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Toowoomba's first bowel cancer awareness event

DARLING Downs Hospital and Health Service's Health Promotion Office Claire Condon will present a talk at Toowoomba's first bowel cancer and ostomy lifestyle event on November 15.

Claire will talk about the Queensland Bowel Cancer Screening Program at the one-day event.

"Bowel cancer is a disease that directly affects more than 14,000 Australians each year," Claire said.

"Sadly, it takes the lives of almost 80 Australians every week and has the distinction of being Australia's second biggest cancer killer after lung cancer."

In her role as a Health Promotion Officer, Claire promotes the uptake of the free bowel cancer screening program which is open to all Australian residents aged 50, 55, 60 and 65 years.

"The event will be a good opportunity to talk about the prevention and awareness of bowel cancer," Claire said.

"There will be presentations from people who have experienced bowel cancer as well as information from clinicians.

"There will also be giant inflatable 'bowel', which will be set up by Bowel Cancer Australia."

The free event will be held at the City Golf Club from 9am to 4pm.

Stalls and information available will include bowel health and cancer prevention; local and national support, and diet and exercise.

For more information contact Claire Condon on 4616 6848.

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