

Scientific Reference Group: Terms of Reference (August 2022)

Preamble

The Scientific Reference Group (SRG) comprises scientific experts in the various scientific disciplines contributing to the study who will provide input into the study directions. These include, but are not limited to: toxicology, psychiatry, sociodemography, biostatistics etc.

Meetings and Membership

Meeting at once a year, by tele-/video-conferencing or face-to-face. Meetings are minuted and are publicly available via the Study website. SRG members are consulted out-of-session, reviewing study findings for which they have particular expertise.

The SRG comprises:

- Professor Ross Coppel (Chair), Deputy Dean Innovation and Strategy, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University
- Professor Michael Abramson, Monash University – Principal Investigator
- Laureate Professor John Attia, University of Newcastle
- Dr Jillian Blackman, Senior Project Manager, Monash University
- Mr Danny Brazzale, Senior Respiratory Scientist, Austin Hospital
- Dr Matthew Carroll, Acting Co-Investigator (Gippsland), Monash University
- Dr Beth Edmondson
- Professor Anna Hansell, University of Leicester
- Dr Melita Keywood, Senior Principal Research Scientist, Climate Science Centre of CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere
- Associate Professor Rebecca Kippen, School of Rural Health, Monash University
- Professor Sherene Loi, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Professor Alexander McFarlane, University of Adelaide
- Professor Rory Wolfe, School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Monash University
- Professor Graeme Zosky, School of Medicine, University of Tasmania

Other members may be co-opted into the group as the study progresses.

Terms of Reference

The specific roles of the SRG are to:

1. Assist the academic leads and stream leaders develop their research plans

2. Monitor the progress of the study's research activities
3. Provide the academic leads and stream leaders with ongoing advice
4. Review protocols and adherence
5. Function as a data monitoring and safety board in the event of adverse responses or complaints
6. Consider proposals for new research activities or streams
7. Identify potential new collaborations and recruits
8. Provide guidance on the annual review of research activity, and consider and endorse the review report.