

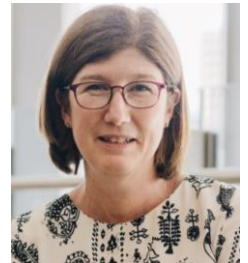
## CRE PFI Newsletter 2024

Welcome to the NHMRC Funded CRE Prevention of Fall-related Injuries newsletter. We hope you are staying healthy and safe across Australia. In this edition we feature some of the important upcoming events for the CRE 2024 year and outline some of the achievements from our investigators, early career researchers and students.

### CRE PFI 2024 achievements

We are proud to announce **Professor Jacqueline Close** has been recognised in the Australia Day Honours this year.

Jacqui was honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to medical research and to medicine as an Orthogeriatrician.



Congratulations to **Mr Rik Dawson** in submitting his PhD.

**Dr Marina De Barros Pinheiro** (CRE Early Career research fellow) was involved in developing a knowledge synthesis with other CERI members. This work which includes some of our projects has been published recently:

Wolfenden L, Nathan N, Turon H, McCrabb S, Stickney B, Signy H, Rychetnik L, Crane M, Lee K, Pinheiro M, Sutherland R. Implementing policies and programs in prevention: Synthesis of knowledge from The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre and CERI. Sydney, Australia: The Sax Institute, 2024.

<https://preventioncentre.org.au/resources/implementing-policies-and-programs-in-prevention/>



**Save the date for #FallsForum24 - Friday, 7th June 2024**

NSW Fall Prevention and Healthy Ageing Network Annual Forum 2024

*Wesley Conference Centre Sydney 220 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW*

## Meet some of our CRE Members

### **Dr Meghan Ambrens (Postdoctoral Fellow Falls, Balance and Injury Research Centre NeuRA) CRE-PFI affiliated Member**

Meghan's PhD evaluated technology-delivered fall prevention programs for community-dwelling older people. Her research to date has explored the effectiveness, acceptability and economic evaluation of technology-delivered programs, including factors affecting adherence to fall prevention programs. Meghan's research interest is in qualitative research, preventive health, healthy ageing and the translation and implementation of research to policy and practice. She is currently involved in a study to test the effectiveness of social media in the dissemination of knowledge about falls prevention in older people on Falls prevention.



### **Dr. Veethika Nayak (PhD candidate at The University of Sydney)**

Dr. Veethika Nayak is an overseas-trained physician, completing her medical training in 2016. With a rich background in clinical and public health settings, she's gained invaluable experience in casualty departments and community health services. She is a Research Manager for inpatient falls research at the Institute for Musculoskeletal Health and is at the forefront of advancing patient safety and outcomes, focusing on understanding inpatient falls and implementing preventive measures. Currently she is enrolled as a PhD candidate at the University of Sydney under the guidance of supervisors Dr Marina Pinheiro and Professor Cathie Sherrington. Her research delves into the crucial link between healthcare provider well-being and quality of care, aiming to enhance healthcare delivery and patient outcomes under the guidance of supervisors DR Marina and Professor Cathie Sherrington.



### **Hospital Fall Prevention Seminar**

Please join us for a seminar with **Professor Anne-Marie Hill**, an expert in fall prevention, Physiotherapist and NHMRC Investigator Grant holder visiting from Western Australia. We will also hear from Charlotte McLennan, SLHD PROTECT Fall Prevention Program and Research Manager, Physiotherapist, and PhD candidate. The session will focus on evidence updates and insights on reducing falls in hospitals.

**Time: 4-5pm, Wednesday, 13th March 2024**

John Greenaway Room 4.2, Kerry Packer Education Centre, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

You can register to attend here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hospital-fall-prevention-seminar-tickets-856652028277?aff=oddtcreator>

### **CRE PFI Seminar 1 2024**

**Technology to support exercise to prevent falls in community dwellers.**

Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 1pm

### **CRE PFI Planning Day 2024**

Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 12pm