



# Research & Innovation Forum Cancer Research Outcomes

Identifying key themes and priorities to inform the development of the research component of the WA Cancer Plan 2020 - 2025.

## Key Priorities and Initiatives

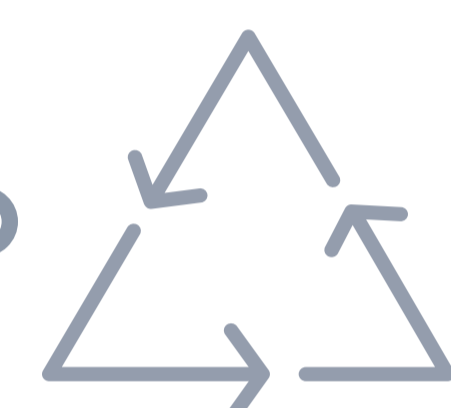
5 research themes were presented to delegates. For each of the themes the following were identified by participants to be priority areas for cancer research.

### Policy and Practice



- Increase engagement of the community and front line staff at the onset of research to aid implementation of findings.
- Provide clear mechanisms for translation of research findings into clinical practice.
- Address areas of under investment in cancer, especially for prevention.
- Ensure an independent and transparent process for setting, addressing, and implementing priorities.

### Partners



- Build meaningful partnerships between consumers, researchers and clinicians to understand their needs.
- Facilitate philanthropy partnerships coming together to fund strategic projects and provide critical mass.
- Facilitate network interaction via a transparent register of research activity, increased access to clinical trials, support for community education and informed participation and outcomes.

### People



- Support early and mid-career researchers through funding and mentoring, to grow the next generation of researchers to become leaders in the field.
- Support development of bioinformatic capacity across organisations
- Develop research mentoring programs.
- Provide a secure career structure for cancer researchers.

### Platforms



- Integrate molecular pathology and genomic sequencing for cancer patients in a timely and effective manner, and continue to incorporate new data generated by new technologies.
- Develop a "one-stop online shop" for community members that includes the latest statistics, clinical trials, support programs and other research and services.
- Update and enhance cancer data collections with staging and treatment data.
- Establish a state wide MDT database.

### Future Proofing



- Greater focus on prevention and early diagnosis.
- Development and support of a data set that will support present and future research.
- Establishment of survivorship clinics.
- Setting a cancer research agenda across the continuum of care.
- Facilitate clinical trials and research (must be easier to do than not to do).

## Forum Evaluation

### What was most valuable?

Being exposed to a range of different perspectives, opportunity for discussion, networking and collaboration.

100% participants agreed they were given the opportunity to actively contribute to the cancer research session and the session provided an opportunity to network.

### What can we do better?

Allocate more time for discussion and adopt a simplified process for prioritisation of discussion points and for the registration.

The majority of participants agreed that the presentations (82%) and the facilitated discussions (88%) were interesting and a valuable use of their time.