

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2025 (PRE-CONFERENCE)	
3.00pm - 6.30pm	Registration and Information Desk Open - Foyer H
3.00pm - 6.30pm	Speaker Preparation Room Open - Skyway Room 1
8.30am - 5.00pm	Education Day
	Education Day is a professional development workshop for occupational therapy academics and clinicians held the day prior to the National Conference.
6.00pm - 7.00pm	Student and New Graduate Networking

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2025

7.00am - 8.15am	Interest Group Meeting: Paediatrics Queensland	E ROOM 1
7.00am - 5.30pm	Registration and Information Desk Open	
7.00am - 4.15pm	Speaker Preparation Room Open	
8.00am - 5.00pm	Exhibition Open	

OPENING SESSION

MC Room	Danielle Loizou-Lake Halls CD Lower Section
8.30am - 8.45am	Welcome to Country Ceremony
8.45am - 8.50am	Welcome from Conference MC
8.50am - 9.00am	Minister Addres - Hon Chris Picton MP, Minister for Health and Wellbeing
9.00am - 9.15am	Welcome from OTA President and CEO
9.15am - 9.30am	Welcome from the Conference Convenor
9.30am - 10.15am	Dr Jordan Nguyen One Life. Persist to improve many.
10.15am - 11.00am	Morning Tea

CONCURRENT SESSION 1

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F	1G	1H
Topic	Contemporary Occupational Therapy	Disability and participation in the community	School Based Occupational Therapy	Outpatient + Community Based	Rehab Technologies & AI	Occupational Therapy Practice Mental Health	Interactive Learning	Interactive Learning
Chairs	Courtenay Harris & Liana Cahill	Jacki Liddle & Daniel Clezy	Jane Brincat & Clara Leong	Michele Verdonck & Marlena Klaic	Jenny Gribbin & Sophie Milsome	Justin Scanlan & Carlyn Neek	Catherine Hilly & Isobel Pannell	Michelle Bihary & Tracey Partridge-Tricker
Room	Halls CD Lower Section	Hall A	Room E2	Room E1	Room E3	Riverbank Rooms 2&3	Riverbank 4	Riverbank 5
11.05am - 11.20am	Kylie Wales Balancing the books: The cost-effectiveness of occupational therapy services	Caroline Mills Virtual Reality as a clinical intervention for people with neurodevelopmental disability	Laura Burritt Working within the school system - Considerations for practice	Janelle Arnold A New Direction: The Home Mods Competency Compass	Vanessa Langenberg and Natasha Layton Decolonising assistive technology and home modifications provision: cultural safety guidance	Katya Adkin What keeps carers of people with mental health concerns awake at night?	Jessica Levick “Make the Friendship Bracelets”: Craft as a Salutogenic Leisure Therapeutic Modality	Laine Chilman and Louise Gustafsson "Growing our own": Supporting future generations of occupational therapy academics
11.20am - 11.35am		Emma George ‘Virtucare’ advancing inclusion through virtual care for people with disabilities in India	Kate Mudge Occupational therapy creating autism inclusion in a nation first education initiative	Alison Pighills A Cochrane Systematic Review: Occupational therapy-led fall-prevention home hazard assessments reduce falls	Jessica Francis Artificial intelligence as the occupational therapist’s copilot: Ethical and practical uses	Clare Findlay Embedding OTA's Mental Health Capability Framework into a New Graduate Support Program		
11.35am - 11.50am	Heather Block Occupational therapy in primary care in Australia: Current practice and future opportunities	Kate D'Cruz Co-designing with people with disability: Considerations for authentic and inclusive practice	Lydia Meem Supporting Autistic Students: Development and evaluation of neurodiversity affirming course for teachers	Elizabeth Proud Feasibility of a telehealth hand training program for people with Parkinson’s disease.	Kerry Anderson Kay Support needs to reduce the knowledge-to-practice gap for clinicians using rehabilitation technologies	Heidi Sturk Building digital mental health capability in occupational therapy	Shari Smith and Emily Muldoon Identifying Oedema and donning-doffing compression garments	
11.50am - 12.05pm	Karina Lewis In Hand: A multi-disciplinary, consumer co-designed pilot to address use of violence.	Dana Fomin Experiences of people with intellectual disabilities employed in community cafes: qualitative study.	Emma Clark Perspectives of teachers on collaborating with occupational therapists: an exploratory qualitative study	Melanie Hoyle Co-design of a micro-credential on good practice steps of assistive technology provision	Weihong Zhang Using immersive virtual reality for IADL assessment and intervention in older adults	Grace Zeng Championing connection: Integrating the lived experience workforce into mental health teams.		
12.05pm - 12.20pm	Jamie Wilson Becoming Elite: the youth athlete experience from an occupational perspective.	Mohammad Mosayed Ullah Empowering Participation: Makerspaces for People with Disabilities - A Scoping Review	Kelsey Philpott-Robinson Promoting self-regulation theory in practice using a stakeholder-informed conceptual framework.	Rebecca Jamwal and Alice Dwyer “I want my brain back.” Occupational Therapy for people with long COVID	Natasha Layton and Susan Brooks Goods, Equipment and Assistive Technology: a longitudinal study of 23,000 older Australians	Annalise O’Callaghan and Andrew Miller Making music for improved mental health: Music and audio production-based interventions	Tracey Parnell and Elsie de Klerk Facilitating the evidence-informed practice of occupational therapy students on placement	Laura Burritt and Amanda Barnes Workforce shortages and burnout. Where to from here?
12.20pm - 12.35pm	Claire Doherty Feasibility randomised control trial of the Healthy and HomED model of care	Niamh Newton and Anna Rose Coaching for individuals with spinal cord injury: An emerging opportunity	Lydia Cossart Exploring occupational therapists’ perspectives about self-regulation when working in Australian primary schools	Susan Brandis An occupational therapy-led trial to improve patient adherence to compression stockings	Christina Wyatt and Ailsa Leslie Official Launch: OTA’s New Capability Frameworks for Assistive Technology & Environmental Modifications	Eliane Gefen Computerized Cognitive Training in People with Depression: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis		
	IMPACT INSIGHTS	Rebecca Tarrant	Nat O’Neill	Terra Bredy	IMPACT INSIGHTS	IMPACT INSIGHTS		
	Carrie Mccallum Occupational Therapy Scope of Practice – an update to reflect service evolution	Development of a Community Occupational Therapy Outcome Measure	A school's unique wellbeing approach using an occupational therapist and therapy dog	Hand therapists' perspectives on recovery and occupational performance after distal radius fracture	Sarah Collison When Assistive Technology Misses the Mark: Navigating Unsuccessful Prescriptions in the NDIS	Evana Miesen Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of Mental Health Occupational Therapists		

12.35pm - 12.50pm	Janelle Arnold Advocating for Occupational Therapy Amidst Competition and Devaluation				Rosh Hettiaratchi Using video calls to support occupational therapy home assessment visits	Jaime Jenkinson Innovative ways of fostering professional relationships within early career mental health learners			
						Rachel Starbuck Using data strategically at multiple levels...development of public mental health occupational therapy.			
12.50pm - 1.50pm	Lunch								
1.15pm - 1.45pm	Interest Group Meeting: OT in Education E ROOM 2								
	Exhibitor Presentation E Room 1				Exhibitor Presentation E Room 3				
Chairs	Lauren Britton & Nicole Roudenko				Clare Batkin & Yue Fei To				
1.15pm - 1.30pm	The benefits of free dementia education for occupational therapists Mary-Clare Maloney Wicking Dementia Research And Education Centre, University Of Tasmania				From Theory to Reality: Practical Accessible Home Modifications Insights for OTs Europe Karki Equipsy				
1.30pm - 1.45pm	NDIS Rule Changes: Impact on OT Practice and Advocacy Sarah Collison Verve OT Learning				AI Essentials for Healthcare: What It AI, What It Can Do & How to Choose Wisely? Melanie Wind Pegasus AI				
CONCURRENT SESSION 2									
	Topic	2A Securing the future	2B Occupational Therapy interventions for stroke survivors	2C Enabling Parenting & Caregivers	2D Supporting people with dementia	2E Innovative Occupational Therapy curriculum strategies	2F Supporting those affected by Cancer	2G Interactive Learning	2H Interactive Learning
	Chairs	Lynette Mackenzie & Hannah Forbes	Matthew Molineux & Lily Stacey	Chris Pearce & Aswithaa	Merrolee Penman & Kimberly Charlton	Genevieve Pepin & Catherine Andrew	Alyce Svensk & Margeaux Bartholomew-	Tamara Tse & Robert Pereira	Caroline Mills & Karen Roberts
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1.50pm - 2.05pm	Stefanie Pearce and Claire Pearce Matters of language in occupational therapy		Ellen Druce Independent practice resources—do they meet the needs of stroke survivors undergoing rehabilitation?	Belinda McLean Exploring the emotional life of new parents	Laura Jolliffe Patterns and predictors of meaningful activity among older adults in GEM wards	Janelle Gullan Inside and out: Doing, being, becoming and belonging from an intrapersonal perspective	Celia Marston Caring for cancer carers at hospital discharge: A feasibility trial	Michelle Kersten, Anna Rose and Kristy Coxon Supporting psychosocial well-being and occupation engagement in people with pressure injury	Katherine Harding and Annie Lewis People, we have a problem. Applying evidence to solve a demand-capacity crisis
2.05pm -2.20pm			Tayla Grant Activity based interventions to improve functional independence after stroke: a systematic review	Sage McPherson and Kayt Macdonald Parenting with a disability: this life transition needs support	Catherine Devanny Improving access to rehabilitation for people with dementia through co- design	Michele Verdonck Evidence-based innovation in occupational therapy education	Elizabeth Martin Exploring the occupational impact of surviving bowel cancer		
2.20pm - 2.35pm			Jessica Watt Environmental sustainability: A focus group study on occupational therapists experiences and perspectives	Natasha Lannin Falls After Stroke Trial: a randomised controlled trial of homebased, tailored rehabilitation	Jacqui Barfoot Activating Parents in Early Intervention: Evaluating Goal- Attainment of a Relationally Informed Approach	Catherine Devanny Building knowledge and challenging stigma: making an online course about dementia rehabilitation	Anne Cusick Using generative artificial intelligence in program evaluation: training module development and implementation		
2.35pm - 2.50pm	Bronwyn Paynter Planetary Wellbeing: A Core Responsibility for Occupational Therapists	Sally Day Stroke survivors’ goal-directed community mobility: Falls After Stroke Trial (FAST)		Grace Lennon and Nikki Tulliani Health Professionals’ Perspectives on Implementing Sensory Interventions for Older People with Dementia	Liana Cahill Team-Based Learning for assistive technology education: The occupational therapy student experience	Tarah Baker Eliciting priorities for participation at end of life: A patient perspective	Nikki Cousins Boosting Independence with Budget- Friendly Assistive Technology	Janelle Arnold From Burnout to Brilliance: Navigating Your Path to a Fulfilling OT Career	
2.50pm - 3.05pm	Marnie Jones An Indigenist approach to developing culturally- responsive nature-based therapy resources for children	Travis Eylward Therapists' Practice of Serial Casting post-Botulinum Toxin-A for Upper Limb Spasticity post-Stroke		Miia Rahja Translating evidence-based dementia care to residential aged care: Upskilling occupational therapists	Elisa Yule and Alexandra Logan Evaluation of a codesigned mental health simulated student placement targeting recovery-oriented practice.	Ashlee Miller-Jenkins Meeting consumer demand for cancer- specific occupational therapy services in the home			
3.05pm-3.35pm	Afternoon Tea								

3.10pm - 3.35pm		Interest Group Meeting: OT Dementia		Lower CD					
3.05pm-3.35pm		Afternoon Tea							
CONCURRENT SESSION 3									
	Topic	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F	3G	3H
	Chairs	Samantha Ashby & Emma Schneider	Jacqui Wheatcroft & Annie Tran	Ellice Willcourt & Bill Wong	Bradley Williams & Brittany Cook	Shelley Wright & Tomomi McAuliffe	Quality occupational therapy services within acute care and hospital discharge contexts Carol Mckinstry & Sarah Baker	Interactive Learning Charmaine Bernie & Jessica Charlton	Interactive Learning Heather Block & Thoko Basutu
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3.35pm - 3.50pm		Bronwyn Paynter Measuring outcomes from occupational therapy-led nature festival events: Challenges and successes	Leah Jenkins Student led constraint-induced movement therapy: Perspectives of community-dwelling stroke survivors	Daniel Costalonga Neurodiverse-affirming occupational therapy with children and families: partnering for meaningful outcomes	Sofia Tikellis Effectiveness of an interdisciplinary delirium ward round in managing delirium	Shleshma Dhakal Insights of university staff on supporting international students from non-western backgrounds.	Carissa Mongan Hospital discharge planning for adults with disability: Evaluating barriers and enablers	Tamara Tse and Susan Darzins Measuring Outcomes to demonstrate the Value of Occupational Therapy: Identifying impact areas	Claire Britton Empowering Neurodiversity Utilising Neurodiversity-Affirming Occupational Therapy Practices
3.50pm - 4.05pm		Rebecca Ball Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: an important conversation for everyone	Hannah Walsh Employer perceptions of supporting stroke survivors’ return to work: A qualitative study	Emily Mackaway and Nicole Amery Empowering Caregivers of Neurodivergent Children: A Collaborative Approach	Meaghan Sfara An Occupational Therapy Environmental Checklist for Delirium: A mixed methods feasibility study	Melanie Hoyle Enhancing genuine engagement: Scoping review of consumer involvement in occupational therapy education	Michelle Kersten, Anna Rose and Kristy Coxon Perspectives of clinicians providing care to NDIS participants with pressure injuries		
4.05pm - 4.20pm		Catherine Hilly Feasibility of a cognitive approach for children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder	Sophie O'Keefe Working after stroke: a co-designed, peer-facilitated qualitative study	Aswithaa Visakeswaran Parent-involvement interventions supporting social-functioning for children with neurodevelopmental conditions: A systematic review	Lorraine Ng The impacts of a redeveloped garden on consumers in an psychogeriatric unit.	Pauline Boland Irish educator perspectives on service user involvement in allied health professional curricula	Hannah Barden The power of collaboration: changing healthcare delivery for people with Developmental Disabilities.		
4.20pm -4.35pm		Catherine Hilly and Alison Houghton Occupational therapists' knowledge of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder: A national survey	Laura Jolliffe Advancing clinical skills: Educational videos for mastering Constraint Induced Movement Therapy (CIMT)	Julia Cullenward Optimising parent-mediated interventions for rural children with neurodevelopmental disorders: A systematic review	Sally Day Meaningful Engagement Program Theory: Supporting inclusive therapy for diverse groups with dementia	Joanne Hinitt Integrating generative AI into occupational therapy education using customisable AI agents.	Rachel Assetta and Shelley Brown Enhancing staff capability and service quality in completing Hospital NDIS Processes		
4.35pm - 4.50pm		Christina Wyatt and Ailsa Leslie Building a Stronger Future: OTA's Capability Frameworks Strengthen Practice and Workforce Sustainability in Occupational Therapy	IMPACT INSIGHTS	Monica Leo Systematic review of online interventions for parents of children with additional needs	IMPACT INSIGHTS	Hannah Cain and Tenelle Hodson Griffith Occupational Therapy's Deadly Curriculum Working Group: Relationship building, allyship, real impact	IMPACT INSIGHTS		
			Liana Cahill Home visit discharge planning: stroke survivors’ and carers’ perspectives on transition home		Lorraine Ng Outdoor occupations and their benefits for people with dementia in institutional settings		Bianca Summers Supporting patients with funding related barriers to discharge from hospital		
			Serena Alves-Stein Understanding content and effectiveness of leisure interventions following stroke: A systematic review		Catherine Andrew Addressing occupational injustices experienced by workers with dementia: occupational therapy advocacy opportunities		Lynette De Francia Cognitive and physical difficulties among critical illness survivors after hospital discharge		
4.50pm - 4.55pm	Time to move from Breakout Sessions to Plenary								
5.00pm-5.35pm	Professor Angus Buchanan Looking forward through a rear view mirror								
5.45pm - 7.00pm	Welcome Reception - Panorama Ballroom								

THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2025									
7.00am - 8.15am	CareChoice Breakfast session	Riverbank 2 & 3							
7.30am - 5.00pm	Registration and Information Desk Open								
7.30am - 5.00pm	Speaker Preparation Room Open								
8.00am - 5.00pm	Exhibition Open								
PLENARY SESSION									
	MC Room	Danielle Loizou-Lake Halls CD Lower Section							
8.30am - 8.45am	Acknowledgement to Country and Introductions to Day 2								
8.45am - 9.30am	Professor Mandy Stanley Sylvia Docker Lectureship								
9.30am - 10.15am	2025 Occupational Therapy Australia Awards								
10.15am - 11.05am	Morning Tea								
CONCURRENT SESSION 4									
	Topic Chair Room	4A Women’s health and motherhood occupations Hannah Slootjes & Pauline Bolland Halls CD Lower Section	4B Community Occupational Therapy & Healthy Aging Marilyn Pattison AO & Jude Boyd Hall A	4C Occupational Therapy with adults following brain injury Lisa Wright & Catherine Brabrook Room E2	4D Occupational Therapy practice in NDIS Natasha Layton & Mary Butler Room E1	4E Occupational Therapy student placements Tracey Parnell & Hannah Barden Room E3	4F Occupational Therapy in acute & forensic mental health Nicola Hancock & Alison Copley Riverbank Rooms 2&3	4G Interactive Learning Maria O'Reilly & Lydia Cossart Riverbank 4	4H Interactive Learning Kirk Reed & Kristy Coxon Riverbank 5
11.10am - 11.25am		Hannah Slootjes Expanding the Kawa Model: Storytelling and Reflection for Neurodivergent Women during Motherhood	Caroline Mills Ageing with autism: Healthcare practitioners' readiness to work with older autistic adults	Louise Bassingthwaigte On-road driving remediation: Achieving and maintaining fitness to drive following brain injury	Matthew Molineux Understanding experiences of occupational therapists working under the National Disability Insurance Scheme	Kylee Lockwood and Mong-Lin Yu Student placement allocations and current workforce needs in occupational therapy	Jane Brincat Defining occupational therapy in emergency mental health: A quality improvement project	Bronwyn Paynter The Kawa model: exploring team effectiveness and wellbeing through nature metaphors	Louise Gustafsson Turn your research into a publication with Australian Occupational Therapy Journal
11.25am - 11.40am		Janelle Gullan and Hollie Swanton Bridging female pelvic healthcare gaps: Highlighting occupational impacts, skills and practice integration	Hilary O'Connell and Eleanor Kennett-Smith LiveUp - Supporting independence and self-directed reablement options	Louise Bassingthwaigte Driver assessment, lifespace trajectory and participation in community-based occupations following brain injury	Clare Batkin When your client asks you to “Just write me a letter...”	Alis Moores ClinEdAus - Supporting occupational therapy student placements	Mary Evatt "The Corners of My Mind.” Exploring a reminiscence group in acute psychogeriatrics.		
11.40am - 11.55am		Jennifer Curtis Establishing occupational therapy practice in a tertiary women’s health hospital: insights/lessons learned	Harpreet Kaur Premjeet Singh Exploring the lived experiences of the consumers of the Transition Care Program	Libby Callaway Co-design of educational resources: Tools for ageing well with traumatic brain injury	Jenny Gribbin and Sarah Collison Maintaining OT Presence in the Evolving NDIS World: A Conversation that Matters	Wendy Milgate From setbacks to comebacks: Understanding the student’s perspective on failing placement	Dillon Tepper Daily living functioning for borderline personality disorder: Programs and approaches alongside psychotherapy		
11.55am - 12.10pm		Kathryn Horley Increasing awareness of occupational therapy's role in managing occupational disruption of menopause	Heather Block Quality of life for ageing adults with chronic conditions in primary care	Ben Turner Consumer perspectives of reclaiming agency in care decisions after acquired brain injury	Clare Batkin A novel, systematic approach to National Disability Insurance Scheme report writing	Merrolee Penman A framework for novice placement simulation: Design-based research with student co-researchers	Gabrielle Pitt Development of a Capability Framework for Occupational Therapists in Forensic Mental Health.	Prue Spry	
12.10pm - 12.25pm		Sarah Hausler and Hannah Slootjes Navigating menopause transitions: Holistic occupational therapy approaches to enhance women's wellbeing	Grace Zeng Cycling Without Age: Connecting with people; environment and occupation	Marlena Klaic Factors influencing adoption of brain injury support groups: A mixed methods study.	Pak Wai Tung Occupational therapists working as NDIS-registered Behaviour Support Practitioners: A qualitative exploration	Emma Tan and Sally Day Advancing our scope: occupational therapy students in a novel dementia care setting	Danielle Ashley Digital literacy in forensic mental health: from research to practice	Create and play: Art in nature! The therapeutic benefits for Occupational Therapy!	
12.25pm - 12.40pm		Nathalie Collins Occupational therapy and pelvic exenteration: how do we shape up?	Heather Block Co-designing a model for social prescribing for older people	Stephanie Misalis Effectiveness of cognitive rehabilitation interventions for hospitalised adults with traumatic brain injuries.	Clare Batkin Functional Capacity Assessments for people with complex invisible illness	IMPACT INSIGHTS Ali Gebhardt Prepared occupational therapy students for successful practice education: A scoping review	Leila Thornhill Orientation, boundaries, and connections: The meaning of home for homeless people	Heather So How clients raise, and how to ask a client about, their spirituality.	
12.40pm - 12.55pm			IMPACT INSIGHTS	Stacey James Addressing return-to-driving after Acquired Brain Injury in the community: A Scoping Review	IMPACT INSIGHTS	Alis Moores	IMPACT INSIGHTS		
			Sarah McMullen-Roach		Anoo Bhopti A framework for educational practice to support students’ theory use on placement	Nicholas Smith and Rosh Hettiaratchi			
			LGBTI+ Older Australians use of Health and Aged Care Services		Exploring the supervision needs of the disability support workforce. A qualitative study. Jessica Charlton		Housing allocation and modification to support mental health recovery		
			Implementing the Specific Timely Assessment and Triage model into Community OT service		The NDIS Act: Autonomy Promoting or Autonomy Controlling?	Could clinicians in research roles facilitate student placements? A time use study	Nicola Hancock and Justin Scanlan Co-design and pragmatic trial of Driving My Own Mental Health Recovery App		

		Youth and older adults’ perspectives of health and wellbeing in intergenerational programs						
12.55pm - 1.50pm	Lunch							
1.15pm - 1.45pm	Interest Group Meeting: Womens Health				E ROOM 2			
1.15pm - 1.45pm	Interest Group Meeting: Pressure Injury Management				Lower CD			
	Exhibitor Presentation E Room 1					Exhibitor Presentation E Room 3		
Chairs	Anne Cusick & Sarah Davies					Alison Dymmott & Elsie de Klerk		
1.15pm - 1.30pm	Empowering OTs: Holistic Approaches to Continence Management for Enhanced Client Care and Quality of Life Karen Newby TENA					Early Power Mobility for Children with Vision Loss Kelsey Aquilina Nextsense		
1.30pm - 1.45pm	Share your Occupational Therapy skills overseas Jia O'Donoghue Australian Volunteers Program					Looks do matter: the impact of disability stigma and aesthetics on assistive product refusal Sophie Rhys Fabb - Feel a bit better		
12.55pm - 1.50pm	Lunch							
CONCURRENT SESSION 5								
Topic	5A Occupational Justice	5B Cognition in older adulthood	5C Occupational Therapists wellbeing & self care	5D Occupational Therapy workforce	5E Hospital based Occupational Therapy	5F Childrens sensory processing & play	5G Interactive Learning	5H Interactive Learning
Chairs	Sandra Mortimer & Catherine Devanny	Bridget Muir & Rebecca Bell	Claire Pearce & Vi Tran	Kitty-rose Foley & Ben Turner	Linda Furness & Mohammad Mosayed Ullah	Mary Evatt & Rachel Elliott	Jennifer Fleming & Lindy Williams	Stacey George & Dene Iwanicki
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1.55pm - 2.10pm	Emeritus Professor Gail Whiteford Connecting communities as participatory justice: A vision for collaborative action	Emma Ward Interventions that increase participation in older adults experiencing mild cognitive decline	Rebecca Rae-Hodgson and Lauren Turnbull Finding belonging as neurodivergent occupational therapists: Supporting ourselves so we can support others	Stephanie Harman OTs perceptions of health equity challenges in regional, rural and remote Australia	Emma Schneider Co-designed recommendations for modifying the hospital-built environment to prevent and manage delirium	Rhyannah Lesleighter Sensory Kidz: An early intervention sensory group program	Susan Brandis and Sally Fields The future is here - digital techniques and tools for home assessments	Ben Sellar Revisiting reasonable adjustments to foster inclusion and diversity in occupational therapy education
2.10pm - 2.25pm		Sarah Davies Perspectives of people with Parkinson's about Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance	Jane Gibson and Claire Morrisby “...every area of occupational therapy, we're gonna see it”: Grief and loss	Carol Davis and Renee Gunn Building a capable and confident Occupational Therapy workforce with Entrustable Professional Activities	Francis Gomes Functional cognitive tools and clinical utility with older adults in Emergency Departments	Jacinta So Self-regulation based interventions for autistic children and youth: A systematic review		
2.25pm - 2.40pm		Dr Robert Pereira Doing occupational justice work to amplify consumer voice, choice and action	Nikki Tulliani Effectiveness of a computer-based memory program for older adults: a pilot trial	Megan Hatfield Self-compassion and occupational therapy: Supporting wellbeing in ourselves and our clients	Karen Hayes The persistent shortage of occupational therapists in rural and remote places.	Gemma Wall Patient and clinician perceptions and experiences of occupation-based groups in inpatient rehabilitation.		
2.40pm - 2.55pm	Eliza Wilson Lived experiences in inclusive community building activities within the Befriend Social Network	Claire Morrisby and Anelle Young Scoping review: Do Occupational Therapy groups prevent functional decline for older adults?	Helen Whait Reinventing OT: Innovation to Safeguard Practitioner Wellbeing and Client Outcomes	Emma Brown Allied-health recruitment and retention in rural and remote Australia: A scoping review.	Sia Horrobin Daily living interventions: a comparison between inpatient and bed-substitution rehabilitation programs	Michelle Newby Insights into Occupational Performance in Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS)	Weihong Zhang Fully immersive virtual reality shopping app - innovative occupational therapy practice	Louise Gustafsson Reviewing journal manuscripts with the Australian Occupational Therapy Journal
2.55pm - 3.10pm	Rebecca Waters Occupational therapy and addressing the impacts of family and domestic violence	Eliane Gefen Cognitive Control amongst Older Adults with Depressive Symptom: Mechanisms and Intervention	Nicole de la Perrelle Occupational therapy for Occupational Therapists: supporting clinican well-being and preventing burnout	Andrea Fidock Exploring the role of Occupational Therapy in a regional mental health service	Kathryn Marshall Co-designing falls management solutions in inpatient spinal injury rehabilitation	Julianne Challita Differences in cognitive strategy use between boys and girls with social difficulties		
3.10pm - 3.25pm	Simon Leadley The ways in which poverty shapes children’s patterns of participation in occupations	IMPACT INSIGHTS		Shinead Borkovic and Carol Mckinstry Burnout in new graduates: an exploration of the Australian workforce	Michelle Barnes and Jenna Davis Impact of Allied Health Clinical Development Roles on Workforce Development, and Retention	Gemma Wall What impact does a pilot occupation-based group intervention have on patient outcomes?	Hannah Hui Examining the association between school-age children’s pretend-play skills and their self-reported creativity	
		Jacki Liddle Exploring technology encounters with people living with dementia and care partners						
		Jacqueline Wesson Positive behaviour support in residential aged care: where are we at?						
3.25pm - 4.15pm	Afternoon Tea							
PLENARY SESSION								
MC Room	Danielle Loizou-Lake Halls CD Lower Section							
4.20pm - 5.05pm	Karen Jacobs Weaving the future: AI and human connection in collaborative occupational therapy practice							
5.10pm	Sessions Finish							
7.00pm - 10.00pm	Gala Dinner							

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025

7.00am - 8.15am	Occupational Therapy Board Ahpra Breakfast Forum		Gilbert Suite						
7.30am - 3.00pm	Registration and Information Desk Open								
7.30am - 3.00pm	Speaker Preparation Room Open								
10.15am - 2.00pm	Exhibition Open								
PLENARY SESSION									
MC Room	Danielle Loizou-Lake Halls CD Lower Section								
8.45am - 8.50am	Acknowledgement to Country and Introductions to Day 3								
8.50am - 9.30am	Update from Occupational Therapy Australia (policy)								
9.35am - 10.15am	Dr Clinton Schultz								
10.15am - 11.00am	Morning Tea								
10.30am - 10.55am	Interest Group Meeting: Yoga, mindfulness and body based practices		Hall Lower CD						
CONCURRENT SESSION 6									
	Topic	6A	6B	6C	6D	6E	6F	6G	6H
	Chairs	Storytelling and connection within families Natalie Tanner-Black & Leo Ross	The future of Occupational Therapy: Occupational Therapy student perspectives Emma George & Karthik Sekar	Supporting Occupations in Residential Aged Care Becca Alchin & Michelle Barnes	Occupational Therapy professional profiles, practice scope, and identity Tanya Allomes & Emilia Zygocki	Motor Performance in Children Tammy Aplin & Megan Coulter	Interactive Learning Melanie Hoyle & Sally Day	Interactive Learning Jessica Francis & Lauren Hart	Interactive Learning Jessica Levick & Loretta Kingston-Brown Riverbank 5
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11.00am - 11.15am	Alex Splitt & Clinton Schultz In conversation with OTA President Pricilla Ennals	Emma Kleindienst and Tamara Wanklyn Factors influencing students' choices to study occupational therapy at an Australian University	Kieva Richards Occupational therapy for people with dementia transitioning to residential care	Celine Serrano-Diaz Inclusion and belonging of minoritised occupational therapists: preliminary qualitative research findings	Alice Lockwood Improving upper limb mobility in children with cerebral palsy using vibration therapy	Emma Ashcroft & Curtin Debate team To pay or not to pay: The future of practice placements	Rebecca Rae-hodgson Doing Neurodiversity Affirming and Trauma-Informed Occupational Therapy	Louise Gustafsson Being an evidence-based practitioner with the Australian Occupational Therapy Journal	
11.15am - 11.30am		Eng Yee Lim The experiences of international students who speak English as a second language	Emily Carter Enhancing Occupation and Well-being Through Intergenerational Programs in Residential Aged Care	Shinead Borkovic Does a global professional identity matter? Perceptions of Australian occupational therapy academics	Samantha De Mol Do upper limb robotics effectively change function in a neurodisability paediatric cohort?				
11.30am - 11.45am	Kylie Matuszewicz What do children want from therapy? And how well are we listening?	Desley Simpson Resilience in allied health students: A systematic mixed studies review	Kellara Harney Role and scope of occupational therapy within residential aged care: Scoping review	Narinder Verma Exploring occupational therapy professional identity formation.	Berenice Johnston Prewriting assessment tool: Validity and reliability.				
11.45am - 12.00pm	Laine Chilman and Laura Burrit 'Ask someone, what is their dreaming?' Yarning about Occupational Performance Coaching	Celine Serrano-Diaz Minoritised occupational therapy students and practitioners' inclusion and belonging: a scoping review		Heather So The scope of practice for occupational therapists addressing client spirituality in treatment.	Liana Cahill and Christiana D'Cunha Validating the Handwriting Assessment Battery (HAB-v6): An International Delphi study		Jacqui Barfoot and Sheridan Prior		
12.00pm - 12.15pm	Laine Chilman and Asmita Mudholkar 'Handing down of beautiful knowledge': Yarning about mealtimes in First Nations families			Sian Griffiths and Mary Butler Adventures in Calibration: Occupational Therapy in Wonderland	Belinda Deramore-Denver Generalisability of interventions for children with cerebral palsy and co-occurring vision impairment		Supporting emotional regulation: tools to help engage families and build parent capacity		
12.15pm - 1.20pm	Lunch (Exhibition and ePoster Display Area)								
	Exhibitor Presentation E Room 1				Exhibitor Presentation E Room 3				
Chairs	Michael Curtin and Belinda McLean				Anne-Maree Caine & Simon Leadley				
12.45pm - 1.00pm	Introducing the National Framework for assessing, differentiating, and reporting children's functional strengths and support needs Sally Vidler Autism CRC				Demonstrating the administration of the Allen Cognitive Level Screen, 6th Edition activities to support client functional assessments Loren Pordage ACDMweb				
1.00pm-1.15pm	Connect Play Learn: Using the PAIR model to integrate a relational approach in early childhood intervention Jacqui Barfoot				The role of functional electrical stimulation in neurorehabilitation to improve quality of life and promote return to function Leeann Walb Restorative Therapies				

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CONCURRENT SESSION 7									
	Topic Chairs Room	7A Professional Practice Issues for Children and Adults Laura Jolliffe & Carolyn Murray Halls CD Lower Section	7B Contemporary practice issues in working with children Michelle Bissett & Ramona Ramamoorthy Hall A	7C Contemporary occupational issues for autistic individuals Libby Callaway & Ben Sellar Room E2	7D Cognitive & Neuro Rehabilitation Kate Giedhill & Rachael Starbuck Room E1	7E Interactive Learning Pamela Meredith & Vivienne Williams Room E3	7F Interactive Learning Amelia Di Tommaso & Lisa Wright Riverbank Rooms 2&3	7G Interactive Learning Sanetta Du Toit & Janelle Gullan Riverbank 4	7H Interactive Learning Tessa Hewitt Riverbank 5
1.20pm - 1.35pm	Deb Phipps The Department for Education Occupational Therapy Regulation Model: development and application	Amanda Barnes (nee Dewson) Barriers and facilitators to novice occupational therapists working effectively with children	Bill Wong Autistic adults experiences at University and as new graduate occupational therapists	Jacqueline (Jacqui) Wheatcroft Exploration of expert occupational therapists' clinical reasoning when planning cognitive rehabilitation	Michelle Bihary Transforming Supervision: Enabling Workplaces to Thrive and Drive Clinical Excellence	Stefanie Pearce and Claire Pearce Context matters: an introduction to the CanMOP	Anne Cusick Occupational therapy history in Australia: therapeutic use of weaving 1941 to 1945	Katrina Pacey Analysis of the person-environment-occupation fit in functional behaviour assessment	
1.35pm- 1.50pm	Rebecca Waters Being person-centred in occupational therapy practice	Libby Strassmeir Empowering little lives: Occupational therapists working with young children with complex needs.	Breanna Papagni Understanding the role, opportunities and barriers for occupational therapy, puberty and disability	Emma Schneider Adapting adult traumatic brain injury guidelines to an occupational therapy service					
1.50pm - 2.05pm	Yi-Ching Wang Development of a Short Form of Empathic Skills Assessment for Occupational Therapists	Kavalish Krishna Effectiveness of a digital intervention promoting ergonomic use of technologies to children	Sarah Miller Transgender and gender diverse autistic adults' experiences undergoing gender-affirming hormone therapy	Jenny Gribbin Modified Systems Usability Study outcomes on therapists' experiences of a driving-therapy toolkit.					
2.05pm - 2.20pm	Leanne Hopkins Empowering Emotional Regulation in Children Through Activity-Based Occupational Therapy Groups	Michael Curtin Occupational therapy telehealth for children recovery post-disaster	Yu-Wei Ryan Chen Social Anxiety in Autistic Adolescents: Effects of Self-Perceived Competence and Sensory Sensitivity	Pei-Chi Li Developing a machine learning-based WHODAS 2.0 short form in patients with stroke		Anna Forgan, Kathy Hopkins, Joseph Perri, Alice O'Connell-Debais, Cathryn Thoday and Kute Mudge			
2.20pm - 2.35pm	Charmaine Bernie Context, occupational areas and components of goals for children waiting for assessment	Helen Lindner Transport for children with disability: evaluation of health professionals' experiences and perspectives		Nicole Roudenko Severe myalgic encephalomyelitis and occupational participation. A qualitative study.					
2.35pm - 2.50pm	Sarah Seekamp Enhancing interprofessional practice for families known to child protection	Janelle Arnold Stevie's Spectacular Space: Restrictive Practices Redefined		Lindy Williams Improving the detection of spatial neglect post stroke					
2.55pm - 3.00pm	Time to move from Breakout Sessions into Closing Ceremony including Conference Awards								
CLOSING CEREMONY									
	MC Room	Danielle Loizou-Lake Halls CD Lower Section							
3.00pm - 3.15pm	Presentation of the Best Paper, Best Student Paper, Best ePoster and Best Student ePoster Awards Announcement of the Gamification Prize winner								
3.15pm - 4.00pm	Invited Panel Presentation								
4.00pm - 4.10pm	President close - Launch of the Occupational Therapy Australia OTX 2026								