



PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

November 2018

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Prostate Cancer Research Group! We will keep you updated every few months with our latest news, staff profiles and information on prostate cancer. It has been a very busy 2018 with several key studies published, new projects funded and grant applications for more projects submitted.

New publications

• Maggie Centenera, Natalie Ryan and Lisa Butler, together with our collaborators from Adelaide, interstate and overseas, have published a landmark paper in the journal *Molecular Oncology* on our explant model of prostate cancer, which underpins much of the work our lab performs. Because of the potential of explants to streamline selection of drugs that progress to clinical trials, this publication received significant press coverage, including a story on the [Channel 7 News! More](#)

New grant funding

• Lisa Butler, along with collaborators from the Women’s and Children’s Hospital, was awarded funding from Medvet to investigate development of a new blood test to distinguish aggressive prostate cancers from latent, slow growing tumours.

Recognition and awards

• An article about Lisa Butler, and our collaborator Luke Selth from the Dame Roma Mitchell Cancer Research Laboratories, was published in *The Advertiser* (“[Adelaide researchers developing treatments for prostate cancer](#)”, 17 August 2018). The article also featured two of our consumer advisors Norman Thompson and Dario Priori.

• Lisa Butler’s work was profiled in a short video produced by the University of Adelaide as part of a series highlighting emerging young leaders in medical research for the Howard Florey 120th Anniversary. [More](#)

Staff and student news

• Cass Gordon has commenced as our new research nurse, to assist with collating clinical outcome information from the Australian Prostate Cancer BioResource.

Out and about

• Lisa Butler, Zeyad Nassar, Shadrack Mutuku and Adel Aref travelled to the 2018 Asia-Pacific Prostate Cancer Conference in Brisbane to showcase results of our Movember research program.

• Lisa Butler travelled to Bilbao in Spain to present a Research Highlights talk at the European Association for Cancer Research meeting “Mechanisms to Therapies: Innovations in Cancer Metabolism”. [More](#)

• Adel Aref presented his work showing the link between obesity and prostate cancer at the SA-PCCOC Prostate Cancer Symposium in Adelaide.

• Shadrack Mutuku presented his latest mass spectrometry imaging results at the SAHMRI Annual Scientific Meeting.

• Josephine Hinneh, Shanice Mah, Nicole Moore, Zeyad Nassar, Cass Gordon and Shadrack Mutuku (pictured) participated in the Trailblazer by the Sea fundraising walk from Semaphore to Henley to raise money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.



Upcoming events

• We are holding a morning tea on 26 November at SAHMRI to raise funds for Movember. The event will have a multicultural theme to celebrate the diversity in our group, which has 7 different countries represented! If you would like to donate to our team, please go [here](#).

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES

For further information visit:

- our website <https://health.adelaide.edu.au/our-research/prostate-cancer-research-group>
- our blog <https://blogs.adelaide.edu.au/prostate-cancer-research-group/>

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