



Wild and Comparative Immunology (WACI) Workshop 2024



About the workshop

The [Wild Immunology group](#) at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania is sponsoring and organising this workshop. The primary research goal of the team is to develop an oral bait vaccine to protect Tasmanian devils from the devil facial tumour disease (DFTD). Day 1 of the workshop will be focused on Tasmanian devil immunology and vaccine research. Day 2 will cover other wild and comparative immunology topics. Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea will be provided both days!

When

The workshop will take place in Hobart, Tasmania on 1-2 February, 2024.

Venue

RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel – [Collins Room](#)
10% discount if at least 8 rooms are booked at RACV with:
Block Code: pending
Reference: pending

2024 Program

Thursday, 1 February 2024

0815 - 0900	Workshop registration open Location: RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel – Collins Room
Session 1	Devil facial tumour disease Session chair:
0900 – 0915	Andrew Flies - Welcome to WACI 2024 Platinum sponsor – Introduction
0915 – 0945	Ruth Pye – Devil facial tumour disease and prior vaccines
0945 – 1015	Chrissie Ong – Devil immunology
1015 – 1030	Anna Schönlichler – DFT1/2 therapeutics
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea
Session 2	Devil vaccine
1100 – 1145	Andrew Flies – devil vaccine update

1145 – 1200	Devil vaccine discussion
1200 - 1300	Lunch - provided at the venue
Session 3	Student talks Session chair:
1300 – 1315	
1315 – 1330	
1330 - 1345	
1345 - 1400	
1400 - 1415	
1415 - 1430	
1430 - 1500	Afternoon tea
1500 - 1630	Day 1 summary and discussion
1800 – 2000	Science in the Pub – WACI pub talk (click to register) Location: pending <u>Panellists</u> Pending Pending Pending <i>Free nibbles at the event</i>
Friday, 2 February 2024	
0830 - 0900	Arrival and networking Location: RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel – Collins Room
Session 4	Bridging human and wildlife research Session chair: pending
0900 – 0930	A/Prof Fred Bunz (MD, PhD) – Johns Hopkins University
0930 – 1000	
1000 - 1030	
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea

Session 5	Student talks Session chair: pending
1100 – 1115	
1115 – 1130	
1130 – 1145	
1145 - 1200	

1200 - 1300	Lunch – provided at the venue
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Session 6	
1300 – 1330	Summary and discussion
1330 – 1500	Manuscript outline(s) – Andrew Flies

1500 – 1530	Afternoon tea
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Session 7	Synthesis and strategy
1530 - 1630	Funding plans (e.g. ARC Centre of Excellence (CoE) 2026)

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Transportation

Airports:

[Hobart Airport](#) ~20 minute drive to conference venue; buses and taxis available

[Launceston Airport](#) ~2 hour drive to conference venue

Things to do nearby

[Mount Field National Park](#) ~ 90 minutes

[Bruny Island](#) ~ 30 minute drive + 30 minute ferry ride

[Port Arthur Historic Site](#) ~ 90 minutes

[Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary](#) ~ 30 minutes

[Freycinet National Park](#) ~ 2 hours 30 minutes

[Mount Wellington – Kunanyi](#) ~ 30 minutes

[Museum of Old and New Art \(MONA\)](#) ~ 20 minutes

[Cradle Mountain National Park](#) ~ 4 hours



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