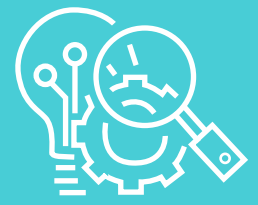


# RESEARCH & INNOVATION

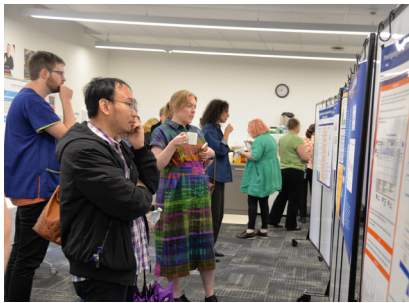


## RESEARCH WEEK & SHOWCASE ROUND UP

This year's Bendigo Health Research Week "Improving Care, Changing Lives" was the biggest and best yet with more than 90+ attendees at the various sessions held over the week. Positive feedback and many new connections were formed and the passion and enthusiasm for the strong research culture being built at Bendigo Health was palpable.



International Rural Women's Day was celebrated with a morning tea for our women in research (pictured); strategic thinkers collaborated on actions for impactful development of the future of research; and Dr Cameron Knott was the entertaining quiz-master extraordinaire for our research quiz!

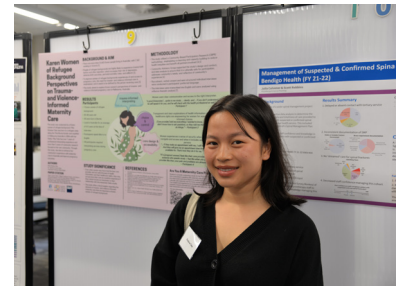


We were privileged to have Dr Leigh Kinsman, Professorial Chair of the Violet Vines Marshman Centre of Rural Health Research at La Trobe University Rural Health School, and Dr Rebecca Kippen, Associate Professor of De-

mography in the School of Rural Health at Monash University, sharing their research experience, discussing the keys to successful research partnerships and collaborations, and exploring research career pathways.

The week culminated in the Research Showcase, where the

70 attendees were treated to 18 x 15-minute oral presentations from our passionate clinician researchers and academic partners on the diverse range of research being undertaken to meet the needs and improve the health and wellbeing of our regional community. We also had an awesome display of posters for attendees to explore during their breaks while they networked with colleagues. The Poster Prize was won by Shadow Toke (pictured above), Ignacio Correa-Velez and Elisha Riggs for their poster entitled: "Karen Women of Refugee Background Perspectives on Trauma and Violence-Informed Maternity Care."



The winner of the inaugural "Evan Stanyer Innovative Health Research Award" for an exceptional innovative research idea that demonstrates originality, impact and potential to improve health outcomes was announced at the end of the day. The winner of this prestigious award was Susie Ellis who will use the \$5,000, proudly sponsored by the Bendigo Health Fundraising & Foundation, to fund the required technology and the trial of a generative AI platform in the hand clinic setting. The award was presented to Susie's manager, Wendy Miller, by two of Evan's children, Brianna and Dylan. Congratulations Susie!

## PHYSIOTHERAPY RESEARCH

The Physiotherapy Department conducted its annual Research Seminar in September, which showcased the research and quality improvement activities being undertaken by exercise physiologists and physiotherapists across the health service. 43 participants attended in person, with another 24 attendees from across the region joining virtually.

Physiotherapist Ryan Evans' research project was voted by those in attendance as the Participants Choice winner. Several participants expressed greater motivation to complete their own QI project, and explore pathways into research, as a result of the Seminar.

Stay tuned for a February 2025 session!

## HEALTH CLIMATE DATA DIVE

Bendigo Health's third datathon will bring together teams to explore Climate Health large, linked datasets and investigate the impacts of climate change and weather events on mental health; priority clinical conditions; vulnerable populations; vector-borne disease and impact on the health system. Clinicians- come work with data scientists and do a deep dive into your area of interest!

When: Saturday 23 and Sunday 24

November 2024

Time: 9am – 5pm

Where: La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus

To be involved click [here](#) or use the QR code

