

All Surgical fellows, Surgical trainees, Pre-set, Medical students are invited to attend.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

RACS QUEENSLAND

BREAK THE BIAS



Morning Tea Provided

Saturday 12 March at 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Customs House

399 Queen St, Brisbane City QLD 4000

Fellows: \$40 | Trainees & Med Students: \$20

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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

9:30am	REGISTRATION	IWD
10:00am	ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY	IWD MC
10:10am	ROSSLYN WALKER	RACS SPEAKER Surgeon
10:30am	SABA ABRAHAM	RACS SPEAKER Business Owner & Community Leader
10:50am	Q & A	RACS SPEAKERS Speaking Panel
11:15am	REFRESHMENTS	IWD Complimentary

INVITED SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



ROSSLYN WALKER

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BIO: ROSSLYN WAS AWARDED FRACS IN GENERAL SURGERY IN 1976 AND AS PAEDIATRIC SURGEON IN 1979. SHE WORKED FOR QUEENSLAND HEALTH FOR 47 YEARS AS RMO, SURGICAL REGISTRAR, THEN CONSULTANT VMO SURGEON. ROSSLYN WAS ELECTED AS THE FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF PAEDIATRIC SURGEONS IN 2002 AND WAS APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF SURGERY AT ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN 1997. SHE BECAME A MEDICAL STAFF REPRESENTATIVE IN NUMEROUS HOSPITAL COMMITTEES AT BOTH BRISBANE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS. SHE IS COMMITTED TO BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND POST GRADUATE TEACHING WITH UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF CHILD HEALTH AND RACS BOARD OF PAEDIATRIC SURGERY. ROSSLYN HAS HAD NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH CLINICAL, GENETIC AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY RESEARCH GROUPS FOR NEONATAL HYPERINSULINISM. HER OTHER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE SAFETY IN HEALTH SERVICE, INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES IN BURNS AND TRAUMA. ALTHOUGH ROSSLYN IS NOW RETIRED FROM THE WORKPLACE, SHE IS MAINTAINING AN INTEREST IN PAEDIATRIC SURGICAL ACTIVITIES AT QCH.



SABA ABRAHAM

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BIO: SINCE ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA AS A REFUGEE FROM ERITREA, SABA ABRAHAM HAS DEDICATED HER TIME TO SUPPORTING OTHER REFUGEES, UPLIFTING HER COMMUNITY, BUILDING MULTICULTURALISM MORE BROADLY IN AUSTRALIA AND WAS NOMINATED FOR AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR 2022. SHE IS A QUEENSLAND STATE RECIPIENT LOCAL HERO OF 2022. DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN 2020, SABA PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN PREVENTING ITS SPREAD IN QUEENSLAND AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BRISBANE COMMUNITY LEADERS GATHERING. THE GROUP OF LEADERS FROM CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES ENSURED PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGES WERE TRANSLATED DIRECTLY INTO A RANGE OF LANGUAGES SO THAT ALL PEOPLE COULD RECEIVE DETAILED AND TIMELY INFORMATION.

IN ADDITION, SABA IS THE FOUNDER AND MANAGER OF MU'OOZ RESTAURANT IN BRISBANE'S WEST END. SINCE 2003, THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE RESTAURANT AND CATERING BUSINESS HAS PROVIDED EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE ARRIVED AS REFUGEES. SINCE INCEPTION, MU'OOZ HAS TRAINED AND EMPLOYED MORE THAN 270 WOMEN.

SABA'S CARING, COMPASSIONATE AND LOVING LEADERSHIP HAS EARNED HER THE TITLE 'MAMA SABA', AN HONORARY EXPRESSION THAT RECOGNISES EVERYTHING SHE DOES FOR HER COMMUNITY.