

Centre of Research Excellence for the Study of Naevi



Naevus CRE Update - June 2016

Upcoming CRE Events

- **2nd CRE Consumer Forum** is expected to occur at the beginning of September, with the date and details to be confirmed. The main focus of this forum will be on partner-assisted skin examination and how technology can help.
- **2016 CRE Researcher in Residence is Associate Professor Lois Loescher**, a behavioural scientist working at the Skin Cancer Institute at the Arizona Cancer Center, The University of Arizona, Tuscon, USA. Lois has a distinguished career focusing on the development of skin cancer prevention and early detection programs and intervention materials.
Lois will visit Brisbane in early September, and her 2 week stay will coincide with the 2nd Consumer Forum.

CRE News and Progress

- The CRE Launch, 1st Consumer Forum and Scientific Meeting held on the 26th April were a great success. The presentations from these events can be found on the CRE website <https://naevi.centre.uq.edu.au/presentations>
- **The CRE has already received significant publicity.** This includes several TV News stories and an article in The Courier Mail on the CRE Launch, as well as a recent article in the Research Australia INSPIRE Magazine. Details of this CRE News and relevant links can be found in the News section of the CRE website <https://naevi.centre.uq.edu.au/news>
- The **Core Study** has received ethical approval. Our application for access to a list of residents of greater Brisbane from the state electoral roll for the recruitment of participants is pending approval with the Australian Electoral Commission.
- **Program III: Molecular and Genetic Properties of Changing Naevi** has also received ethical approval and recruitment has commenced. Currently 2 participants have undergone their baseline imaging and data collection appointment, with several other melanoma patients indicating their willingness to participate in the study.
- **Dr Mitchell Stark** (<https://naevi.centre.uq.edu.au/profile/132/dr-mitchell-stark>) is the Postdoc associated with Program III: Molecular and Genetic Properties of Changing Naevi.
- **Dr Anna Finnane** (<https://naevi.centre.uq.edu.au/profile/156/dr-anna-finnane>) commenced at the end of May as one of the CRE Postdoc's. She will be involved in Program II: Consumer Facilitated Naevi Monitoring.
- **Dr Uyen Koh (Thi-My-Uyen Nguyen)** (<https://naevi.centre.uq.edu.au/profile/230/dr-uyen-koh>) commenced in early May as the CRE Core Study Project Co-ordinator.