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# Randwick Precinct Cancer Roundtable



**Health**  
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## Consumers and Research:

### Why they should be involved in your research and what you may be missing

**Nelune  
Comprehensive  
Cancer Centre**

**20th of August 2019, 12:30 – 13:30** (Lunch provided from noon)  
Edmund Blacket Functions Room, Prince of Wales Hospital

An interactive session facilitated by A/Professor Phoebe Phillips

#### **Gino Iori**

My Brother David Iori was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer in 2011 and was told that he had only one month to live. He was fit and healthy with no prior health issues so his diagnosis at age 49 came as a shock, not only to him, but also to his family and friends.

With no cure for his cancer, David underwent palliative chemotherapy and I witnessed the rapid deterioration in his health during that period. David passed away after a three-and-a-half month battle with cancer.

Deeply affected by his death, I searched for an avenue where I could be of help in finding a cure for pancreatic cancer. I got in contact with Cancer Voices and they matched me up with research teams seeking consumer involvement.



#### **Kathryn Leaney**

Following a diagnosis of breast cancer (ductal carcinoma in situ) in 2012 and the subsequent treatment she received (mainly surgery) in 2012- 2013, Kathryn wanted to contribute to a world where others could be spared the angst she went through with the surgery. And she didn't wait around too long. Right after her surgeries in 2013, Kathryn completed the Cancer Council NSW Consumer and Advocacy training. Since then she has been actively involved in consumer activities including involvement in several research projects from universities and research institutes and has served on consumer review panels for both CCNSW (2013 and 2014) and National Breast Cancer Foundation (2014).

She has a particular interest in early diagnosis – in particular the development of less invasive ways to detect some cancer types (for example, breast cancer). She is also interested in influencing the way clinicians deal with patients when they are first diagnosed – to help patients and their families work their way through the maze of information they confront at a difficult time. She wants to see a world where cancer is better understood, and doctors and researchers treat patients as people.

