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INTRODUCTION FROM THE DIRECTOR

The third year of the Tobacco Endgame CRE continued at full-speed with major tobacco control policy activity occurring in Australia and internationally. The federal tobacco control policy reforms announced in 2022 will now be rolled out through the new Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and Regulations. In Queensland, amendments to the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998* have extended smokefree spaces and will implement a tobacco retailer licensing scheme. This leaves only Victoria and New South Wales without retailer licensing. National reforms to the regulation of vaping products were also passed and are starting to be implemented, including the ban on importation of disposable vaping products.

Disappointingly, there was a major setback in Aotearoa-New Zealand with a change in government in 2023 bringing an the announcement in November that the country's world-leading smokefree law would be repealed as part of a political deal to form a coalition government. There has been strong criticism of this announcement from the international public health community, petitions, advocacy activities, local rallies and demonstrations opposing the repeal of the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill. CRE researchers demonstrated that the costs of implementing the smokefree law would be highly manageable for the government and would return large health and economic benefits to citizens in a highly pro-equity way. However, the new government has justified the repeal for the purpose of funding income tax cuts for middle and higher income earners from the tobacco taxes that would not be collected if people quit smoking as anticipated in response to the new measures.

In other international news, the UK's plan to implement a smokefree generation law was announced in November 2023 and included a public consultation on tobacco and vaping policy reforms. Advocacy for the policy is also occurring in Canada. Furthermore, forward-looking measures (e.g., smokefree generation policy) and tobacco product regulation (e.g., denicotinisation of tobacco products) and forward-looking measures, as part of discussions on how to progress FCTC Articles 9 and 2.1 have been scheduled for discussion at COP10. COP10 marks two decades since the FCTC commenced and will take place in Panama in February 2024. Several CRE researchers will be in attendance.

The CRE has been highly successful in supporting capacity building in tobacco control research. We celebrated a successful PhD conferral and two more PhD students have finished their thesis write-ups. In 2023, we also welcomed five new higher degree research students to the CRE, who are working on multidisciplinary projects related to smokefree housing policy, tobacco industry litigation, international case studies of commercial tobacco sales interruptions, co-designed tobacco policy reforms in Australian First Nations communities, and Australia's illicit tobacco market. Several CRE early-to-mid-career researchers obtained significant funding, including NHMRC and MRFF grants to support their research. We also provided research and research translation experience to many coursework students completing a variety of programs. Major systematic reviews to inform the World Health Organization's first clinical guidelines on tobacco treatment were also a major project. Visits from international researchers were also a highlight. These have translated into longer term collaborations.

Our fourth year is already looking to be another big year with many current projects generating outputs, several new projects commencing in the new year, and multiple new research students commencing their PhD journeys. In addition to supporting research training, the CRE remains committed to generating, synthesising and disseminating evidence to inform tobacco control policymaking that aims to accelerate the end of the tobacco smoking epidemic in Australia and other countries.

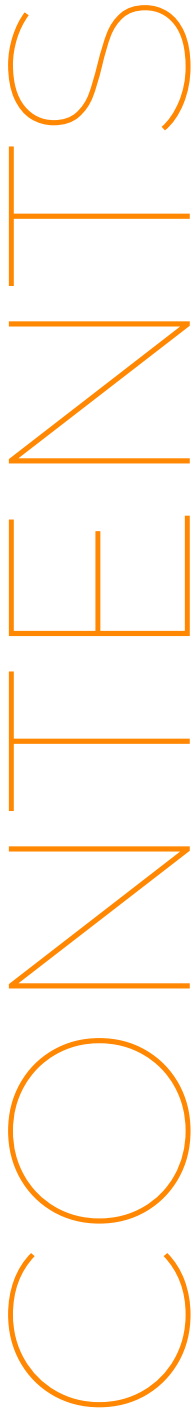
For more details of our outputs this year, please read on!



PROF CORAL GARTNER

Director

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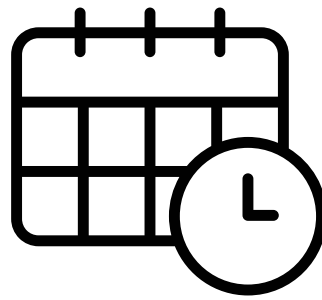
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Publications

2023 SNAPSHOT



10 Chief Investigators
10 Associate Investigators
3 Professional Staff
18 Postgraduate Students
40 Affiliates



1 Investigator Meeting
1 Annual Symposium



16 Submissions
7 Hearings &
Roundtables
5 Reports



19 Media Interviews
> 60 Media Mentions



> \$ 14.6m
in new Research
Funding



20
CRE members received
Awards & Promotions



17 Webinars
6 Podcasts
28 Blog Articles



> 230
Conference
Presentations and
Workshops



141
Peer Reviewed
Publications

TEAM MEMBERS

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Visiting Academics

The Tobacco Endgame CRE hosted two visiting academics in 2023 who joined the CRE as affiliates.



Dr Heewon Kang from Seoul National University joined the Tobacco Endgame CRE in February for a twelve-month period. Heewon has summarised her experience and research focus below:

For the past ten months, I've had the privilege of working alongside the incredible team at Tobacco Endgame CRE. We've collaborated on research projects, such as identifying public support for tobacco endgame policies, establishing evidence to restrict tobacco retailers, and assessing the effectiveness of smoking cessation interventions. The team's strong vision, leadership, and positive atmosphere have made this research journey incredibly enriching. Beyond research, the warmth and support of my colleagues have been instrumental in helping me settle into a new country - a kindness for which I'm profoundly grateful. I look forward to our ongoing collaborations and the opportunity to further contribute to the impactful work within the Tobacco Endgame CRE. Thank you, everyone!



Dr Al Asyray joined Prof Coral Gartner's team for the month of June. Al is a Lecturer and Assistant Professor at the Department of Environmental Health at Universitas Indonesia. Al's research aims to measure and address the issue of cigarette butt litter in Indonesia, and provide evidence for tobacco excise earmarking for the environment. The CRE is looking forward to continued research collaborations with Dr Al Asyray and his colleagues at Universitas Indonesia through the successful **UQ Global Strategy and Partnerships Seed Funding Scheme**. This scheme aims to foster global collaborations between universities and is led by **Dr Kylie Morphett** for the project *Addressing the global environmental impact of cigarette butt litter*.



The Interdisciplinary Tobacco Endgame Research Network

The Interdisciplinary Tobacco Endgame Research Network (INTER-Net) commenced in 2023 with a budget of \$5 million over five years. This multidisciplinary research program, funded by an NHMRC Synergy grant, examines promising new approaches to minimising smoking in Australia using methods from epidemiology and applied statistics, health policy, law, the social sciences, and economics. It connects the CRE to a greater range of national and international collaborators from New Zealand, Canada, the Netherlands, the UK and the US to generate new impactful co-designed empirical research supporting the existing and future work of the CRE.

The grant is led by Prof Coral Gartner. Other **Chief Investigators** include:

Prof Geoffrey Fong - University of Waterloo

Prof Janet Hoek - University of Otago

Prof Brigit Toebes - University of Groningen

A/Prof Gary Chan and Dr Kylie Morphet - The University of Queensland

Dr Daniel Erku and Prof Joshua Byrnes - Griffith University

A/Prof Marita Hefler - Menzies School of Health Research

Prof Ron Borland - The University of Melbourne

Associate Investigators:

Prof Tony Blakely - The University of Melbourne

Prof Paul Scuffham - Griffith University

Dr Jeffrey Drope - University of Illinois at Chicago

Prof Ann McNeill - King's College London

Dr Andrew Hyland - Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Prof Richard Edwards - University of Otago

A/Prof Radha Ivory - The University of Queensland

Prof Billie Bonevski - Flinders University

Prof Lucie Rychetnik - The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre

Dr Eloise Howse - The Sax Institute

CRE HOSTED EVENTS

CRE and Synergy Investigator Meeting

Chief and Associate Investigators from the Tobacco Endgame CRE and the Interdisciplinary Tobacco Endgame Research Network (INTER-NET NHMRC Synergy Grant) held a face-to-face meeting on 30 May 2023. The Chief and Associate Investigators reviewed progress to date, discussed future collaborations and planned the next steps to ensure synergy between the two grants. Outputs authored by CRE members were mapped to the CRE's objectives identifying future work and setting priorities for the years to come. During the meeting, the Career Development Committee (CDC) provided an update on the composition and status of the CDC, noting current focus on helping Early Career Researchers and PhD Students to find opportunities to focus on knowledge translation and impact activities and to identify ways to further round out their research track records.

CRE World No Tobacco Day Symposium 2023

The CRE Annual Symposium was held on 31 May, coinciding with World No Tobacco Day. The Hon Mark Butler provided his vision for tobacco reform with keynote speakers Richard Edwards, Ray Lovett and Janet Hoek respectively providing insight into the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan; issues related to incrementalism and social justice associated with Australia's National Tobacco Strategy; and Pharmacists' views on supplying tobacco as an endgame strategy. A further ten researchers from Australia, the Netherlands, South Korea, and Indonesia presented on tobacco control research, strategies, and policy topics. The 106 attendees from eight countries represented Government, Non-Government Organisations, Education, and Medical, Hospital and Clinical Industries. Shannon Mead, CEO of No More Butts Ltd, joined us live from Paris where he attended the Second Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC2) to advocate for plastics bans to include cigarette filters. Recordings of most presentations are available on the CRE YouTube channel.



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WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY SYMPOSIUM - 31 MAY 2023

With a video message from the Honourable Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Hear from leading international experts about the latest tobacco endgame strategies, research and policies.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Prof Richard Edwards
University of Otago
The Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 plan - is the endgame in sight?

Prof Raymond Lovett
The Australian National University
Australia's National Tobacco Strategy 2022-2030: Incrementalism and Social Justice

Prof Janet Hoek
University of Otago
Pharmacists' views on supplying tobacco as an endgame strategy

PLEASE REGISTER: bit.ly/WorldNoTobaccoDayUQ

OHC LEARNING THEATRE
UQ HERSTON CAMPUS
AND ONLINE

9:00AM-4:30PM
AEST

Forthcoming 2024 SRNT-Oceania Conference and Tobacco Endgame CRE Annual Symposium

The Tobacco Endgame CRE and The University of Queensland will be hosting the 2024 SRNT-Oceania Conference on 30 May 2024, followed by the CRE Annual Symposium on 31 May. This dual event coincides with World No Tobacco Day. Four keynote speakers from New Zealand will share their views on the history of the 2025 Action Plan, the announced repeal and what the next steps are for progressing the Smokefree Aotearoa goal.

The conference and symposium will be preceded by the second meeting of all Tobacco Endgame CRE and INTER-NET Chief and Associate Investigators who will come together to plan research activities for 2024-2027.

30 & 31 May 2024
Brisbane, Australia

SRNT-O Conference
Tobacco Endgame CRE Annual Symposium

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POLICY ACTIVITIES

CRE members contributed to Global, National, and State consultations and inquiries, providing considered and evidence-based input to proposed policies within Australian, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States contexts. Further attendance at parliamentary hearings and round tables provided opportunities to share our knowledge and viewpoints on supporting the Australian National Tobacco Strategy 2023-2030 and the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan with the ultimate aim of achieving the Tobacco Endgame. In addition to several government submissions, the CRE prepared reports for public health organisations, which are listed below.



Australia

Australian Parliamentary Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Legislation 2023

- Policy Roundtable. July 2023. Gartner C; Maddox R, Scollo M.
- Public Consultation. July 2023. Gartner C, Morphett K, Cho A, Rimmer M.

Australian Parliamentary Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023

- Inquiry. October 2023. Gartner C, Morphett K, Cho A.
- Public Hearing. November 2023. Gartner C.
- Presentation. November 2023. Maddox R.

Australian Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care's Policy Roundtable on vaping products

- Policy Roundtable. April 2023. Gartner C; Maddox R.

Australian Government, Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Proposed reforms to the regulation of nicotine vaping products

- Targeted consultation. January 2023. Morphett K. Gartner C, Steadman K, Erku D.

Australian Government, Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Further proposed reforms to the regulation of nicotine vaping products

- Targeted consultation. September 2023. Gartner C, Steadman K, Sun T, Vu G, Lim C, Leung J, Stjepanović D, Chan G.

Queensland Parliamentary Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2023

- Consultation. February 2023 with further submissions in March 2023 Gartner C, Rooney T, Morphett K and April 2023 Rimmer M.

Queensland Parliamentary Health and Environment Committee - Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2023

- Inquiry. April 2023. Gartner C; Marshall H; Rimmer M.

Queensland Parliamentary - Vaping: An inquiry into reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland

- Public Hearing. May 2023. Leung J, Lim C, Lawler S, Bendotti H; Rimmer M.
- Inquiry. May 2023. Gartner C, Morphett K, Leung J, Lim C, Lawler S, Bendotti H. Chan G, Stjepanović D, Lim CCW, Sun T, Vu G, Leung J. Rimmer M.

South Australian Government Tobacco Control Strategy 2023-2027 - Minister’s Roundtable on Tobacco and E-Cigarettes

- Roundtable. March 2023. Bonevski B.



New Zealand

New Zealand Ministry of Health: Proposals for the Smoked Tobacco Regulatory Regime

- Submission. March 2023. ASPIRE 2025. Gartner C.

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Joint Op-Ed: 139 Organizations call on New Zealand to prioritize human life over tobacco industry profit



In December, the Tobacco Endgame CRE joined medical, public health, academic and human rights organisations from across the globe to call on the government of Aotearoa/New Zealand to retain world-leading smokefree laws. The joint op-ed with 139 signatory organisations from 53 countries was coordinated by Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) and published in the leading New Zealand newspaper.

Tobacco Endgame CRE members supported two **petitions to stop the repeal of New Zealand’s Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) legislation** in November 2023:

- *Put our People over Profit - Stop the Repeal of the Smokefree Legislation* (Hāpai te Hauora, Māori Public Health)
- *A smokefree future is more important than tax cuts for the rich* (Karen Griffith, Change.org)



United Kingdom

UK, Department of Health and Social Care: Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping

- Submission. December 2023. Gartner C, Kang H.



United States of America

US Food and Drug Administration proposed product standards to prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes

- Letter submitted to Dr Brian King, Director of Center for Tobacco Products, US FDA. May 2023. Fong GT, Chung-Hall J, Craig LV, Kyriakos CN.



Global

United Nations Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) Draft General Recommendation n°37 on Racial Discrimination in the enjoyment of the right to health



In August, the Tobacco Endgame CRE was honoured to join Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) and a total of 208 signatories from 61 countries in calling on the UN Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) to maintain and strengthen its mention of the harms of tobacco in the Draft General Recommendation 37 on Racial Discrimination in the enjoyment of the right to health.

United Nations Summit of the Future: Young people and future generations have the right to grow up in a tobacco-free world

- Submission. December 2023. NHMRC Tobacco Endgame CRE signatory to Action on Smoking and Health (ASH)



The CRE has joined the **Global Alliance for Tobacco Control (GATC)** Community as a Network Participant in December 2023. GATC is the only global network dedicated solely to implementing the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

Reports

Howe S, Blakely T. SHINE protocol for specifying model inputs, including rapid review and cross-walking (Version 1.0). SHINE Technical Report Series, No 1.

Lawler S, Ireland D, **Bendotti H.** Spatial density and growth of tobacconists and vape stores across Queensland. Report prepared for Queensland Health.

Morphett K, Lawler S, Meciar S. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for The Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2023 reforms. Report prepared for Queensland Health.

Trigg J, Ela O, Bowden J, Bartram A, **Bonevski B.** Evaluation of vaping harms awareness campaigns for Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia: Responses to anti-vaping media campaign materials by South Australian youth. Report prepared for Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia.

MEDIA MENTIONS AND INTERVIEWS

CRE researchers are making headlines across the globe. Our centre's important research has been featured in over 50 news articles from Australia and New Zealand, Canada and the United States, South America (Brazil, Argentina) and Europe (UK, France). CRE members provided their expert opinions on a range of tobacco control topics, policy reforms and setbacks on several radio and TV programs from across Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Below we list media mentions and interviews in chronological order for each topic.



2023 - A busy year in tobacco control for Australia

After a decade of little action on tobacco control policy in Australia, we have seen several major policy developments nationally and at state level. The [National Tobacco Strategy 2023-2030](#) was released in May and sets the Australian tobacco control agenda for the next eight years. At state level, Queensland introduced a [tobacco retailer and wholesaler licensing scheme](#) and expanded smokefree requirements at various locations, and South Australia launched its [Tobacco Control Strategy 2023-2027](#). The issue of nicotine vaping, particularly among youth, continues to raise concerns, with the [Queensland Government conducting an inquiry on the topic](#) and the federal Minister for Health and Aged Care [announcing major changes to the regulation of vaping products](#). CRE researchers were invited to comment on these tobacco and vaping control measures and related topics on several radio shows and news articles.

Chan G. The Queensland Government vaping inquiry. Radio Interview | ABC, 12 March 2023.

Gartner C. Generation Vape. Radio Interview | 2GB Sydney - Sunday Nights with Bill Crews, 19 March 2023.

Rimmer M. Queensland must adopt a tobacco endgame strategy. QUT News, 13 April 2023.

Borland R. What does vaping do to your body and why is it being banned in Australia? ABC News, 2 May 2023.

Trigg J, Borland R, Gartner C, Maddox R. EXPERT REACTION: Government to crack down on vaping in Australia. Scimex Australian Science Media Centre, 2 May 2023.

Borland R, Maddox R. Govt vaping action gets mixed reviews from health experts. Hospital + Healthcare, 3 May 2023.

Maddox R. PHAA welcomes strong government action on vaping and tobacco. Retail Pharmacy News, 3 May 2023.

Maddox R, Kennedy M. Crackdown on vaping and tobacco industries draws global acclaim. Croakey Health Media, 3 May 2023.

Perusco A. It's time to light up a tobacco endgame strategy, ANU research says. Riotact, 5 May 2023.

Gartner C. Solving the problem of youth vaping. UQ News, 10 May 2023.

- Gartner C.** Scientists call for stricter controls on tobacco products. The Epoch Times, 17 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** Laws questioned as vaping rates rise. The Pittsworth Sentinel, 18 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** The new Queensland tobacco control bill. Radio Interview | 612 ABC Brisbane - Mornings, 24 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** Vapes analysed by QLD Health show toxic chemical cocktails. Courier Mail, 27 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** Australia needs to do more to decrease rates of smoking as the Federal Government unveils several changes as part of its crackdown on the industry. Radio Interview | ABC Radio National, 31 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** Cigarettes à 20 €, vapoteuses interdites... Ce pays fait la guerre à tous les fumeurs, et ça marche. L'édition du soir, 31 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** Comment on Minister Mark Butler's announced tobacco control laws. Radio Interview | ABC News Radio, 31 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** Unveiling Australia's vaping crisis. The Local Times, 31 May 2023.
- Gartner C.** What Australia needs to do if it wants to become a world leader in tobacco control. Radio Interview | ABC Radio National, 1 June 2023.
- Chan G.** The need for further control measures to prevent illegal sales of vapes. Radio Interview | ABC Capricornia FM, 15 August 2023.
- Morphett K.** What a drag. Peppermint Magazine #59, 5 September 2023.
- Leung J.** AI plan to stop vaping. Courier Mail, 7 September 2023.
- Leung J.** Using AI to develop messages to communicate the worrying aspects of vaping to young people. 4BC 882 News Talk, Brisbane Live with Neil Breen, 7 September 2023.
- Gartner C.** The Federal tobacco control legislation. Radio Interview | ABC radio WA Statewide Drive Program, 13 September 2023.
- Leung J.** Award winner's AI plan to prevent youth vaping. UQ Research News, 23 September 2023.
- Gartner C.** The Queensland Government vaping inquiry. Radio Interview | ABC Far North Queensland, 26 October 2023.
- Trigg J.** What is snus and is it legal in Australia? Brisbane Times, 29 October 2023.
- Pleaver S.** Quit initiatives improve physical health of people experiencing mental illness. Metro North Health, 8 November 2023.
- Gartner C.** Crüed shock: Tommy Lee left fuming by Australian cigarette prices. The Guardian, 15 November 2023.
- Perusco A.** Aiming for the end of tobacco. Sir Roland Wilson Foundation ANU - News & Impact, 16 November 2023.

Gartner C. Mötley Crüe's Tommy Lee shocked after paying £132 for four packs of cigarettes in Australia. NME, 17 November 2023.

Gartner C. Tommy Lee can't believe he just paid \$164 for four packs of cigarettes in Australia. yahoo! Entertainment, 18 November 2023.

Gartner C. Tommy Lee, indignado por el precio de los cigarrillos en Australia: lo que pagó por cuatro etiquetas. La Voz, 26 November 2023.

Rimmer M. Tobacco bill before the Senate - "a symphony of law reform". QUT News, 29 November 2023.

Rimmer M. Tobacco bill before the Australian Senate - "a symphony of law reform". infojustice.org, 4 December 2023.

Lim C. Tempting teens to vape - social media under the spotlight. UQ News, 15 December 2023.

Lim C, Stockings E. 'Peer influence is no joke': Australian government to fund research into youth vaping prevention. The Guardian, 15 December 2023.



The repeal of New Zealand's smokefree laws.

In November, Aotearoa New Zealand's new government announced its plan to abandon the country's world-leading smokefree laws and received international condemnation for this decision. Joining health professionals, researchers, Māori leaders and community groups from around the world, CRE members voiced their disapproval and called on the government to retain the Smokefree Action Plan. Media outlets in New Zealand, Australia, the UK and US reported on this topic, featuring CRE researchers and their work in news stories, radio and TV interviews. Two modelling studies, led by **Dr Driss Ait Ouakrim** and colleagues received attention, highlighting the health and economic benefits of the smokefree legislation and the need for evidence-informed policy making.

Waa A. Manatawa: Anaru Waa - Co-director of the Aspire-2025 research centre. Radio Interview | Radio Waatea, 29 August 2023.

Ait Ouakrim D, Wilson T, Waa A, Maddox R, Gartner C, Lovett R, Edwards R, Blakely T. New Zealand scraps world-first smoking 'generation ban' to fund tax cuts. The Guardian, 27 November 2023.

Edwards R. New Zealand smoking ban: Health experts criticise new government's shock reversal. BBC News, 27 November 2023.

Edwards R. Anger over New Zealand's U-turn on smoking ban: Health experts say they are 'appalled' by 'purely political' move - as Rishi Sunak vows to press ahead with law to stop kids aged 14 now from ever buying cigarettes. Daily Mail, 28 November 2023.

Edwards R. Groundbreaking smoking ban abandoned in New Zealand's swing to the right. The Washington Post, 28 November 2023.

Ait Ouakrim D, Wilson T, Howe S, Gartner C, Blakely T. The economic argument for our world-leading smokefree legislation – new research. Voxy, 3 December 2023.

Ball J. Majority of young New Zealanders want to 'live in a smoke free nation' – survey. RNZ News, 6 December 2023.

Ball J. The Bulletin: Young people in NZ strongly support smokefree measures. The Spinoff, 6 December 2023.

Waa A. New Zealand's Indigenous people are furious over plans to snuff out anti-smoking laws. NPR: Goats and Soda, 6 December 2023.

Bullen C. Tobacco researcher: New Zealand's reputation 'now pretty tarnished' among scientists. RNZ News, 10 December 2023.

Bullen C. Marches against gov't's smokefree legislation repeal on Weds. Radio Interview | RNZ Morning Report, 11 December 2023.

Bullen C. Planned smokefree laws could have saved thousands of lives, tobacco researcher says. RNZ News, 11 December 2023.

Waa A. New Zealand smoking ban: Māori mourn loss of hard-won smoking reform. BBC News, 11 December 2023.

Edwards R, Bullen C. Australia has new tobacco control legislation. Here's what it means... Croakey Health Media, 13 December 2023.

Maddox R. The repeal of NZ Smokefree Law – Why you should care. TV interview | Te Ao with Moana, 19 December 2023.

Edwards R. ICYMI: The year in review, reprehensible attacks on Māori health, principles for Aboriginal health research and COVID updates. Croakey Health Media, 21 December 2023.



Tobacco Control in the UK and Canada

As leading experts in their field, CRE researchers commented on international tobacco control policies, including the announcement of the smokefree generation in the UK and the introduction of new cigarette warning labels in Canada.

Maddox R. A whole new generation could become addicted to another nicotine product. TV Interview | Sky News Australia, 12 April 2023.

Gartner C. The UK Government's proposed smokefree generation policy. Radio Interviews | ABC Capricornia and ABC's Radio Current Affairs, 5 October 2023.

Bonevski B. The UK Government's proposed smokefree generation policy. Radio Interview | ABC Newcastle: Newcastle Breakfast, 6 October 2023.

Fong G. Health Canada boosting cigarette warning labels. TV Interview | CTV News – Top 3 Tonight with Merella Fernandez, 5 June 2023.

Fong G. New Canadian regulations would put warning on each cigarette, not just packaging. CTV News, 11 June 2023.

Fong G. UK the latest country looking to phase out smoking. Should Canada do the same? TV Interview | Global News Canada, 18 October 2023.

Hammond D. The UK and New Zealand want to ban the next generation from smoking at any age. Should Canada follow? RCI News, 18 October 2023.



Reducing stigma for lung cancer and other smoking-related respiratory diseases

In September, PhD candidate **Nathan Harrison** presented a systematic review on stigma-reducing interventions for lung cancer and other smoking-related respiratory diseases at the [2023 World Conference on Lung Cancer \(WCLC\)](#) in Singapore. The study, with co-authors Julia Yamazaki, **Prof Henry Marshall**, **Prof Coral Gartner** and **Dr Kylie Morphett**, received substantial media coverage across the globe and was featured in several online news articles. Nathan was part of the [IASLC Press Briefing](#) panel and also spoke about this important work in his [interview with ecancer](#) on 12 Sept 2023.

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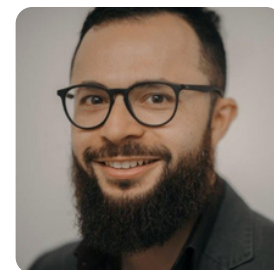
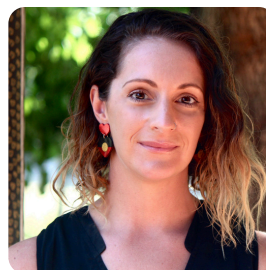
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Grant Spotlight: Medical Research Future Fund



The MRFF project "Escape the vape": Designing health communications for prevention of e-cigarette use in young people led by **Prof Billie Bonevski** and **Dr Joshua Trigg** has been awarded \$854,636 in funding. This work will develop and test messages to prevent vaping amongst adolescents and young adults for use in social media. The co-design approach with partner organisations and consumers aims to best support knowledge translation and uptake of messages.

The Gulibaa (Coolamon) Project (University of Newcastle) has been awarded \$2.0 million MRFF funding. Led by **A/Prof Michelle Kennedy**, **A/Prof Raglan Maddox** and colleagues, this project will co-design a model of care supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers across NSW to be smoke-free in pregnancy and beyond.



The "Max Up" lung cancer screening trial led by **A/Prof Henry Marshall** and colleagues including **Prof Billie Bonevski**, **A/Prof Cathy Segan**, **Prof Coral Gartner**, **A/Prof Sheleigh Lawler** and **Dr Kylie Morphett** has received \$917,240 in MRFF funding. This 3 year research project started in 2023 and will help ensure lung cancer screening delivers the best health outcomes to people at risk of lung cancer, by detecting lung cancer early and giving people the greatest chance to quit smoking.

AWARDS, PROMOTIONS, SUCCESSES

2023 has been a very productive and successful year for our CRE researchers.

Our congratulations to:

- **Prof Ray Lovett** who was recognised as one of the [52 leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are changing the world](#).
- **Prof Billie Bonevski** for her appointment as the new [Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute \(FHMRI\) Director and Dean \(Research\)](#) in the College of Medicine and Public Health at Flinders University.
- Prof **Geoffrey Fong** for being recognised on the 2023 [Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers list](#).
- Prof **Michael Farrell** on his appointment to chair the [Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs \(ANACAD\)](#).
- **A/Prof Marita Hefler** who was appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief of Tobacco Control, effective 2024.
- **Dr Kylie Morphett** and **Dr Heewon Kang** for joining the editorial board of [Nicotine & Tobacco Research](#) as Associate Editors.
- **A/Prof Radha Ivory** for her promotion to Associate Professor at The University of Queensland.
- **Dr Joshua Trigg** for being promoted to Senior Research Fellow at Flinders University.
- **Dr Janni Leung** who won the [UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award](#) for her work using AI to develop posters, slogans, and other messaging about the dangers of vaping on teens to be used on social media.
- **Dr Cheneal Puljević** on her promotion to Senior Research Fellow and receiving the Rising Star Award of the School of Public Health at The University of Queensland. Cheneal was nominated for the UQ Foundation Research Excellence award and was awarded a travel scholarship to attend the [2023 NDARC Annual Research Symposium](#) and Early Career Networking Event at UNSW in Sydney. Congratulations also on her appointment as Associate Editor of the [International Journal of Drug Policy](#).

NEXT GENERATION RESEARCHERS

Supporting the next generation of public health research leaders is one of the priorities of the Tobacco Endgame CRE. In 2023, the CRE provided ample opportunities for Early-Mid Career Researchers (EMCRs) and PhD students to develop their research leadership skills and grow their professional network through activities of the Career Development Committee (CDC) and funding through EMCR Fellowships, EMCR Seed Grants and EMCR Travel Awards. Exceptional EMCRs were recognised through the EMCR Annual Awards. Various opportunities were offered at the University of Queensland for participants to gain valuable work placement and research experience within the CRE.

Career Development Committee

The Tobacco Endgame CRE's Career Development Committee (CDC) aims to build the capacity of future leaders in tobacco control research and policy. The CDC co-ordinates opportunities that assist emerging research leaders to develop a suite of skills, specific knowledge about public health policy and abilities that are necessary to a successful career in academia or leadership roles in public health policy and practice. Membership is open to all emerging researchers and students affiliated with the CRE.

2023 updates

Our re-invigorated Career Development Committee hosted three meetings since its re-launch in June 2023. In these meetings, CDC members discussed various career development opportunities such as conferences, seminars, grants, and useful resources. The CDC received 8 nominations for the UQ Research Culture Award recognising career development support for EMCRs.

The CDC's 2023 activities included:

- Two Seed Grant schemes
- Fortnightly 'Shut up and Write' sessions
- Establishing a Slack channel and regular newsletter to share news, events, articles and memes
- A 'Tips for writing grant track records' webinar on 8 December 2023
- An annual EMCR awards scheme recognising our members' excellence in publishing, leadership, translation, and media engagement

2023 CDC Leadership Committee

Convenor: Dr Cheneal Puljević

Communications Officer: Dr Kylie Morphett

Events Officer: Tess Rooney

Research Engagement Officer: Hollie Bendotti

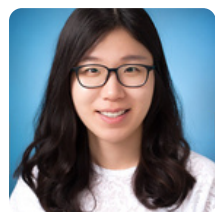


EMCR Fellowships

The Tobacco Endgame CRE offered EMCR Fellowships for priority projects in the fields of public health, law and regulation, economics, and qualitative and quantitative research methods. We received 27 applications and would like to congratulate the five recipients of the 2023 EMCR Fellowships: **Dr Kylie Morphett**, **Dr Carmen Lim** and **Ms Ara Cho** are based at The University of Queensland. **Dr Bibha Dhungel** and **Dr Tim Wilson** are both based at The University of Melbourne. Fellowship recipients will be working on various relevant projects including stakeholder views and responses to tobacco endgame policies, measuring the illicit tobacco market, statistical analysis of quantitative survey data, modelling and cost-benefit analysis of tobacco endgame policies. Research projects will be completed by October 2025.

EMCR Annual Award Winners

The Tobacco Endgame CRE's EMCR award nominations recognise outstanding research achievements. Congratulations to our 2023 prize winners!



Best publication: This award recognises excellence in contributing to the publication of an article with exemplary methodological rigour, significance, impact and/or contribution to/advancement of the field.

Awarded to **Ara Cho** for *Tobacco purchasing in Australia during regular tax increases: Findings from the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project* published in Tobacco Control.



Awarded to **Tianze Sun** for *Longitudinal association between exposure to e-cigarette advertising and youth e-cigarette use in the United States* published in Addictive Behaviors.



Awarded to **Dr Christina Heris** for *Don't Follow the Smoke - Listening to the Tobacco Experiences and Attitudes of Urban Aboriginal Adolescents in the Study of Environment on Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH)* published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.



Outstanding research impact and translation: Awarded to **Giang Vu**. This award recognises an outstanding contribution that the awardee's research has made to knowledge, health, the economy and/or society.



Outstanding media engagement: Awarded to **Nathan Harrison**. This award recognises significant or ongoing engagement with the media used to promote a research project or program of work.



Outstanding leadership: Awarded to **Dr Cheneal Puljević**. This award recognises excellence in leadership in research, supervision, mentoring and service from an early- or mid-career researcher.

EMCR Seed Grants



The Tobacco Endgame CRE Seed Grants are competitive small project grants to assist Early-Mid Career Researchers and PhD students to develop their research leadership experience. These grants are intended to fund pilot or small research projects of relevance to the CRE's goal, which is to develop the evidence base for tobacco endgame strategies and identify the most promising policies that could end the cigarette epidemic in Australia, and beyond. Two rounds were open in 2023 with total funding of \$120,000 across 2023 and 2024. Congratulations to our well deserving recipients as listed below.

Round 1 Projects

Pilot for a microsimulation modelling platform to evaluate complex tobacco control interventions.

Samantha Howe - The University of Melbourne: Working closely with the Healthy Housing Centre for Research Excellence, Sami and her team aim to specify parameters of the tobacco Agent Based Model (ABM) related to public housing, incorporating heterogeneity in smoking, vaping, and second-hand smoke exposure by sex, age, Indigenous status, socioeconomic status, housing, and geographic location. The ABM will then be piloted to evaluate the impact of smoking and second-hand smoke exposure in public housing in Australia and the potential effects of tobacco control intervention strategies in this setting.

Public knowledge about cigarette filters and support for policies to address tobacco product waste.

Dr Kylie Morphett - The University of Queensland: By surveying a representative sample of Australian adults, Kylie and her team aim to a) explore the knowledge and attitudes of the Australian adult population to tobacco and vaping product waste, b) measure public support for removal of filters from cigarettes, c) anticipate the behaviours of those who smoke if such a policy was introduced, and d) assess support for other policies to address these issues. This research will inform policy responses to tobacco product waste and identify knowledge gaps about cigarette filters that can be addressed via education.

Exploring consumer and other stakeholder perspectives on tobacco endgame policies and strategies to mitigate potential unintended impacts of these policies.

Dr Kristen McCarter - University of Newcastle: Kristen and her team are undertaking a qualitative study that will provide insights into how consumers and other key stakeholders (peers, Quitline counsellors, MH service staff) may respond to tobacco endgame policies. This work will provide valuable data to guide these policies as well as further the development of interventions to optimise smoking cessation in this group.

Understanding the aspirations, drivers, supports and barriers to the commercial tobacco endgame from the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Dr Christina Heris - The Australian National University: By combining key informant interviews, group discussions and concept mapping, Christina and her team aim to better understand the aspirations, drivers, supports and barriers to the tobacco endgame from the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Identifying Indigenous definitions and priorities for achieving a commercial tobacco endgame will help policymakers understand and incorporate Indigenous perspectives to successfully implement a tobacco endgame and end tobacco related death and disease.

Round 2 Projects

Developing outcome assessment guidelines for smoking cessation trials with priority populations.

Dr Ashleigh Guillaumier – Flinders University: By undertaking literature reviews, conducting consumer workshops and seeking expert panel evaluation, Ashleigh and her team aim to determine a standardised set of smoking cessation outcome measures for inclusion in all cessation trials with priority populations, addressing the complex circumstances surrounding quitting tobacco use in these groups. This project will inform the development of a larger conceptual framework with the aim of advancing the conduct and assessment of smoking cessation intervention trials with priority populations by addressing critical issues such as consensus on outcome assessments, optimising recruitment, and retention strategies.

A scoping review of qualitative research on stakeholder support for tobacco endgame policies.

Dr Kylie Morphett – The University of Queensland: By synthesising international evidence on stakeholder attitudes toward tobacco endgame policies and identifying barriers and facilitators to implementing them, Kylie and her team will provide valuable data to inform primary data collection for future CRE research.

Business continuity and adapting to commercial tobacco endgame in Australia: Retail stakeholder views on transition strategies.

Dr Joshua Trigg – Flinders University: Josh and his team will use a two-step environmental scan methodology to identify and describe how tobacco retailers and other relevant stakeholders intend to prepare for shifts in the tobacco retail market in response to proposed commercial tobacco endgame measures. This work will develop a map of retail stakeholder perspectives and strategies for managing the impacts of tobacco endgame policy and legislation on business continuity. A secondary aim is to explore what forms of support are sought from retail, industry, and government bodies. The map of adaptation strategies and support needs will be a critically useful tool for policy makers and legislators when communicating with the Australian retail sector about managing the impacts of tobacco endgame strategies designed to reduce product sales.

Explaining the regulatory failure around illicit vape and illicit tobacco in Australia: An ethnography of retailers' experiences and practices.

Dr Samuel Brookfield – The University of Queensland: Sam and his team will be conducting qualitative interviews with retailers in Southeast Queensland that are knowledgeable of the selling practices of retailers engaged in illicit vape and tobacco product supply. This study aims to enhance understanding of these markets; how significant tobacco sales are to their business; their perceptions of and experiences (if any) with law enforcement efforts to detect illicit tobacco and vape sales; and the potential impacts of removing tobacco and/or vape products from their shops. The project is expected to produce novel insights into retailers' motivations for engaging in the illicit vape and/or tobacco markets; the effects of law enforcement efforts to address illegal vape and tobacco retailers; the context in which they are supplied; how the procurement and sale of illicit vaping products may interact with the illicit tobacco trade; and what other economic, cultural, and social factors may influence this process.

EMCR Travel Awards

The Tobacco Endgame CRE offers competitive travel awards to support Early-Mid Career Researchers and PhD students affiliated with one of the CRE's participating institutions. These awards assist with the costs associated with presenting at a domestic or international conference. The 2023 EMCR Travel Award recipients are listed below. A total of \$10,000 was awarded in 2023.



Ara Cho: Tobacco purchasing between 2007 and 2020 in Australia: Findings from International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2023 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 1-4 March 2023.

Tess Rooney: Reframing and counteracting tobacco industry: Narratives in the public policy process. Preventive Health Conference 2023, Adelaide, 2-4 May 2023.

Ruth Canty: A global review of tobacco retail regulations. Preventive Health Conference 2023, Adelaide, 2-4 May 2023.

Dr Joshua Trigg: Perspectives on limiting tobacco access and supporting access to nicotine vaping products among clients of residential drug and alcohol treatment services in Australia. The Tobacco Endgame CRE's World No Tobacco Day Symposium, Brisbane, 31 May 2023.

Nathan Harrison: Embedding smoking cessation into a potential lung cancer screening program: Australian tobacco control expert perspectives & "A core part of the whole thing...": Stakeholder views on offering smoking cessation support in lung cancer screening. 2023 World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC), Singapore, 9-12 September 2023.

Dr Christina Heris: Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua: Māori smokefree sovereignty to decolonising Australian policy. Australian Public Health Conference, Hobart, 26-28 September 2023.

Dr Cheneal Puljević: Should we be concerned about Australia's growing illicit tobacco market? & Assessing the effects of an inpatient brief intervention tool for smoking cessation. Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Adelaide, 12-15 November 2023.

Ara Cho: The impact of price-minimizing purchases on smoking cessation using longitudinal data from the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project in Australia. Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Adelaide, 12-15 November 2023.

Giang Vu: A systematic review and meta-analysis of the relationship between smoking and intelligence measures. Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Adelaide, 12-15 November 2023.

Dr Sam Brookfield: Transparent toilet blocks & vaping quokkas: Frame and content analysis of how the Australian media has reported on youth vaping. Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Adelaide, 12-15 November 2023.

Frankie Berardi: Profits over People: The case for prosecuting Australia's tobacco industry for homicide offences. 2023 Australasian Association of Bioethics & Health Law Conference, Brisbane, 19-22 November 2023.

Higher Degree Research Students

18 PhD students were affiliated with the Tobacco Endgame CRE in 2023, six of them commenced this year. Germaine Lai, Isabel Meciar, Frankie Berardi and Dave Sellars are studying at The University of Queensland. Ruth Canty and Zhou Yu are based at Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin. PhD scholarships have been awarded to Kiernan Thompson, Sohail Ahmad and Sisay Mengesha who will commence in 2024 in Prof Coral Gartner's team at The University of Queensland. Sarah Dowden-Parker will start her PhD in 2024 in Billie Bonevski's team at Flinders University.



Nathan Aust
The University of Queensland



Hollie Bendotti
The University of Queensland



Frankie Berardi
The University of Queensland



Ruth Canty
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Dr Carmen Lim
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Sarah Perkes
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Andrew Perusco
The Australian National University



Sally Plever
The University of Queensland



Tess Rooney
The University of Queensland



David Sellars
The University of Queensland



Tianze Sun
The University of Queensland



Giang Vu
The University of Queensland



Zhou Yu
Menzies School of Health Research

PhD Milestones

- First PhD progress review (confirmation of candidature) passed: **Ruth Canty, Nathan Harrison, Sally Plever, David Sellars, Giang Vu**
- Third PhD progress review passed: **Ara Cho**
- Thesis submitted: **Hollie Bendotti, Sarah Perkes**
- Thesis passed and PhD conferred: **Dr Carmen Lim**

Student Conference Highlights and Awards

Our PhD students are producing important and impactful research. CRE students presented 30 posters and oral presentations at 12 conferences, symposia and workshops across Australia plus four conferences overseas (US, Europe, Singapore) and received several awards. Highlights include:

Andrew Perusco was awarded a prestigious Sir Roland Wilson scholarship, a three-year, full pay scholarship for PhD research at ANU for high performing Australian Public Service employees.

Giang Vu was awarded two Statistical and Methodology Training Support Scholarships and a travel award for finalists of the 3 Minute Thesis Competition from UQ's School of Psychology.

Hollie Bendotti presented her research on conversational AI for smoking cessation at the 17th World Congress on Public Health in Rome. She was a finalist in the Rising Star category of the 2023 Metro North Research Excellence Awards, and she received high commendation in the Rising Star of Research category, The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) Staff Excellence Awards 2023.

Samantha Howe presented the results of a tobacco endgame modelling study for Aotearoa / New Zealand at the SRNT conference in San Antonio, Texas, and shared a novel approach to forecasting smoking rates across multiple sociodemographic groups in Australia at the Australasian Epidemiological Association Conference in Melbourne.

At the Preventive Health Conference in Adelaide, **Ruth Canty** presented *A global review of tobacco retail regulations*, and **Tess Rooney** gave a talk on *Reframing and counteracting tobacco industry: Narratives in the public policy process*.

Nathan Harrison presented stakeholder views on embedding smoking cessation support into lung cancer screening at the Australian Lung Cancer Conference, APSAD and Preventive Health Conference. His presentation on stigma-reducing interventions for lung cancer and other smoking-related respiratory diseases at the 2023 World Conference on Lung Cancer in Singapore attracted a lot of media attention. On another note, Nathan was listed in Out for Australia's 30 under 30 along with 29 other young leaders and LGBTQIA+ role models. Nathan is passionate about understanding the unmet needs of groups experiencing disproportionate harms from smoking and other modifiable health behaviours. He proudly advocates for breaking down the barriers that LGBTQIA+ professionals can face in the health and medical research sector.

CRE students from the University of Queensland presented their research at the Faculty of Medicine HDR Symposium and HDR Conference in November 2023 and received several awards:

Frankie Berardi won First Place and the People's Choice Award for his rapid-fire presentation *Profits over people: The case of prosecuting Australia's tobacco industry for homicide offences*.

Isabel Meciar won the Runner-up Best Poster Award for *A content analysis of illicit tobacco-related crimes reported in Australian media*.

Germaine Lai shared her scoping review on tobacco control interventions for populations living in public or social housing.

Sally Plever presented *Can improvement in the delivery of smoking cessation care be sustained in psychiatry inpatient settings through a system change intervention?* In addition, she received the Best Lightning Presentation Award at the Allied Health Research Symposium for this presentation and was awarded the Publishing Award Category 1 for her publication in the Australian & New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry.

Ara Cho presented *The impact of price-minimizing purchases on smoking cessation using longitudinal data from the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project in Australia* and received the Publishing Award Category 3 for her publication in Tobacco Control. Ara was also part of a panel, discussing *Industry placements - how to make the most out of the experience* and shared her placement experience at Cancer Council Victoria. Furthermore, Ara received an Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) EMCR scholarship to present at the APSAD conference in Adelaide.

CRE researchers **Dr Jani Leung** and **Dr Sam Brookfield** joined the HDR conference to share their personal experiences and useful advice for career pathways post-HDR as part of the Q&A panel.



Isabel Meciar presenting her poster at the HDR Symposium.



CRE PhD students Ara Cho, Isabel Meciar, Frankie Berardi and Germaine Lai from The University of Queensland.



Ara Cho sharing her placement experience at the HDR Symposium.

Work placements and research experience opportunities

The Tobacco Endgame CRE offered **placement opportunities** at The University of Queensland for four Bachelor of Health Sciences students, 11 Master of Public Health students, plus one **internship**. Students worked on various tobacco endgame related topics and supported current research activities in the CRE.

Public Health Registrar Dr Alice Sykes, joined the Tobacco Endgame CRE in August 2023 for a 6-month **Registrar Placement** at The University of Queensland. Her current work focuses on media reporting of tobacco endgame policies and the knowledge, among people who smoke and vape, of the harmful effects of smoking and vaping on the brain. In addition, she has been assisting in teaching the public health curriculum to MD students.

Honours Project

Kiernan Thompson completed his Honours project in Prof Coral Gartner's team at The University of Queensland. In his thesis, Kiernan assessed the validity of industry claims that public policy 'phasing out' tobacco retailers inadvertently intensifies domestic illicit tobacco markets. Kiernan will commence his PhD at UQ in 2024. His research focuses on drivers and deterrents of market demand for illicit tobacco, aimed at producing policy recommendations that minimize illicit tobacco use in Australia.

Summer Research Scholars

Two students gained valuable research experience in Prof Coral Gartner's team as part of the 2023 UQ Summer Research Program. Julia Yamazaki worked on a systematic review of interventions to reduce stigma associated with lung cancer and COPD. Elainor Cao analysed National Drug Strategy Household Survey Data for her research project.

KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

Knowledge dissemination is a key objective of the Tobacco Endgame CRE. Apart from communicating research findings to the broader scientific community via peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations, we use various public platforms to reach a wider audience and keep our partners and stakeholders informed. This includes sharing relevant Centre news, activities and team updates via the CRE website, email newsletters and social media posts on multiple platforms (Twitter/X, LinkedIn, Mastodon, Bluesky). CRE researchers and HDR students presented several webinars, spoke on podcasts and published 28 blog articles, which are all listed below.

Tobacco Endgame CRE Webinar Series

The Tobacco Endgame CRE hosted 5 webinars throughout 2023. Recordings are available on the [CRE YouTube channel](#).



A/Prof Natalie Walker kicked off the 2023 CRE Webinar Series with her talk *Research with impact: The evolution of research on e-cigarettes and cytisine for smoking cessation in New Zealand* on 21 February.



A/Prof Ryan Courtney from the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at UNSW presented *Text messaging for smoking cessation - a digital approach* on 23 March.



Prof Ron Borland and **Michael LeGrande** shared *Findings from the International Tobacco Control (ITC) project relevant to the tobacco endgame* on 22 June.



Dr Heewon Kang from Seoul National University discussed *Tobacco retailer density in South Korea and its association with cigarette, e-cigarette, and heated tobacco product use prevalence* on 6 October.



Dr Alys Havard and **Dr Danielle Tran** from the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at UNSW, shared *A multi-national study of the use, safety and effectiveness of smoking cessation pharmacotherapies during pregnancy* on 30 November.

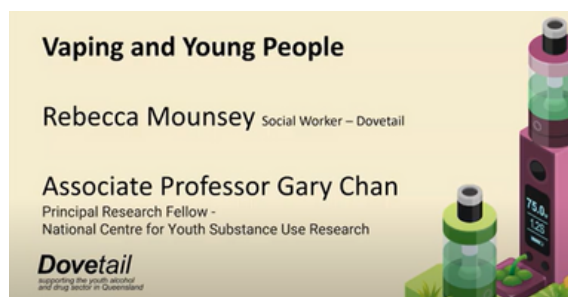
External Webinars

CRE researchers and PhD students delivered 12 webinars in 2023 for various organisations and audiences across Australia, New Zealand and the US.



Prof Janet Hoek presented *Imagining things otherwise: Aotearoa New Zealand's Tobacco Endgame* as part of the Institute for Global Tobacco Control (IGTC) monthly Innovations in Tobacco Control lecture series at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health on 9 March. A recording is available on the [IGTC YouTube channel](#).

On 18 April, PhD student **Andrew Perusco** discussed *Why has Australia failed to implement tobacco endgame policies and what might precipitate policy adoption?* This webinar was hosted by The Australian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs' (APSAD) Smoking Cessation Professionals Special Interest Group (ASCO-SIG).



A/Prof Gary Chan and Rebecca Mounsey presented *Vaping and young people* as part of the Insight Webinar Series on 17 May. [You can watch the recording here.](#)

Prof Janet Hoek shared New Zealand's vision and policies for a Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 as part of the Truth Initiative Impact Series *Gamechanger: Shifting from tobacco control to ending the industry's influence for good* on 12 July. The panel discussed the potential of the endgame movement, recent successes in the US and globally, and how to advance future efforts.



Prof Geoff Fong presented *Using research evidence to advance advocacy: Examples from the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project (the ITC Project)* as part of the ASH Webinar Series on 27 July. [A recording is available here.](#)

Dr Jude Ball presented *It's the first thing you think about when you wake up, and it's the last thing you think about when you go to sleep: Qualitative findings on nicotine vaping among 14-17 year olds'* at the ASPIRE Aotearoa Webinar on 24 August.

PhD student **Nathan Harrison** presented *The teachable moment of lung cancer screening: Stakeholder views and significant opportunities to offer cessation support* at the APSAD Smoking Cessation Professionals Special Interest Group Webinar on 29 August.



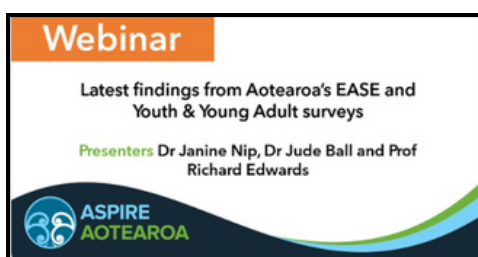
A/Prof Raglan Maddox shared *Ethical practice in researching commercial tobacco harm with Indigenous peoples* at the ASPIRE Aotearoa Webinar on 21 September.

Dr Carmen Lim and Brienna Rutherford presented their PhD findings on the online landscape of substance use at the Insight Webinar Series on 18 October. [The recording is available here.](#)



How can smoking cessation interventions be effectively integrated into a lung cancer screening program? PhD candidate **Nathan Harrison** presented insights from expert stakeholders in lung cancer screening, tobacco control and smoking cessation at the NDARC Webinar Series on 19 October. [Watch the recording here.](#)

Prof Coral Gartner, Prof Richard Edwards and colleagues discussed how tobacco industry transformation should be defined and assessed at this SRNT Virtual Event on 12 December: *Tobacco Industry Transformation - What is the current state of play?*



Dr Janine Nip, Dr Jude Ball and **Prof Richard Edwards** presented the latest findings on support for Smokefree policies from Aotearoa's ITC EASE survey (for adults) and ITC Youth & Young Adults survey (for people aged 16-29 years old) on 14 December as part of the ASPIRE Webinar Series.

Podcasts

Six CRE members commented on tobacco control topics and discussed their research on popular podcasts in 2023, reaching a wide audience in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the UK.



A/Prof Raglan Maddox discussed newly announced vaping reforms and the [Tackling Indigenous Smoking program](#) in this [Youth Jam podcast episode](#) on 2 May 2023.

PhD student **Nathan Harrison** talked about smoking cessation support in the context of the proposed national lung cancer screening program, which will commence in mid 2025. "Making sure the way in which smoking cessation support is offered and the conversations around this are non-stigmatising is crucial to encourage people to get involved." says Nathan. Listen to the [20PhDs in 20min podcast episode](#) of Einstein A Go-Go (Triple R FM) from 18 June 2023.



At the end of April 2025, Canada will be the first country to require health warnings to be printed on all individual cigarettes and little cigars. **Prof Geoffrey Fong** shared his work examining the effectiveness of tobacco control policies in this [Beyond the Bulletin podcast \(Episode 159\)](#), University of Waterloo, August 2023.

In the October episode of the [Let's talk e-cigarettes podcast](#), **A/Prof Natalie Walker** discussed her study exploring the effectiveness of nicotine salt vapes, cytisine, and a combination of these products, for smoking cessation in New Zealand. 800 participants were recruited for this three-arm, pragmatic, community-based randomised controlled trial. Results will be published in 2024.



**Up in smoke:
The end of NZ's
world-first
smokefree
laws**

Prof Janet Hoek offered an evidence-based debunking of the new National-led Government's justifications for repealing Smokefree legislation in New Zealand. Listen to episode 13 of the [Tova podcast, Up in smoke](#) from 30 November 2023.

Dr Joshua Trigg and other invited guests discuss the history of e-cigarette use, its rise in use amongst children and young people, and how to support them to kick the habit. Listen to Episode 8 - [Nicotine Gone Viral: The rise of vaping amongst young people](#) of the [Bright Psych podcast](#) from 15 December 2023.



Blog Articles

CRE researchers and students published 28 blog articles in 2023, including 13 *Public Health Expert Briefings*, three articles for *The Conversation* and two blogs for *Croakey Health Media*.

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Hoek J, **Ball J**, **Edwards R**, **Waa A**. Do Aotearoa's new vaping regulations go far enough? *Public Health Expert Briefing*, 7 June 2023.

Hoek J, **Ball J**, **Waa A**, **Edwards R**. Aping Aussie vaping. *Newsroom*, 12 May 2023.

Hoek J, DeMello A. Why tobacco companies' warnings about a black market are inflated – and misleading. *The Conversation*, 3 May 2023.

Hoek J, **Edwards R**, **Ball J**, Wilson N, Kerr J, Graham DeMello A, Ozarka E, Hardie L, Baker M, McCool J, **Waa A**. The Smokefree legislation is evidence-based, removing it is not. *Public Health Expert Briefing*, 30 Nov 2023.

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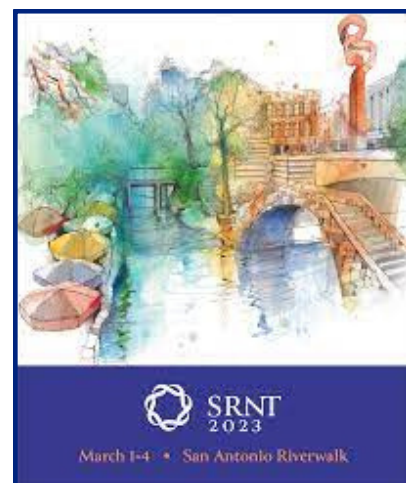
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

CRE researchers presented their work at several high-profile public health and tobacco control conferences across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the US, Europe and Singapore, delivering over 230 presentations and workshops. 2023 conference highlights and the full list of presentations are provided below.

SRNT 2023 Annual Meeting

The 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) was held in San Antonio, Texas, USA 1-4 March 2023. CRE researchers presented a total of 62 presentations. CRE Director **Prof Coral Gartner** chaired and received a high attendance award for the symposium '*Access to approved and unapproved nicotine products and smoking cessation support for general and priority populations: Policy and clinical practice implications*'. **Prof Billie Bonevski** received the SRNT Service Award for her service on the Board of Directors.



SRNT Oceania Symposium

This online symposium with panel discussion from the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) Oceania chapter on 28 April featured presentations given at the recent SRNT conference in San Antonio, Texas. Speakers included **Prof Coral Gartner**, **Prof Richard Edwards**, **Dr Kylie Morphett**, **Dr Cheneal Puljević**, **Dr Kristen McCarter** and **Dr Driss Ait Ouakrim** who presented some of the recent research happening in our region.

2023 Annual SRNT-E Conference



Several CRE members contributed to the research presented at the 2023 Annual SRNT-E Conference in London, 11-13 September. **Prof Geoff Fong** and

Prof Chris Bullen both chaired symposia and oral presentations on topics including current issues in smokeless tobacco research and policy, the prevalence, equity and impact of vaping among people with mental health conditions, and the development and implementation of smoking cessation in novel settings.

APSAD Scientific Drug and Alcohol Conference

The Tobacco Endgame CRE had a strong presence at this year's APSAD Scientific Drug and Alcohol Conference on 12-15 November in Adelaide, with CRE researchers and PhD students contributing over 40 presentations and posters, joining the Smoking Cessation Professionals Special Interest Group panel discussion and delivering a workshop.



Keynote speaker **Prof Chris Bullen** presents *A tale of two countries: Tackling tobacco across the Tasman.*



Dr Josh Trigg presents *South Australia's tobacco retail landscape and its intersection with socioeconomic factors and smoking prevalence.*

CERI Emerging Leaders Symposium

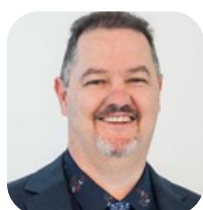
The Collaboration for Enhanced Research Impact (CERI) hosted an online national symposium with workshops for Early to Mid-Career Researchers and policy makers on 6-7 September 2023. **Dr Kylie Morphett** and PhD student **Tess Rooney** were members of the symposium organising committee. More than 200 participants attended across the events.

PhD student **Andrew Perusco** discussed the barriers and challenges of a tobacco control project for Arabic-speaking communities in Sydney's Southwest as part of Workshop 2 'Co-design with clinicians and consumers'. This session examined how co-creation and co-design between community members, researchers and policy makers is useful for addressing complex health problems.

[View the Workshop 2 recording HERE.](#)

Workshop 3 'Working with public health policy, law and regulation' was facilitated by **Dr Kylie Morphett**. **Prof Janet Hoek** presented a case study of public health policy in practice with the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan and a shift in focus from incremental to structural change. PhD candidate **Tess Rooney** shared practical tips for influencing policy in her presentation, covering policy briefs and submissions, the importance of stories, and the power of charts and graphs.

[View the Workshop 3 recording HERE.](#)



Full list of conference presentations and workshops

Ait Ouakrim D. Vaping and smoked tobacco endgame: SHINE-Tobacco policy modelling of net benefits. Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia – Youth Vaping Workshop; Brisbane 26–27 April 2023.

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SELECTED TALKS, SEMINARS AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

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