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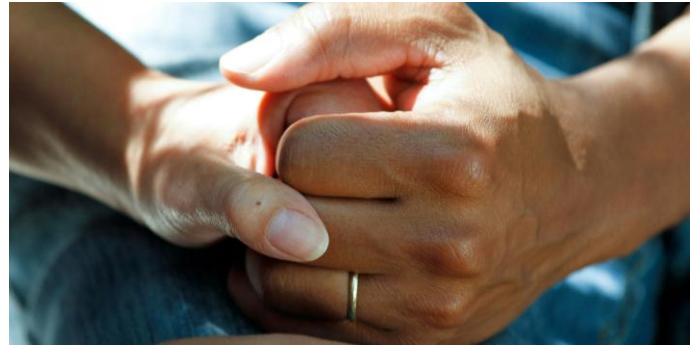
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RECAP: AUGUST QUARTERLY UPDATE

The August Quarterly Update, held on Tuesday 25 August, was a great success, with strong attendance from across the consortium and broader sector for a session focused entirely on Work Package 6 and the national agenda for automating Clinical Quality Registry data in Australia.

Under the theme *Building the Backbone*, the session opened with Nick Cristofani-Wykes (Movember) framing the goals of Work Package 6, the dual-track delivery model, and progress to date. Danica Cossio (Cancer Alliance Queensland) then shared the Australian Brain Cancer Registry's journey to full automation: the technical and governance architecture that made it possible, the measurable benefits realised, and the honest lessons learned along the way. Fraser Brims (Curtin University) followed with a case study of the Lung Cancer Data Quality Platform, showcasing an approach where automation was treated as a foundational design requirement rather than a retrofit. The session closed with Nous Group presenting emerging findings from their national feasibility assessment and business case work.

Thank you to all who joined, contributed questions, and continue to shape this work. To catch up, the Quarterly Update will be available shortly [here](#). The next Quarterly Update will be held in November with details to follow in a future edition of the newsletter.



WE'RE HEADED TO ADELAIDE: JOIN US AT THE ACCN INNOVATIONS SHOWCASE

We're pleased to share that the Pan Cancer Initiative team will be at the Australian Comprehensive Cancer Network (ACCN) Innovations Showcase 2026 in Adelaide next month with two contributions to the program.

Our poster, The Australian Real World Cancer Evidence Network (Pan Cancer Initiative): ACCN-Aligned National Reporting and Visualisation of Patient-Reported Data: Pathways to Networked National Reporting, will be on display throughout the showcase and the National Cancer Data Framework Symposium and explores how a nationally networked approach to patient-reported data reporting could be realised within the ACCN framework.

We will also be presenting From Consensus to Implementation: Lessons from the Australian Real World Cancer Evidence Network (Pan Cancer Initiative) for Delivering ACCN-Aligned Networked Activities under the Australian Cancer Plan, a session drawing on the initiative's experience of moving from strategic intent through consensus-building and into practical delivery.

The presentation will be part of Session 3: Concurrent Session - Innovation in Action- Networked Comprehensive Cancer Care: Data, Clinical Trials, and Research (Hall B), 1:35-1:55pm.



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WORK PACKAGE 6: DATA AUTOMATION – BUSINESS CASE

Nous Group are close to completing the second stage of their engagement under Work Package 6, the national business case for data automation across the ten Pan Cancer Clinical Quality Registries.

The business case is focused on four potential pathways for automation, each addressing different points in the CQR data cycle:

- Digital survey platforms for the collection of PROMs and PREMs
- Natural language processing (NLP) and intelligent document processing tools
- Data linkage, enabled by de-identification
- Interoperability platforms

We would like to thank everyone across the CQR network, the jurisdictions, and the broader sector who have engaged with Nous Group throughout this work. The strength of the final output will be a direct reflection of the openness and generosity with which stakeholders shared their perspectives, systems knowledge, and lived operational experience.

Once the business case is finalised, the next phase of Work Package 6 will focus on prioritising these opportunities, determining which investment will deliver the greatest value across the CQR community and how the findings can be translated into practical, sector-led action. Summarised findings will be made publicly available in due course.



WORK PACKAGE 3: NOUS GROUP APPOINTED, WORK PLAN CONFIRMED

Following the competitive RFP process reported in the previous edition, we are pleased to announce that Nous Group has been selected as the successful vendor to lead Work Package 3: the national program of discovery, feasibility, and readiness activities that will shape the future of patient-reported data reporting and visualisation in Australia.

The evaluation panel assessed a strong field of proposals, and Nous Group's response stood out for its structured stage-gated methodology, deep experience across cancer control and national health data strategy, and established relationships with CQRs, jurisdictions, and national agencies.

Their proposed approach follows the three-stage structure set out in the RFP. Stage 1 (Discovery and Landscape) will map current PROMs and PREMs collection practices, systems, governance arrangements, and data flows across the ten in-scope CQRs and broader ecosystem. Stage 2 (Feasibility and Readiness) will assess feasibility across technical, governance, legal, and operational domains, and develop an indicative national reporting model with design options. Stage 3 (Recommendations and Reporting) will synthesise findings into prioritised short- and long-term pathways.

The engagement will be led by Ian Brownwood as Project Director, supported by a team spanning cancer, health data, and international jurisdictional expertise. Work commences shortly, with updates to follow.

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