



Australian PR Network Meeting September 2025

Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday 30 September 2025

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm AEST

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDQkTlrMMa0>

Invitees: All Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR) Network Members

Meeting Chair: Professor Jennifer Alison

LFA Reps: Hailey Fisher, Sally Jacobs

Agenda

Topic	Resources
Welcome and acknowledgement to country Jennifer Alison (JA) opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement to Country and a summary of the meeting agenda.	
LFA staff transition Hailey Fisher (HF) announced her transition to managing the Lung Cancer Screening Program. Sally Jacobs (SJ) introduced herself as the new Pulmonary Exercise Program Manager at LFA.	

JA thanked Hailey for her contributions and welcomed Sally, highlighting her approachability and dedication.	
Launch BE WELL resources JA presented new culturally safe COPD resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and practitioners. Developed through NHMRC-funded research, the resources include: • A 2-minute animation • Illustrations and yarning scripts for seven educational topics (e.g., how the lungs work, COPD, medications, exercise, breathlessness, anxiety, healthy eating) • Lived experience illustrations and yarning scripts Resources are available on the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Toolkit website.	BE WELL Resources Lived Experience Resources
National Lung Cancer Screening Program HF presented an overview of the national lung cancer screening program. Key points included: • Government-funded initiative launched in July 2025 • Eligibility: Ages 50–70, 30 pack-year smoking history, asymptomatic • Screening: Bulk-billed low-dose CT scans and mobile screening units for rural/remote areas • Role of allied health professionals in promotion, support, and care coordination • Resources and e-learning modules available via LFA and government websites • Call the Lung Cancer Screening Helpline (1800 654 301) for questions about eligibility, each stage of the screening and assessment pathway, or to access resources and further information about the program • Questions addressed regarding increased COPD diagnosis through screening and resource implications	National Lung Cancer Screening Program information for healthcare providers Lung cancer screening resources Lung Cancer Screening Helpline

World COPD Day Russell Winwood (RW) presented on World COPD Day and the Big Baton Pass - a global 24-hour virtual event promoting COPD awareness and exercise. The event will include resource sharing, a live-streamed PR class, Tai Chi, harmonica therapy, patient stories, and more. RW also shared details about the Inogen Step Challenge, launched to promote participation and awareness. Facebook page: <i>COPD Athlete</i> for patient engagement and step challenge details.	World COPD Day Big Baton Pass Website
Australia & New Zealand Respiratory Audit Program (ANZRAP) JA provided an update on ANZRAP, which aims to assess the quality of inpatient care for those admitted with an exacerbation of COPD against the COPD Clinical Care Standard. Key points: • Focus on Statement 5: Referral to PR post-hospitalisation and commence PR within 4 weeks of discharge • Audit to occur across Australia and New Zealand in 2025 • Participating hospitals will receive de-identified data for internal use • Ethics approval via Monash University; site-specific approvals required • Asthma admissions will be audited in 2026, with alternating cycles for COPD and asthma each year	ANZRAP Website
LFA Announcement SJ announced the relaunch of the Lung Foundation Australia website (July 1, 2025). • Service directory listing PR programs is accessible via the "Find Support" button. SJ also announced the Lungs in Action (LIA) Program Transition:	

• LFA to discontinue governance and delivery of LIA by January 30, 2026 • Programs will operate independently under new branding • Referral pathways will be removed from the LFA website • SJ available for support and queries: sallyj@lungfoundation.com.au	
Other business, questions and Meeting Close JA thanked the speakers and PR Network members for joining. If members have any topics they would like covered in future Network meetings, or have any questions, please email pulmonaryrehabilitation@lungfoundation.com.au Next meeting: to be confirmed	