

MEDIA ALERT



Monday, 14 September 2015

TONIGHT: Cutting Edge Science Q & A

A panel of cutting edge scientists will present at the third round of a popular Q & A series offered as part of 30th Anniversary celebrations for the Menzies School of Health Research.

This is a unique opportunity to hear from experts about how we're working to eradicate malaria, a tropical illness effecting Territorians commonly known as Nightcliff Gardner's Disease, and our latest uncovering on improving the treatment of golden staph. Darwin's recent Tall Poppy Science Award winner will also be part of the presentation.

Registrations are essential.

Open to the public and media.

What: Menzies 30th Anniversary Public Lecture Series | Cutting Edge Science

When: TONIGHT: Monday, 14 September 2015. 4.45pm for a 5.00pm start. Light refreshments from 6.30pm.

Where: Menzies School of Health Research Auditorium, Building 58, Royal Darwin Hospital campus, Casuarina NT. View <u>Google Map</u>. View <u>RDH map</u>.

Moderator: Professor Andrew Campbell, Director, Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods, Charles Darwin University

Presenters:

Associate Professor Steve Tong | Golden Staph: When all that glitters is not gold

Professor Ric Price | Malaria

Mark Mayo | Melioidosis

Dr Brett Murphy | 2015 NT Young Tall Poppy Science Award winner

Register: Click here to register via Sticky Tickets.

Media note:

Further details of Menzies 30th Anniversary events are available here and in text below.

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Menzies Background

Menzies School of Health Research is Australia's only medical research institute dedicated to improving Indigenous health and wellbeing. We have a 30 year history of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the frontline, partnering with over 60 Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia. We collaborate to create resources, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.



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Upcoming events

Indigenous employment - Opportunities and challenges: Wednesday, 30 September, 5.00pm

Moderator: Professor Steven Larkin | Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership, and the Director of the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE).

Speakers:

Steve Rossingh | North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)

<u>Heather D'Antoine</u> | Associate director for Aboriginal Programs, Menzies School of

Health Research

Wendy Ah Chin | Executive director, Office of Aboriginal Health Policy and

Engagement Division, Department of Health, Northern Territory Government

Foster Stavridis | General Manager Human Resources, Danila Dilba Health

Service

Menzies Oration: Friday, 16 October 2015, 5.15pm

Each year, Menzies holds its Oration as a public lecture to stimulate and challenge the Australian public on a topic which is related to our work in Indigenous and global and tropical health.

Newly appointed CEO of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Professor Anne Kelso has been announced as the 2015 Menzies Orator.

Chronic disease - Research Translation: Thursday, 22 October 2015, 5.00pm

Moderator: Dr Christine Connors, A/General Manager Primary Health Care, Top End Health Service.

Speakers:

Dr Anna Ralph | Rheumatic heart disease

Associate Professor Louise Maple-Brown | Diabetes in pregnancy

Associate Professor John Condon | Indigenous cancer

Professor Alan Cass | Kidney health