



Te Awa Ora – Paediatric Acute Care Conference 2026

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AS AT 12 OCTOBER 2026

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER – APLS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER - APLS AUSTRALIA DIRECTORS MEETING AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AFTERNOON

8.30am	Registration desk open <i>Venue: Level 1 Foyer</i>	
9.00am – 11.00am	DIRECTORS MEETING – APLS Faculty <i>Chair: Marissa Alexander</i> <i>Venue: Conway 4 - 5</i>	
9.00am – 9.10am	Welcome and Setting the Scene <i>Marissa Alexander</i> Welcome – purpose of the day and what we hope to achieve from today’s session	
9.10am – 9.50am	Today’s APLS – Organisational Snapshot <i>Cameron Glover</i> Key organisational updates	
9.50am – 10.00am	Backing Our Directors - Part 1 - The APLS Australia Council <i>Cameron Glover</i> APLS Australia Council launch	
10.00am – 10.10am	Q&A from the floor <i>Marissa Alexander, Cameron Glover</i>	APLS New Zealand Directors Updates <i>Venue: Conway 2 – 3</i>
10.10am – 10.30am	Backing Our Directors - Part 2 – Resources and Support <i>Jane Stanford</i> What better support for Directors will look like - Director Landing Page; resources and tools; online support sessions for new Directors; proposed mid-year virtual Directors Forum; increasing the Director pool, including Refresher Course Directors.	
10.45am – 10.55am	Q&A from the floor <i>Marissa Alexander, Cameron Glover, Jane Stanford, Jane Cichero</i>	
10.55am – 11.00am	Close <i>Marissa Alexander</i>	
11.00am – 11.05am	Short Break	
11.00am – 12.30pm	APLS Australia – Course Updates <i>Education team and past Chairs of Committees</i> <i>Venue: Conway 4 – 5</i>	APLS New Zealand – Course Update <i>Venue: Conway 2 – 3</i> <i>All NZ Instructors and Coordinators are invited to attend</i>

	<i>All Australian Instructors and Coordinators are invited to attend</i> Updates from Committee Chairs: (5 mins each): - FDC - CDC - PLS - International Course Updates: - Radiology Online - POCUS - Program Changes - APLS Online Learning – Faculty Edition - Workshops – SEAM and Septic child + Online learning - ILCOR/ANZCOR - Chest drain insertion technique In discussion/planning: - <u>T/F assessment</u> – remove and add to pre-course online quiz - Introduction of Teamwork and communication scenario - Extend SEAM workshop to include Neopuff - Transfer Workshop - Umbi Line		General update about new course changes.
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Lunch <i>Venue: Level 1 Foyer</i>		
1.00pm – 2.30pm	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AFTERNOON <i>Chair: Marissa Alexander</i> <i>Venue: Conway 4 - 5</i>		
1.05pm – 2.30pm	Beyond the Reluctant Learner: Understanding Engagement Through the Learner and Their Environment Laura Newhouse, Tim Wilkinson To help APLS instructors think more broadly about learner engagement. Rather than viewing reluctance or disengagement as solely a characteristic of the individual learner, participants will explore both: • The learner’s experience (anxiety, vulnerability, fear of judgement, protective behaviours) • The wider workplace cultures and environments that may shape that experience The workshop draws on complementary perspectives from Laura Newhouse’s work on reluctant simulation participants and Tim Wilkinson’s work on culture and learning environments.		
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Afternoon Tea <i>Venue: Level 1 Foyer</i>		
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS			
3.00pm – 4.05pm	FD1A: Visually Enhanced Mental Simulation (VEMS) Facilitator: Eve Purdy <i>Venue: Conway 4-5</i>	FD1B: Effective Feedback Strategies for Trainees and Supervisors Facilitators: Suzanne Hamilton, Heidi Baker <i>Venue: Conway 2-3</i>	FD1C: Embedding Indigenous Culture Meaningfully Facilitators: Kaycee Soutar, Lynness Kokiri-Leach, Te Pora Ehau, Jo Cole <i>Venue: Conway 1</i>

	What if we replaced mannikins and clinical equipment with flat plastic replicas? Heavy mannikins, fickle wireless connectivity, audio-visual gear, and clinical consumables (drugs and equipment) can be daunting challenges for even experienced simulation faculty. In this workshop participants will explore an alternative for team training: Visually Enhanced Mental Simulation (VEMS). This simplified approach -laminated patient icons, assessments and 'treatments' - is accessible, efficient and a great addition to the simulation.	Doctors Training, a UK-based medical education provider expanding into New Zealand, has delivered workshops to over 60,000 clinicians worldwide. As APLS instructors, you already know how to teach — this workshop goes a step further, focusing on the coaching and mentoring skills that make you better at developing the people you teach and lead. Led by Suzi and Heidi, senior clinicians with specialist expertise in coaching, mentoring and professional supervision, the session blends theory with lived experience to give you practical tools and the confidence to use them — whether you're debriefing a candidate, supporting a colleague, or shaping the next generation of instructors. It's a hands-on, interactive session built for anyone whose role touches education, leadership or performance development.	Understanding how to acknowledge Tangata Whenua and the place of learning is vital to creating safe spaces for people to learn and grow. This session will briefly describe the concept of Tamariki (children) in Māori culture and discuss the importance of mihi whakatau (welcome process) in Māori Tikanga.
4.05pm – 4.10pm	Change Workshops		
4.10pm – 5.15pm	FD2A: Visually Enhanced Mental Simulation (VEMS) <i>Repeat of FD1A – see above</i> <i>Venue: Conway 4 - 5</i>	FD2B: Effective Feedback Strategies for Trainees and Supervisors <i>– Repeat of FD1B – see above</i> <i>Venue: Conway 2-3</i>	FD2C: Embedding Indigenous Culture Meaningfully <i>Repeat of FD1C – see above</i> <i>Venue: Conway 1</i>
5.15pm – 6.15pm	Welcome Function <i>Venue: Level 1 Foyer</i>		

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER	
7.30am	Conference Registration Desk open <i>Venue: Level 1 Foyer</i>
8.30am – 10.30am	Plenary Session 1 <i>Chair: Mike Shepherd</i> <i>Venue: Conway 1 - 5</i>
8.30am – 9.15am	Mihi Whakatau and Welcome address <i>Mike Shepherd</i>
9.15am – 9.45am	From the Other Side of the Fence <i>Laura Joyce</i>
9.45am – 10.30am	Staying Human When the Work Is Hard <i>Lucy Hone</i>
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea <i>Venue: Level 1 Foyer</i>
11.00am – 12.30pm	Plenary Session 2 – Resuscitation

	Chair: Trevor Kuang Venue: Conway 1 - 5			
11.00am – 11.15am	Sepsis Recognition John Garrett			
11.15am – 11.30am	ILCOR Gabrielle Nuthall			
11.30am – 11.45pm	Sepsis Elliot Long			
11.45am – 12.00pm	Deteriorating Patient Simon Craig			
12.00pm – 12.15pm	Paediatric Emergencies in Palliative Care Amanda Lyver			
12.15pm – 12.30pm	Q&A Panel Discussion			
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch Venue: Level 1 Foyer			
	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS			
1.30pm – 3.00pm	1A: PEM in a Mixed Hospital Chair: Damaya Rasanathan Venue: Conway 1 – 3 Facilitators: Jo Cole, Christine Brabyn, Tom Townend, Sarah Wilding A workshop featuring 4 Emergency Medicine Specialists from across Aotearoa New Zealand explore practical approaches to building paediatric emergency medicine capability within mixed ED settings. Drawing on experience from hospitals of varying sizes and locations, the panel aims to collect and share challenges such as maintaining clinical exposure, supporting staff confidence, and adapting to resource differences. Share your experience with us and others or join us to get some ideas for your setting.	1B: Clinical Hot Debriefing Chair: Laura Joyce Venue: Conway 4-5 Facilitators: Maggie Meeks, Christine Beasley, Lyn Pugh The wellbeing of healthcare workers is often negatively impacted not just by major critical incidents, but by the cumulative "wear and tear" of daily moral distress. This workshop explores how implementing immediate, voluntary post-event "hot" debriefs can significantly reduce short- and long-term trauma, ultimately protecting the health of our staff and the communities they serve.	1C: POCUS Workshop Chair: Trevor Kuang Venue: Bealey 4 – 5 Facilitators: Jacques Loubser, Rex De Ryke, Andrew Morozov, Matthew Buckingham Limited to 20 people Paediatric Lung Ultrasound: A hands-on workshop where you will learn practical skills to use in your next appropriate patient encounter. Participants will learn key sonographic patterns in the assessment of common paediatric presentations such as pneumonia and bronchiolitis. Emphasis will be placed on image acquisition, interpretation, and clinical integration.	1D: Waka on Avon Experience Additional cost- \$80.00 incl GST Limited to 28 people This waka paddling experience is an amazing historical and cultural trip on Ōtākaro Avon River. Arrive as manuhiri (visitor). Leave as whānau (family). Experience manaakitanga, the spirit of hospitality, generosity, and care, as Ngāi Tūāhuriri kaiārahi (guides) welcome you onto the Ōtākaro Avon River with an official mihi whakatau. Learn the kaihoe warm-up and kaihoe haka. Paddle the spring-fed waters of a mahinga kai (traditional food source) that sustained generations. Learn about mātauranga, knowledge handed from generation to generation.
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Venue: Level 1 Foyer			
	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS			
3.30pm – 5.00pm	2A: PEM in a Mixed Hospital Repeat of 1A – see above Chair: Trevor Kuang	2B: Clinical Hot Debriefing Repeat of 1B – see above Chair: Damaya Rasanathan	2C: POCUS Workshop Repeat of 1C – see above Limited to 20 people	2D: Waka on Avon Experience Repeat of 1D – see above

	Venue: Conway 1 – 3 Facilitators: Jo Cole, Christine Brabyn, Tom Townend, Sarah Wilding	Venue: Conway 4 - 5 Facilitators: Maggie Meeks, Christine Beasley, Lyn Pugh	Chair: Laura Joyce Venue: Bealey 4 – 5 Facilitators: Jacques Loubser, Rex De Ryke, Andrew Morozov, Matthew Buckingham	Additional cost - \$80.00 incl GST Limited to 28 people
7.00pm	Conference Dinner Venue: Waitaki Room, Te Pae <i>Ticket includes meal and limited beverages included, a contactless payment bar will be operating (Eftpos, Visa, Mastercard accepted).</i>			

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

8.00am	Registration desk open Venue: Level 1 Foyer
8.25am – 10.30am	Plenary Session 3 - PREDICT Prelude: Unveiling Practical Insights from Paediatric Research Chair: Stuart Dalziel Venue: Conway 1 – 5
8.25am	Housekeeping
8.30am – 8.50am	PREDICT – Fluid Trial Elliott Long
8.50am – 9.10am	PREDICT - Appendix Meredith Borland
9.10am – 9.23am	Punchy Papers of 2025 Chris Connolly
9.23am – 9.36am	Punchy Papers of 2025 Laura Hamill
9.36am – 9.49am	Punchy Papers of 2025 Stuart Dalziel
9.10am – 10.10am	Q & A Panel discussion
10.10am – 10.20am	Moving with Confidence: Using Simulation to Support Department Relocation Rosanne Verow
10.20am – 10.30am	Improving Multidisciplinary Communication in Paediatric Acute Care Through Standardised Clinical Documentation: A Quality Improvement Project Maisie de Wolf
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea Venue: Level 1 Foyer
11.00am – 12.45pm	Plenary Session 4 - Paediatric Medicine Chair: Damaya Rasanathan Venue: Conway 1 - 5
11.00am – 11.20am	ICS / Asthma Stuart Dalziel
11.20am – 11.40am	Paediatric Cardiologist Pearls Judith MacCormick
11.40am – 12.00pm	Neonatal Sepsis and Strep B

	Jane Miller
12.00pm – 12.20pm	Common Pitfalls in the Management of Critically Unwell Toxicology Patients Sarah Buller
12.20pm – 12.45pm	Q & A Panel Discussion
12.45pm – 1.50pm	Lunch Venue: Level 1 Foyer
1.50pm – 3.10pm	Plenary Session 5 – Trauma Chair: Stuart Dalziel Venue: Conway 1 - 5
1.50pm – 2.10pm	Cervical Spine Natalie Phillips
2.10pm – 2.30pm	Paeds Trauma Rosie Lane
2.30pm – 2.50pm	Head Injury – Concussion Vicki Anderson
2.50pm – 3.10pm	Q & A Panel Discussion
3.10pm – 3.40pm	Afternoon Tea Venue: Level 1 Foyer
3.40pm – 4.50pm	Plenary Session Chair: Trevor Kuang Venue: Conway 1 - 5
3.40pm – 4.15pm	Paediatric Virtual ED Joanna Lawrence
4.15pm – 4.50pm	Closing Keynote - Words Matter Ben van der Griend
4.50pm – 4.55pm	APLS Australia
4.55pm	Conference Close