

Rehabilitation, Ageing, and Independent Living (RAIL) Research Centre

Designing health economic evaluations short course

About this short course

Economic evaluations of health interventions provide useful information to policy makers, payers, health professionals, patients and the public regarding the choices that affect health and the use of finite resources.

This course will introduce participants to the foundational concepts of health economics. Topics that will be covered include:

- Introduction to health economics
- Economic evaluation reporting guidelines
- Critical review of published economic evaluations
- Social return on investment
- Health economic data demonstration
- Designing an economic evaluation

The course will take a practical applied approach that includes a combination of interactive seminars, case studies, and small group activities.

Who should attend?

- Health care and social service clinical staff, leaders, managers and quality team members
- University academics (researchers and teaching staff)
- HDR students (e.g. PhD or Masters students)

Short course details

Date

Friday 19th June 2026

Time

9.00am – 4.00pm AEST
(registration opens 8.30am)

Venue

Monash University Peninsula Campus
47 - 49 Moorooduc Hwy
Frankston VIC 3199

Cost

- Standard **\$880** (incl. GST)
- Monash University RAIL Research Centre [Members](#) (Monash) and [Partners](#) (non-Monash) **\$790** (incl. GST)
- Group booking discount: 10 participants for **\$6,000** (incl. GST) – contact us at spahc.rail@monash.edu

Course fee includes:

- a one-on-one 30-min post course consultation in the following 3-month
- catering and parking throughout the day

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Or scan the QR code

Registration closes Friday 29th May 2026
(unless quota reached prior)

Speaker profiles



Associate Professor Natasha Brusco (RAIL Research Centre, Monash University)

Associate Professor Natasha (Tarsh) Brusco, Director of the Rehabilitation, Ageing and Independent Living (RAIL) Research Centre, is an experienced physiotherapist and health economist, with 20 years of health service experience in clinical, management and leadership roles across multiple public and private services. Associate Professor Brusco's expertise in health economics includes statewide cost-effectiveness evaluation within the public health sector, international economics evaluation across the UK and Canada as well as providing health economics workshops and mentoring across Victoria and New South Wales.



Dr Sara Whittaker (RAIL Research Centre, Monash University)

Dr Whittaker is an occupational therapist who conducted a process and economic evaluation of a rehabilitation self-management intervention, My Therapy, as part of her PhD program of research. Sara has previously held senior and leadership roles in acute, subacute and community rehabilitation settings. She is passionate about evidenced based practices in healthcare and is currently working as a research fellow and health economist at the RAIL Research Centre.



Professor Terry Haines, AM (School of Primary and Allied Health Care, Monash University)


Professor Haines is the Head of the School of Primary and Allied Health Care, Monash University. He has a professional background in physiotherapy and has worked in research roles embedded within health services for over 15 years. Professor Haines has expertise in health economics and has developed innovative health economics evaluation and modelling techniques. His primary research interest is in improving the allocation of health care resources to better meet emerging community needs and reducing waste.

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