



We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians whose lands we will gather on. We acknowledge and respect the Gadigal People’s cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land, waters and community. We pay respect to elders both past and present. We extend that respect to other First Nations People and their lands across Australia.

Thank you to our Program Supporter:



Wednesday, 26 November 2025

1500-1800	Exhibition Bump In	Parkside Ballroom
1730-2100	Student Night <i>We welcome all registered students to join us at the Student Night ahead of the 2025 Program. This gathering will provide students the opportunity to connect ahead of the conference sessions commencing.</i>	The Rook Rooftop

Thursday, 27 November 2025 | MEMBERS DAY

0900-0915	Welcome to Country					Pymont Theatre
0915-0930	Members Welcome Dr Jonathan Newchurch					Pymont Theatre
0930-1000	Invited Speaker Dr Daniel Hunt Blood Borne Viruses and Sexual Transmitted Infection Advisory Committee 2024 Indigenous Doctor of the Year and 2025 NAIDOC Person of the Year <i>Chairperson: Dr Jonathan Newchurch</i>					Pymont Theatre
1000-1010	Platinum Sponsor Address: Medibank Dr Shona Sonderaj					Pymont Theatre
1010-1040	Morning Refreshments & Trade Exhibition					Parkside Ballroom
1040-1200	Members Forum					Pymont Theatre
1200-1300	Lunch & Trade Exhibition					Parkside Ballroom
1300-1430	Storytelling					
	MR2	MR3	MR4	MR5	MR6	Pymont Theatre
	The Story of AIDA: The Disrupters Dr Mark Wenitong and Prof Ngiare Brown	<i>Session TBC</i>	Medicine & Academia Dr Tamara Mackean	The first Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service in Australia LaVerne Belleair, AMS Redfern	<i>Session TBC</i>	Creative Writing Workshop: Your Words are Precious Dr Emma Adams

1430-1500	Afternoon Refreshments & Trade Exhibition					
1500-1700	Yarning Circles Activities					
	MR2 Yarning Circle	MR3 Yarning Circle	MR4 Yarning Circle	MR5 Yarning Circle	MR6 Activity	Pymont Skylight Activity
	Rainbow Mob (LGBTQIASB+) Facilitated by Dr Ngaree Blow	Prevocational: Wellness and Wellbeing (strengths approach) Facilitated by Bianca Field, AIDA	Where do you speak from? Country connection, identity, cultural authority and cultural responsibility as Indigenous Doctors Facilitated by Dr Alicia Veasey and Dr Gene Slockee	Second Order Priorities: Masterclass in dissecting & responding to common questions asked of Indigenous medical students & doctors Facilitated by Dr Louis Peachey, Atherton District Hospital	Spoken Word Poetry Workshop Marina Alefosio	Weaving Workshop Led by Nula Weaving
1730-1930	Welcome Reception <i>Welcome to Gadigal Country! Here you'll connect with friends and colleagues, old and new. Enjoy a good yarn, delicious bites, and a lively atmosphere, setting the stage for an inspiring conference ahead. All delegates welcome.</i> Entertainment: Dyagula					Pymont Foyer

Friday, 28 November 2025 | CONFERENCE DAY 1

0715-0815	Gather and Grow Breakfast A social gathering for Growing Our Fellows Students, trainees, Fellows and Junior Medical Officers are welcome to join us for an informal and social breakfast to meet with college representatives ahead of the commencement of the Growing Our Fellows concurrent sessions being held in Meeting Room 4 during the concurrent sessions. Grab a bite to eat and look to the future!					Pymont Foyer
0730-0830	Facilitators Breakfast <i>By Invitation Only</i>					E3 (Upstairs)
0830-0840	Welcome to the AIDA 2025 Conference Dr Olivia O'Donoghue					Pymont Theatre
0840-0905	Welcome To Country Cultural Dance Performance Buuja Buuja Butterfly Dancers					Pymont Theatre
0905-0915	Hon. Rebecca White Address Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health					Pymont Theatre
0915-1000	Keynote Presentation Mililma May Change the Record <i>Chairperson: Dr Olivia O'Donoghue</i>					Pymont Theatre
1000-1030	Morning Refreshments & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors at the Poster Gallery during this break - The RANZCP Psychiatry Interest Forum: Empowering First Nations Psychiatry Workforce Khush Malek, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists - Enhancing Ophthalmology Training through First Nations Placements Dr Hannah Wood and Dr Thomas Mylne, RVEEH					Parkside Ballroom
1030-1230	Concurrent Session 1					
	Pymont Theatre	MR2	MR3	MR4	MR5	MR6
	Harmonising Mind, Body, and Spirit <i>Chairpersons: Rivkah Slansky and Guy Cameron</i>	2 Hour Clinical / Procedural Skills Workshop	2 Hour Clinical / Procedural Skills Workshop	<i>Growing our Fellows</i>	2 Hour Clinical / Procedural Skills Workshop	2 Hour Educational / Discussion Workshop
	Supporting Healing: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and	Why, when and how to biopsy the skin?	AOA Exposure and Skills Orthopaedic Workshop	1030-1100 The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of	Practical Introduction to Ophthalmology	Message stick talking circle: Exploring the power and

	Practitioners as Central to Mind, Body, and Spirit Karl Briscoe, NAATSIHWP Reclaiming Sovereignty from the Inside Out Damien House, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Strong Women, Stronger Futures: Improving Aboriginal Women's Breast Cancer Outcomes Dr Sarah Bormann, NALHN Learning on Country - a culturally immersive mock clinical exam Dr Josie Guyer, IGPTN Reclaiming Sovereignty: Traditional Bush Medicines in Medical Education Curricula Dr Ngaree Blow, University of Melbourne	Suturing Workshop Led by Dr Rhiannon Russell, NSW Health	Led by Dr Katherine Stannage and Dr Peter Moore, Australian Orthopaedic Association	Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) 1100-1130 Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) 1130-1200 Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) 1200-1230 Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA)	Led by A/Prof Constantinos Petsoglou, A/Prof Mitchell Lawlor and Dr Thomas Mylne, RANZCO	tension of being First Nations Specialists in hospitals Led by Dr Gene Slockee and Dr Alicia Veasey, NSW Health												
1230-1330	Lunch & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors at the Poster Gallery for the first 30 minutes of this break - Indigenous Governance in Focus: Aboriginal Researchers’ Insights from Health Research Georgia Taylor and Dr Angela Dos Santos, University of Melbourne - Improving surgical access for First Nations peoples: Lessons from COVID Dr Grace Ellwood, Princess Alexandra Hospital					Parkside Ballroom												
1330-1450	Panel 1 Evoking Indigenous Health Sovereignty Evoking Indigenous Health Sovereignty calls us to remember sovereignty not only as our birthright, but as a powerful force for collective healing by confronting political determinants of health. This panel will explore how reclaiming self-determination, cultural authority, and relational ways of being are essential to restoring health justice for our Peoples. <i>Chairperson: Dr Alicia Veasey</i>					Pymont Theatre												
1450-1520	Afternoon Refreshments & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors at the Poster Gallery during this break - HCV prevalence and treatment uptake among Aboriginal peoples receiving testing Miranda Wallace, UNSW - Cultural awareness training deepens understanding and engagement with Indigenous perspectives Ms Aneta Kotevski and Dr Angela Dos Santos, University of Melbourne					Parkside Ballroom												
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1520-1720	A cultural safety framework and culturally safe environment for surgical contexts Prof Yin Paradies, Deakin University Reviewing accreditation standards: Specialist Medical Programs in Australia and Aotearoa Melissa Johnson and Madeleine Novak, AMC Advancing Equity through the First Nations Eye Health Alliance Dr Thomas Mylne, RVEEH Reimaging Medicine: Constructivism and Intersectionality in Education and Healthcare Reform Dr Isobella Kruger, Gold Coast Health Improving the Outcomes of First Nations Women with Gestational Diabetes Dr Bronte Meinertz, Albury Wodonga Health	From Strength to Strength Led by Dr Nicole Liesis and Dr Charley Greentree, ACEM	Unpacking the NHRA: Empowering Indigenous Doctors to Drive Systemic Change Led by Natalie Bryant, Chereta Daylight and A/Prof Sarah Neville, Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	1520-1550 Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM)	RACS Surgical Skills Workshop Lead by Prof Kelvin Kong, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	Training your brain to achieve peak performance under pressure Led by Dr Anthony Ryan, Dr Janine Senekal and Dr Veronique Richard, Mater Hospital Brisbane
				1550-1620 College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (CICM)		
				1620-1650 Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA)		
	Courageous Collaborations, Thriving Communities Kaupapa Māori methodologies to implementation success: Turning research into practice Dr Nina Scott, Māori Health, Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora					

Saturday, 29 November 2025 | CONFERENCE DAY 2

0730-0830	President’s Breakfast <i>By Invitation Only</i>	E3 (Upstairs)
0830-0840	Acknowledgement of Country and Day Open Dr Jean Pepperill	Pymont Theatre
0840-0925	Keynote Presentation Professor Derek Chong Quantum Psychiatry <i>Chairperson: Dr Jean Pepperill</i>	Pymont Theatre
0925-1010	Panel 2 Caring for Country: Flows Both Ways Caring for Country: Flows Both Ways explores the reciprocal relationship between land and people, and the deep healing that occurs when we uphold our responsibilities to Country. This panel will centre the stories and strategies where Country cares for us, as we care for it, enabling journeys of cultural renewal, ecological justice and collective wellbeing. <i>Chairperson: Dr Jean Pepperill</i>	Pymont Theatre

1010-1040	Morning Refreshments & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors at the Poster Gallery during this break - Strengthening Aboriginal Family Involvement in the Paediatric ESCALATION System Claudia Walton-McDermott, UWA and WA Health - Child Adolescent Health Service - Courageous, Collaborative, Creating Change and Community Centred Growth Strategy – Regional Medical Pathways, Central Queensland A/Prof Brad Murphy, Prof Thelma Parker and Leonie Taylor, University of Queensland - Improving the Outcomes of First Nations Women with Gestational Diabetes Dr Bronte Meinertz, Albury Wodonga Health					Parkside Ballroom
1040-1240	Media Training Session 1, with NITV Registered participants only - Room E3 (upstairs)					
	Concurrent Session 3					
	Pymont Theatre	MR2	MR3	MR4	MR5	MR6
	<i>The Quick and The Deadly Session</i>	<i>2 Hour Educational / Discussion Workshop</i>	<i>2 Hour Educational / Discussion Workshop</i>	<i>Growing our Fellows</i>	<i>2 Hour Educational / Discussion Workshop</i>	<i>2 Hour Clinical / Procedural Skills Workshop</i>
	From Battlefield to Bedside Mr Zamri Burns, University of Sydney HCV prevalence and treatment uptake among Aboriginal peoples receiving testing Miranda Wallace, UNSW Embedding Culturally Responsive Healthcare into Junior Medical Officer Training Dr Paige Ara, South Western Sydney Local Health District Financial Burden of Placement on Indigenous Medical Students: Preliminary Study Jennifer Gulson, James Cook University Towards Equity in Medicine: Aboriginal doctors in Specialist Training Dr Sarah Bormann, NALHN A uniquely Narawi perspective on medicine, keep the rage Dr Narawi Foley Boscott, Queensland Health <i>SESSION ENDS AT 11:55AM</i>	Gumby Gumby and Traditional Bush Medicines: Centering Cultural Healing Practices Led by Dr Ngaree Blow, Dr Crystal Williams and Uncle Gene Blow, University of Melbourne	Pathways, Perspectives and Partnerships: Navigating O&G with Cultural Safety Led by Dr Marilyn Clarke, RANZCOG	<i>1055-1125</i> The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) <i>1125-1155</i> The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) <i>1155-1225</i> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) <i>1225-1255</i> The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR)	Desert Mob Learnings: Navigating Cultural Barriers in ICU Family Meetings Led by Dr Penny Stewart and Patrick Torres, College of Intensive Care Medicine	Enhancing Clinical Competence: Clinical Skills and Communication for Junior Doctors Led by Dr Glenn Harrison, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
	1240-1340 Lunch & Trade Exhibition Poster Presentations See the following posters and authors at the Poster Gallery for the first 30 minutes of this break - Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service Metabolic Health Program Dr Saretta Lee, Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service					Parkside Ballroom

	- Reclaiming Authority: Implementing First Nations Governance in Mainstream Research Collaborations Dr Aneta Kotevski, University of Melbourne					
1340-1425	Keynote Presentation Professor Eddie Cubillo Mabo Centre, University of Melbourne <i>Chairperson: Jennifer Gulson</i>					Pymont Theatre
1425-1440	Group Photo Follow the guides to the location of this years' group photo, taking place outside of the ICC Sydney following the Keynote Presentation.					Outdoors
1440-1510	Afternoon Refreshments & Trade Exhibition					Parkside Ballroom
1510-1710	Media Training Session 2, with NITV Registered participants only - Room E3 (upstairs)					
	Concurrent Session 4					
	Pymont Theatre	MR2	MR3	MR4	MR5	MR6
	Courageous Collaborations, Thriving Communities <i>Chairpersons: TBC</i>	1 Hour Educational / Discussion Workshop	Empowering Voices, Advocating for Social Justice and Equity <i>Chairpersons: Zoe Hunt and Madeleine Hughes</i>	<i>Growing our Fellows</i>		2 Hour Educational / Discussion Workshop
	More Than a Haircut: Healing, Hope and Connection on Country Kaleena Webbe and Taneka Longbottom, SE NSW PHN Power in Partnerships: Growing a Culturally Safe Rural Workforce Dr Emily Thomson and Dr Richard Colbran, Rural Doctors Network Importance of Health Cultural Immersion Camps – Desert MOB Style Dr Penny Stewart and Patrick Torres, Flinders University <i>SESSION ENDS AT 4:10PM</i>	Caring for Country, Community and Self: medicolegal issues in practice Led by Dr Owen Bradfield, Medical Indemnity Protection Society <i>SESSION ENDS AT 4:10PM</i>	Micro-Treaty Partnerships: Aboriginal community access and equity for psychological services A/Prof Brad Murphy and Mayor Bruce Simpson, University of Queensland Bush Babies & Scabies: It's Not Just a Rash Dr Georgia Pace, Dubbo Base Hospital Strengthening Aboriginal Family Involvement in the Paediatric ESCALATION System Claudia Walton-McDermott, UWA and WA Health - Child Adolescent Health Service United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a Medical Students Experience Aleda Bayley, UTAS <i>SESSION ENDS AT 4:30PM</i>	<i>1510-1540</i> The Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) <i>1540-1610</i> Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) <i>1610-1640</i> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO)	<i>Session TBC</i>	Maintaining and Regaining Sovereignty through Decolonisation in Medical Education Led by Wendy Edmondson, The Royal Australasian College of Physicians

1830-2330	Gala Dinner Stethoscope Presentations & Awards Night <i>Tickets are essential!</i> <i>Join us at Luna Park under the Big Top for the prestigious Gala Dinner - the perfect opportunity to meet and network with peers, complete with delicious cuisine, a stunning venue, and exciting entertainment. The Gala Dinner is the most anticipated night of the AIDA conference and is the perfect way to celebrate the conference, all while enjoying a luxurious night out.</i> <i>This also combines with our Awards Night and Stethoscope Presentation where AIDA members are gifted with a hand-painted AIDA stethoscope upon graduating from medical school or becoming a Fellow.</i> <i>Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience that will leave you feeling inspired, fulfilled, and connected!</i> MC: JP Janke Dance Performance: Kebi Kub Dance Team DJ: Latifa Tee Headline Act: Mi-Kaisha	Luna Park
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