westmead Hospital, and this work is helping to inform the research being carried out at WIMR.



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KRISTINA KAIRAITIS**

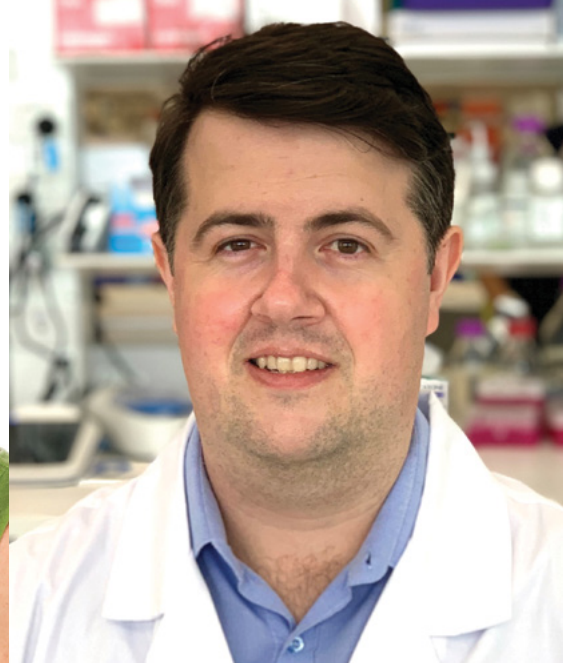
*Leader, WIMR's Sleep and Cancer Research Group*



**The long-term effects of COVID-19 are yet to be seen, particularly relating to respiratory function. So, finding ways to identify these potential effects early and set a management plan in place is vital.**



Associate Professor Kristina Kairaitis is a respiratory specialist at Westmead Hospital and WIMR researcher, whose projects focus on the interactions between respiratory function in sleep apnoea and some cancers. Associate Professor Kairaitis has been working with the Westmead Hospital Respiratory Function Laboratory, where recovered COVID-19 patients are receiving expert follow-up care to check on their lung health. As COVID-19 attacks the lungs, all admitted patients will receive at least two follow-up appointments for a lung function test at Sydney's largest respiratory lab. Insights gained from the Westmead Hospital Respiratory Function Laboratory are also helping to inform research being carried out at WIMR.



**DR JOHN-SEBASTIAN EDEN**

*Bioinformatics and Genomics researcher, WIMR's Centre for Virus Research*



**The value of analysing and tracing COVID-19 cases, and how they evolve over time and from site to site, cannot be overstated.**



Dr John-Sebastian Eden is a research scientist in bioinformatics and genomics at WIMR. He has a strong background in viral genome sequencing and analysis, including the application of next-generation sequencing protocols and state-of-the-art bioinformatics methods. When the COVID-19 genome was released in early 2020, Dr Eden and his team adapted their existing genome sequencing technique to target COVID-19 specifically. This approach was successful, and the team worked with the public health service to trace the origins of the first wave of cases. This technique is now being used across Australia and the world, particularly in the Asia Pacific.

# Powerhouse partners with WIMR

The Powerhouse Museum (part of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences) has announced it is working in partnership with WIMR, as it continues to build a collection responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the nation.

The partnership will assist the Powerhouse to collect medical and scientific material related to the development of a COVID-19 vaccine, contact tracing research and technology, and stories from lead researchers and the patients with whom they are working.

Professor Tony Cunningham AO, Co-Director of WIMR's Centre for Virus Research says, "It is so important to document this period and protect the moments and milestones, so that future generations can learn from our experiences. I look forward to contributing items associated with our own research, and hope that it helps to draw attention to the vital role medical research continues to play, not just in relation to COVID-19, but all aspects of health."

The acquisitions will be available to the public through display, education and public programs and through the Powerhouse collection online, one of the largest digitisation projects in Australia.

## Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences

# WIMR's COVID-19 super-sleuth

2020 has been a tough year for most, but for WIMR's Dr John-Sebastian Eden, it has been a year of professional success and personal highs.

Dr Eden is a virologist and his Viromics Lab uses genomics and bioinformatics to sequence novel pathogens and discover how viruses emerge and spread. The aim is to then share these findings with researchers around the globe, to help control emerging diseases.

Pre-COVID-19, Dr Eden's research group was focused on genetically investigating diseases in wildlife, and how these transfer to humans.

Dr Eden says, "There are lots of infectious diseases in wildlife, and people are always worried about disease in bats and rats, but something dangerous might be lurking in cute animals too. One of the most fascinating projects we have worked on is a rare disease called tularemia in possums.

"Until we stumbled upon these infected possums, no one believed the disease existed in the southern hemisphere, let alone Australia. Yet, these cute little possums in Sydney's Upper North Shore were found to carry the disease. We continue to use these new unbiased sequencing methods to study wildlife disease and the risks of spillover to humans."

Another aspect of Dr Eden's work focuses on neglected respiratory diseases like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and human metapneumovirus. Dr Eden and his team have developed new, whole genome sequencing techniques to track how these viruses spread in the community.

When COVID-19 came along, Dr Eden was confident that his team's new sequencing approach would be beneficial.

"It was exactly what we do. The genome of the virus was released in January and we adapted our existing assay to target COVID-19 specifically. I worked with the public health service to trace the origins of the first wave of cases."

Once the method of sequencing was developed and proven, it was made public. This sequencing method is now being used across Australia and the world.

Dr Eden says, "More than half of New Zealand's first wave of genomes were generated using this method."

The profound effect that Dr Eden's sequencing technique has on the way we analyse and trace the origin of COVID-19 cases, and how they evolve over time and from site to site, cannot be overstated.

During the peak of Dr Eden's work on COVID-19, another momentous event was imminent. He was about to become a father for the first time.

The proud new dad says, "Luckily my son, Johnny, arrived in May, so the method had been finalised and the public health services had taken over the sample genome analysis. Thank goodness, the really busy period of the COVID-19 work had passed."

Like any doting dad, Dr Eden says his son is the cutest baby ever. "He hardly cries and has just recently started almost sleeping throughout the night."



# Foundation Q&A

**Q: I would like to support the important research carried out WIMR. How can I do this?**

**A:** There are many ways you can support WIMR's work. You might like to consider these options, or we can work with you to find an avenue for support that best suits you.

Join as a **Friend or Ambassador** and help spread the word about WIMR's vital work amongst your friends and colleagues. You may also like to attend WIMR events and facilitate introductions to the WIMR Foundation team.

**Donate Once or Regular Giving (eg monthly):**  
Your regular donation can be directed to the area of greatest need, or a specific research theme or project that you may be passionate about supporting.

**Community Fundraising:**  
We are hugely inspired by members of the community who are motivated to become community champions, 'everyday people' who are moved enough by WIMR's vision and work to rally networks, organise an event or undertake a challenge and contribute funding to WIMR.

**THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**Gifts in Wills:**

(Also known as bequests) are a great way to ensure that your legacy lives on. It enables you to continue to make a difference to research beyond your lifetime. Gifts of all sizes make a critical difference in funding research breakthroughs.

**Strategic Partnerships:**

Work becomes more meaningful when companies partner with WIMR Foundation to fund vital breakthroughs into the prevention, treatment and cure of serious diseases. WIMR adopts a flexible and tailored approach to partnerships, ensuring the partnership aligns with an organisation's goals and objectives. Corporate involvement can include cash and in-kind support, workplace giving and skilled volunteering.

**Gifts in Celebration or Memory of Someone Special:**

Gifts in Celebration or Memory, in the form of donations in lieu of flowers or gifts, are a great way to make an impactful difference at special occasions or milestones.

**Major Gifts:**

Significant gifts are a real boost to research efforts at WIMR. Medical research is expensive – specialist equipment, facilities, materials and people are needed. Major donations are impactful, creating opportunities for researchers to undertake groundbreaking work and facilitating the successful delivery and completion of long-term research projects.

We invite you to get in touch and discuss how you could become a WIMR supporter!  
Phone the WIMR Foundation team on **02 8627 3000** or email [development@westmeadinstitute.org.au](mailto:development@westmeadinstitute.org.au).

# We save lives. You can too.

WIMR's life-saving research is only possible thanks to philanthropic support. There are many ways to support WIMR's work including major gifts, regular donations, workplace giving and corporate sponsorship, community fundraising and leaving a gift in your Will. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the different options available to you and the various ways you may choose to show your support for medical research conducted at WIMR. Please contact the WIMR Foundation team on 02 8627 3000 or email [development@westmeadinstitute.org.au](mailto:development@westmeadinstitute.org.au) for more information and to chat further. We hope to hear from you and engage you in our work.



## Donation form

Donate to medical research and improve the health of current and future generations

You don't have to be a medical researcher to have a positive impact on health outcomes for people in our local community, across Australia and throughout the world. When you choose to support WIMR's vital work, you can be assured that every donation, no matter what size, makes a real difference.

Thank you for your consideration and generous contribution.

### Your contact details:

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Name:

Address:

Email Address:

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I would like to donate the following amount to help fund vital breakthroughs at WIMR:

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500

Another amount: \$

If you would like to make this a regular, monthly donation, please indicate when you would like the donation to be made:

- The 1st of every month
- The 15th of every month

If you would prefer to set up a direct payment from your bank account, our details are:

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Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Would you like to receive information from WIMR?

Yes  No

If yes, please tick the relevant boxes:

- I'd like to receive a copy of WIMR's quarterly magazine, Discovery
- I'd like to receive information about WIMR's Meet the Researcher seminar series
- I'd like to receive information about giving to WIMR in my Will
- I'd like to receive information about fundraising for WIMR
- I'd like to receive information about supporting WIMR through my workplace

How would you like to hear from WIMR?

- Yes, via email please
- Yes, via both email and mail please
- Yes, via mail please
- No thank you. Please do not send me any regular correspondence.

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