



We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where we will gather. We acknowledge and respect the Whadjuk Nyoongar people's cultural, spiritual and physical connection with their land, waterways and community, and pay respect to Elders past and present.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that the program and/or sessions may contain images, voices and names of people who have passed.

Thank you to our Program Partner:



Wednesday, 2 September 2026

1500-1800	Exhibition Bump In	Parmelia Hilton, L1
1800-2100	Student Night <i>We welcome all registered students to join us at the Student Night ahead of the 2026 Program.</i> <i>This informal gathering provides a great opportunity to connect with fellow students, build new relationships, and network before the conference sessions commence.</i>	The Globe, Perth CBD

Thursday, 3 September 2026 | Safe in Culture

0730	Registration Desk opens	Parmelia Hilton, L1
0800-0845	Smoking Ceremony Nick Abraham, Warrang-Bridil	Parmelia Hilton Piazza
0845-0900	Welcome to Country Nick Abraham, Warrang-Bridil	Argyle Ballroom
0900-0915	Welcome to the AIDA 2026 Conference Dr Jonathan Newchurch Video Address & Phillip Saunders (new AIDA CEO)	Argyle Ballroom
0915-0925	Grounding & Intentions for AIDA Conference 2026 Dr Alicia Veasey	Argyle Ballroom
0925-1000	Keynote Presentation Dr Lorraine Anderson Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services <i>Chairperson: Dr Alicia Veasey</i>	Argyle Ballroom
1000-1015	Fireside Yarn with Dr Lorraine Anderson <i>Facilitated by: Dr Alicia Veasey</i>	Argyle Ballroom
1015-1045	Morning Refreshments & Trade Exhibition	Parmelia Hilton
1045-1100	If you're joining sessions at the Knowledge Exchange, please follow the signage and make your way to Level 4 at Cliftons Perth and settle in.	

1045-1230	Concurrent Session 1 Workshops & Presentations				
	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton <i>Sessions: 1045-1230</i>	KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE Level 4, Cliftons Perth <i>Sessions: 1100-1215</i>			
	Argyle Ballroom	Room 4.02	Room 4.03	Rooms 4.04-4.05	Rooms 4.06-4.08
	CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE <i>Chairperson: Dr Alicia Veasey</i>	OUR (STUDENT) DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Chairperson: Dr Brodie Seymour</i>	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Workshop</i>	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Workshop</i>	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Workshop</i>
	Embedding Cultural Safety - What the work looks like (#41) Belinda Gibb, Australian Medical Council Equalising power relations to drive systemic change in Health Regulation (#64) Melissa Browning & Prof Yin Paradies, AHPRA Building a Culturally Safe Complaints Process (#66) Courtney Garrett-Jackey & Margaret McCallum, AHPRA From Yarning to Action: Strengthening Cultural Safety Through Accreditation Standards (#100) Madeleine Novak & Belinda Gibb, Australian Medical Council	What's Up With the North? Stories of Mob, Medicine, Belonging (#19) Jennifer Gulson, James Cook University Looking In, Looking Out: Indigenous Pedagogies in Australian Medical Education (#21) Emma Milliss, Macquarie Medical School Through Research and Medicine: An Aboriginal Student's Journey in Health (#94) Taleah Ugle, The Kids Research Institute Knowledge Exchange Yarn: Our Culture in Medical Training and Education	Healing the healer: Embodied approach to practitioner wellbeing (#35) Dr Jessica Wade, Embodied Sexual Therapy	Gawu Buru: Real World life as a Junior Doctor (#20) Dr Natalie Gordon & Prof Katrina Anderson, The Riverland Hospital South Australia	Session TBC
	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Chairperson: TBC</i>				
	A business case for the RACMA Leadership for Clinicians program (#110) Dr Ryan Pieters, Dr Annalyse Crane & Dr Narawi Foley Boscott, University of New South Wales				
1215-1230	For those finishing up at the Knowledge Exchange sessions, please make your way back to the Gathering Space at Parmelia Hilton.				
1230-1330	Lunch & Trade Exhibition Meet the Editor Meet the following extraordinary Editor in the Registration Foyer during this break - Professor Ginny Barbour Medical Journal of Australia				Parmelia Hilton
1330-1345	If you're joining sessions at the Knowledge Exchange, please follow the signage and make your way to Level 4 at Cliftons Perth and settle in.				
	Concurrent Session 2 Workshops & Cultural Activities				

1330-1530	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton <i>Sessions: 1330-1530</i>	KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE Level 4, Cliftons Perth <i>Sessions: 1345-1515</i>				
	Argyle Ballroom	Room 4.02	Room 4.03	Rooms 4.04-4.05	Rooms 4.06-4.08	
	GROUNDING IN CULTURE <i>Workshop</i>	GROUNDING IN CULTURE <i>Activity</i>	GROUNDING IN CULTURE <i>Activity</i>	GROUNDING IN CULTURE <i>Activity</i>	GROUNDING IN CULTURE <i>Activity</i>	
	Bush Medicine in Secondary and Tertiary Hospitals in Western Australia (#11) Dr Lorraine Anderson KAMS	Dance Workshop: Learn & practice the AIDA Dance Led by Dr Brodie Seymour & Dr Alicia Veasey <i>Recommended activity for AIDA Members attending PRIDOC</i>	Noongar Language Class Led by Yalkarang Consulting	Cultural Wellbeing in Practice: Using Culture for Self-Care (#16) Jaime Rayson & Robyn Jean, Joint Colleges Training Service	1345-1415 Happy Soul Strong Spirit: a unique cultural music and healing experience Led by Ken Hayward	
	SESSION ENDS AT 1430	SESSION ENDS AT 1445			1445-1515 Happy Soul Strong Spirit: a unique cultural music and healing experience Led by Ken Hayward	
1515-1530	For those finishing up at the Knowledge Exchange sessions, please make your way back to the Gathering Space at Parmelia Hilton.					
1530-1600	Afternoon Refreshments & Trade Exhibition				Parmelia Hilton	
1600-1650	Plenary Session Panel 1: Healing Strong with Culture at the Centre Panellists: Chris ‘Bandirra’ Lee, Australian Medical Council Dr Gene Slockee, Northern NSW LHD Sharnell Avery, Curtin University Dr Talila Milroy, RACGP <i>How do we keep culture at the heart of our leadership, medicine and communities?</i> <i>This yarn brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to explore how culture continues to strengthen identity, guide healing, and shape the future of our profession and health systems.</i> <i>Chairperson: Dr Nathan Passi</i>				GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton	
1650-1700	Day 1 Reflections & Closing Dr Alicia Veasey				GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton	
1700-1800	AIDA Members Forum & AGM				GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton	
1800-2000	Welcome Reception <i>Welcome to Whadjuk Country!</i> <i>Join us as we come together to celebrate the opening of the AIDA 2026 Conference. Reconnect with friends and colleagues, make new connections, and enjoy an evening of conversation, delicious food, and a vibrant atmosphere. It's the perfect way to begin what promises to be an inspiring few days. All delegates are warmly welcome.</i> Cultural Performance: Corroboree for Life Entertainment: Rhys Bedford				Parmelia Hilton	

Friday, 4 September 2026 | Strong in Care

0800	Registration Desk opens				Parmelia Hilton, L1
0830-0840	Welcome & Intentions for Day 2 Dr Olivia O’Donoghue				Argyle Ballroom
0840-0845	Senator the Hon. Malarndirri McCarthy Video Address Minister for Indigenous Australians				Argyle Ballroom
0845-0920	Keynote Presentation Associate Professor Aunty Vicki Wade ¹ , Associate Professor Glenn Pearson ² & Dr Benjamin Jones ³ Menzies School of Health Research The Kids Research Institute Australia University of Oxford Chairperson: Dr Narawi Foley Boscott				Argyle Ballroom
0920-0930	Fireside Yarn with Associate Professor Aunty Vicki Wade, Associate Professor Glenn Pearson & Dr Benjamin Jones Facilitated by: Dr Narawi Foley Boscott				Argyle Ballroom
0930-0945	Group Photo Follow the guides to the outdoor location of this year’s group photo, taking place outside of Parmelia Hilton following the Keynote Presentation.				Outdoors at the Parmelia Hilton Follow staff and volunteers
0945-1015	Morning Refreshments & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors in the Exhibition Hall during this break - Strengthening Indigenous Health Liaison Pathways in the Emergency Department (#63) Dr Ella Ceolin, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital				Parmelia Hilton
1015-1030	If you’re joining sessions at the Knowledge Exchange, please follow the signage and make your way to Level 4 at Cliftons Perth and settle in.				
1015-1230	Concurrent Session 3 Workshops & Presentations				
	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton Sessions: 1015-1230	KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE Level 4, Cliftons Perth Sessions: 1030-1215			
	Argyle Ballroom	Room 4.02	Room 4.03	Rooms 4.04-4.05	Rooms 4.06-4.08
	CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE Chairperson: Dr Tanika Ridgeway	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING Workshop	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING Workshop	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING Workshop	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING Workshop

	Improving Cultural Safety and Care Continuity for Indigenous ICU Patients (#25) Matt Schumacher, Thurru Indigenous Health Unit- University of Newcastle First Nations People's Experiences of Cancer in the Northern Territory (#30) Samantha Ludwig, Flinders University SNAP Trial Cultural Information Hub: Guiding culturally safe clinical research (#49) Brooke Garlett, The Kids Research Institute Australia SISTAQUIT: smoking cessation care for pregnant First Nations women (#75) A/Prof Marilyn Clarke, Southern Cross University Strengthening workforce wellbeing: supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors in training through culturally safe pathways (#112) Brie Woods & Melissa Browning, Ahpra Eliminating Trachoma in Australia: A Milestone in Indigenous Eye Health (#31) Dr Sorren Thomas, RVEEH Knowledge Exchange Yarn	Recognising and managing pericardial effusions: An ICU simulation based workshop (#104) Dr Ebrahim Ebid, St John of God Midland Public Hospital, Dr Corynn Goh, Royal Perth Hospital, & Dr Michelle Ross-King, St John of God Midland Public Hospital and Albany Health Campus	Seeing, Sharing, Starting-out: Practical Foundations of Eye Health (#96) Dr Thomas Mylne, RANZCO	Anaesthesia Skills: Airways & Access (#36) Dr Kate Steinfert, ANZCA	Exposure and Skills to Orthopaedics Workshop (#42) Susie Obeid, Dr Katherine Stannage & Damien House, AOA
1215-1230		For those finishing up at the Knowledge Exchange sessions, please make your way back to the Gathering Space at Parmelia Hilton.			
1230-1330	Lunch & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors in the Exhibition Hall during this break - Exploring keratoconus among Indigenous Peoples: clinical patterns, equity, and challenges (#33) Dr Sorren Thomas, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre - The First Nations Oncology Experience Program (#97) Chanelle Martin, AIDA				Parmelia Hilton
1330-1335	Opening to Plenary Session Dr Olivia O'Donoghue				Argyle Ballroom

1335-1410	Keynote Presentation Professor Dawn Bessarab¹ and Professor Pat Dudgeon² AM Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health at The University of Western Australia Poche Centre for Aboriginal Health and the School of Indigenous Studies, UWA <i>Chairperson: Dr Olivia O'Donoghue</i>				Argyle Ballroom
1410-1500	Keynote Presentation Professor Helen Milroy AM The Kids Institute Australia <i>Chairperson: Dr Olivia O'Donoghue</i>				Argyle Ballroom
1500-1520	Fireside Yarn with Professor Helen Milroy AM <i>Facilitated by: Dr Olivia O'Donoghue</i>				Argyle Ballroom
1520-1530	Day 2 Reflections Dr Alicia Veasey				GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton
1530-1600	Afternoon Refreshments & Trade Exhibition				Parmelia Hilton
1600-1615	If you're joining sessions at the Knowledge Exchange, please follow the signage and make your way to Level 4 at Cliftons Perth and settle in.				
1600-1730	Concurrent Session 4 Yarning Circles & Cultural Activities				
	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton <i>Sessions: 1600-1730</i>	KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE Level 4, Cliftons Perth <i>Sessions: 1615-1730</i>			
	Argyle Ballroom	Room 4.02	Room 4.03	Rooms 4.04-4.05	Rooms 4.06-4.08
	OUR CONNECTION <i>Yarning Circle</i>	OUR CONNECTION <i>Yarning Circle</i>	OUR CONNECTION <i>Yarning Circle</i>	OUR CONNECTION <i>Yarning Circle</i>	OUR CONNECTION <i>Yarning Circle</i>
	Black faces in white spaces <i>Facilitated by: Dr Gene Slockee</i>	Navigating the journey of allyship <i>Facilitated by: Dr Simone Raye</i>	Strong in culture, strong in pride <i>Facilitated by: Associate Professor Ryan Dashwood & Ally Jenson</i>	1615-1645 Happy Soul Strong Spirit: a unique cultural music and healing experience Led by Ken Hayward	Second Order Priorities: Masterclass in dissecting & responding to common questions asked of Indigenous medical students & doctors <i>Facilitated by: Dr Louis Peachey, Atherton District Hospital</i>
	<i>This is a confidential yarning space open to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander medical students & doctors only.</i>	<i>This is a confidential yarning space open to all delegates.</i>	<i>This is a confidential yarning space open to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander medical students & doctors, including international Indigenous medical delegates, who identify as LGBTIQSB+, as well as those who may be questioning or exploring their identity.</i>		<i>This is a confidential yarning space open to all delegates.</i>

Saturday, 5 September 2026 | Collective Wellness

0800	Registration Desk opens	Parmelia Hilton, L1
0800-0930	Gather and Grow Breakfast A social gathering for Growing Our Fellows <i>Students, Trainees, Fellows and Junior Medical Officers are invited to join us for an informal networking breakfast with representatives from the medical colleges.</i> <i>Enjoy breakfast, make valuable connections, and explore the opportunities that await in your future career.</i>	Argyle Ballroom

0800-0930	Cultural Tour Activities Artist in Residence – Peter Farmer Goomup (Elizabeth Quay) Aboriginal Walking Tour Koorliny Birdiya Walking Tour – Whadjuk Nyoongar Country & Boorloo <i>Further information and booking details are available in the Conference App.</i>				Offsite
0930-1000	Morning Refreshments & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors in the Exhibition Hall during this break - Impact of Non-Diagnostic Thyroid FNAC on patients from Rural Communities (#105) Dr Risteárd Brennan, Royal Darwin Hospital				Parmelia Hilton
1000-1015	If you're joining sessions at the Knowledge Exchange, please follow the signage and make your way to Level 4 at Cliftons Perth and settle in.				
1000-1230	Concurrent Session 5 Workshops & Presentations				
	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton <i>Sessions: 1000-1230</i>	KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE Level 4, Cliftons Perth <i>Sessions: 1015-1215</i>			
	Argyle Ballroom	Room 4.02	Room 4.03	Rooms 4.04-4.05	Rooms 4.06-4.08
	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Chairperson: Dr Nathan Passi</i>	CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE <i>Chairperson: Dr Tamika Ponton</i>	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Workshop</i>	OUR DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Workshop</i>	OUR (STUDENT) DOCTORS THRIVING <i>Workshop</i>

	The Victorian Prevocational Medical First Nations Pathway Pilot (#56) Jordan Hay, Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria Building culturally safe prevocational JMO training through co-design and reflection (#109) Oleksandr Demianenko, Dr Natalie Gordon & Prof Katrina Anderson, Canberra Health Services Quick Yarn: Cultural Safety in prevocational Rebalancing Surgical Pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Doctors (#93) A/Prof Caroline Dowling, Eastern Health Clinical School - Monash University Pathways to Excellence: Growing Indigenous Critical Care Specialists (#99) Dr Ella Ceolin & Dr Yasmin Whately, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Knowledge Exchange Yarn <i>SESSION ENDS AT 1200</i>	Healthy Stories Are Ones That Are Told: Culturally-Grounded Stroke Awareness (#77) Dr Aneta Kotevski & A/Prof Angela Dos Santos, University of Melbourne A Translational Aboriginal Framework for Culture, Care and Collective Wellness (#27) Damien House, Australian Orthopaedic Association NAIDOC Community Screening (#76) Dr Jenna Onley, NSW Health – CCLHD First Nations health worker-led rheumatic heart disease screening (#70) Dr Ben Jones, The Royal Children's Hospital Experiences of Lions Outback Vision: Building Partnerships to Improve Care (#55) Dr Alexander Savage, & Kerry Woods, Lions Outback Vision <i>SESSION ENDS AT 1155</i>	Seeing, Sharing, Building-on: Extending Eye Health Practice (#95) Dr Thomas Mylne, RANZCO	Why, when and how to biopsy the skin? Suturing Workshop (#67) Dr Heather Kessarar & Dr Lilly Backshell, The Australasian College Of Dermatologists	Blak to med school: Strengthening Pathways, Supporting Success (Mob ONLY) (#53) Dr Tanika Ridgeway, Prof Kelvin Kong & Prof Michelle Kennedy, University Of Newcastle <i>This session is open to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People only.</i>
1215-1230		For those finishing up at the Knowledge Exchange sessions, please make your way back to the Gathering Space at Parmelia Hilton.			
1230-1330	Lunch & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors in the Exhibition Hall during this break - Strategic GP Locum Support Across Regional WA (#24) Guy Rotheram, Rural Health West - Beyond Enrolment: Barriers Facing First Nations Medical Students at JCU (#32) Jennifer Gulson, James Cook University				Parmelia Hilton
1330-1335	Day 3 Check-in Dr Annalyse Crane				GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton
1335-1355	Keynote Presentation Dr Gordon Reid MP Federal Member for Robertson, Australian Labor Party <i>Chairperson: Dr Annalyse Crane</i>				GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton

1355-1415	Keynote Presentation William Hayward Department of Justice <i>Chairperson: Dr Annalyse Crane</i>	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton
1415-1515	Plenary Session Panel 2: Healing Strong Together: Building Collective Wellness Panellists: Dr Gordon Reid MP, Federal Member for Robertson, Australian Labor Party William Hayward, Department of Justice Karl Hampton, Warlpiri Project / AIATSIS Dr Dennis Bonney, Royal Darwin Hospital <i>Connection, Country, reciprocity and shared responsibility provide the foundations for our collective wellness. This closing conversation explores how we sustain ourselves, strengthen one another, and transform a health system that enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors, communities and future generations can thrive together.</i> <i>Chairperson: Dr Alicia Veasey</i>	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton
1515-1530	Day 3 Reflections, The Year Ahead & AIDA 2026 Conference Closing Dr Alicia Veasey, Phillip Saunders (new AIDA CEO) & Dr Olivia O'Donoghue	GATHERING SPACE Parmelia Hilton
1830-2330	Gala Dinner Stethoscope Presentations & Awards Night <i>Tickets are essential!</i> <i>Join us at The Westin Perth for the AIDA 2026 Gala Dinner - the premier social event of the conference and an evening not to be missed.</i> <i>Celebrate the conclusion of the conference alongside colleagues, friends, and the wider AIDA community while enjoying exceptional food, entertainment, and a memorable evening in an elegant setting.</i> <i>The Gala Dinner will also feature the AIDA Awards and Stethoscope Presentations, recognising AIDA members as they graduate from medical school or become Fellows, with the presentation of their hand-painted AIDA stethoscope.</i> <i>Whether you're celebrating achievements, reconnecting with colleagues, or making new connections, this special evening promises to be a memorable highlight of the conference.</i> MC: Troy Benjamin Welcome to Country: Shannon Kearing Snr, Bilya Booladarlung Cultural Performance: Bilya Booladarlung DJ: DJ Macca Headline Act: Phil Walleystack	The Westin, Perth

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