Cancer & Immunology Ideas Forum 2026

Monday 23 November 2026
NSW Teacher's Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills

PROGRAM

9:00 am	**Registrations Open**	
9:30 am	**Welcome to Country**	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
	Opening & Introductions	Organising Committee
9:45 am	**Keynote Presentation**	**Associate Professor James Wilmott** (Melanoma Institute Australia)
10:15 am	**Session 1:**	**Associate Professor Kara Vine-Perrow** (UOW) **Associate Professor Orazio Vittorio** (UNSW)
10:55 am	**Morning Tea**	
11:15 am	**Keynote Presentation**	**Professor Shane Grey** (UNSW)
11:45 am	**Session 2**:	**Dr Ruth Pidsley** (Garvan Institute for Medical Research) **Associate Professor Andrew Hoy** (The University of Sydney) - *Host metabolic and immune state sets the metastatic potential of the mouse lung in 4T1 breast cancer*
12:25 pm	**Lunch**	
1:25 pm	**PhD & EMCR Rapid-Fire Presentations**	*6-8 presentations*
2:05 pm	**Session 3**:	**Dr Mika Persson** (University of Newcastle) – *From the outside to within: Understanding systemic and local immunity in diffuse midline glioma to enhance immunotherapy responses* **Associate Professor John Park** (Macquarie University)
2:45 pm	**Afternoon tea**	
3:15 pm	**Sponsor Presentations**	*Millennium science presentation*
3:35 pm	**Industry-sponsored Awards to PhD & EMCR presenters**	
3:45 pm	**Keynote Presentation**	**Professor David Thomas** (UNSW)
4:15 pm	**Closing Remarks**	Organising Committee
4:25 pm	**Networking drinks**	