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We represent occupational therapists, and the people they support, in a wide range of advocacy areas, including:

- Aged Care
- Compensation Schemes
- Disability
- Mental Health
- Primary Health
- State-Based Issues
- Veterans
- Workforce

How we advocate for our members and the profession

We advocate for occupational therapists across Australia in three key areas:

Representation

We represent the interests and concerns of occupational therapists, respond to government inquiries and advocate for better conditions for OTs and their clients.

Consultation

We consult with practising OTA members through our national reference groups (NRG) to share learnings and collaborate on important issues.

Promoting the profession

We work to create clarity about the purpose and function occupational therapy has in supporting people to achieve their goals and live meaningful lives.

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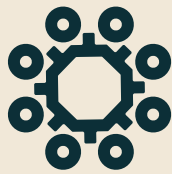
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Social program

Student and New Graduate
Networking

When: **24th June, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**
Where: **Strathmore Hotel**

Gala Dinner

When: **26th June, 7:00pm - 11:00pm**
Where: **SkyCity Ballroom, Eos SkyCity**

Welcome Reception

When: **25th June, 5:45pm - 7:00pm**
Where: **Panorama Ballroom,
Adelaide Convention Centre**

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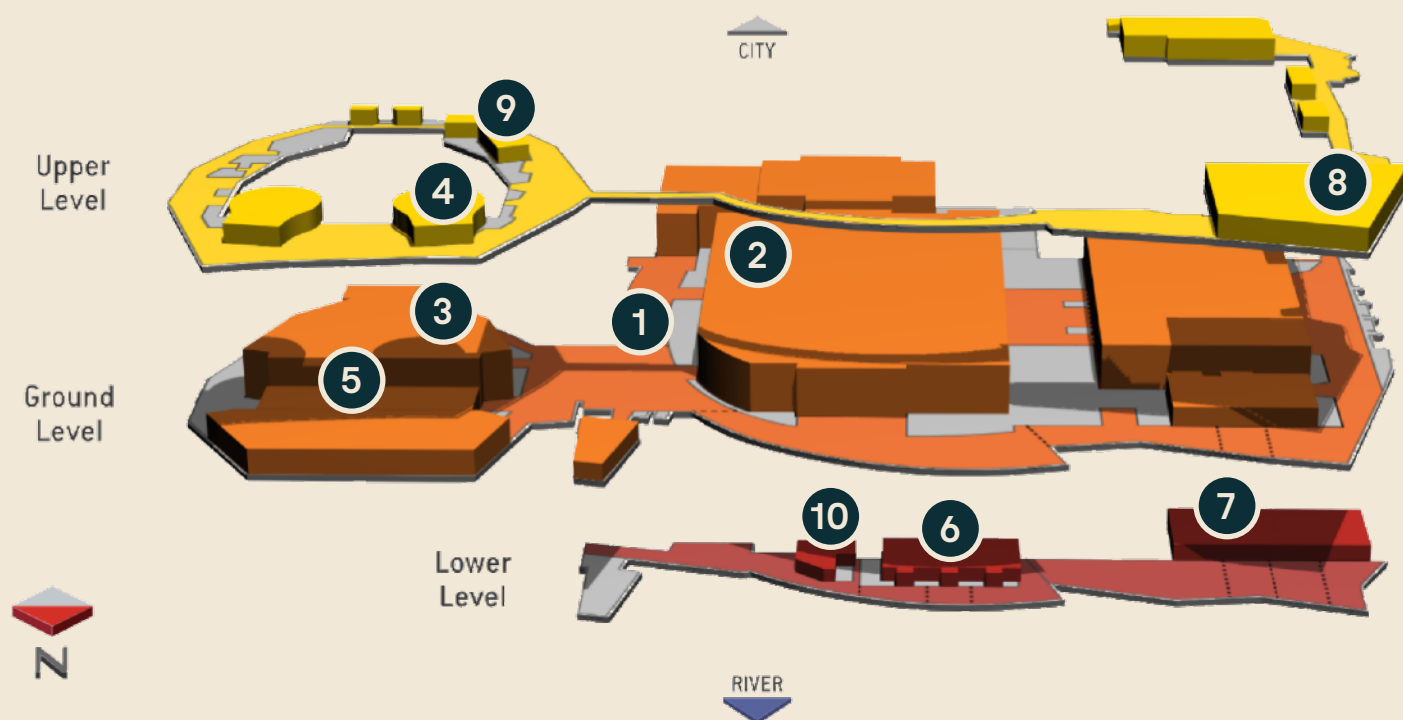
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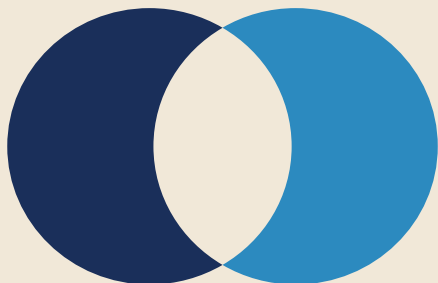
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*Social and emotional wellbeing:
A holistic interdisciplinary approach*



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*Weaving the future: AI and human
connection in collaborative
occupational therapy practice*



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Conference MC



Professional Supervision Framework



To access the Professional Supervision Framework, **scan the QR code** or visit bit.ly/4jrIce2

OTA is proud to launch the updated Occupational Therapy Professional Supervision Framework.

Building on the strong foundations of the 2019 version, and developed with input from diverse stakeholders, the updated framework has been reimagined to enhance clarity, engagement and accessibility.

It is a go-to resource that professionals can return to throughout their careers.

By offering practical tools and clear guidance, it helps occupational therapists and supervisors foster effective communication, streamline documentation, and build a shared understanding of roles and expectations in supervision.

Features include:

- **Clear recommendations** for professional supervision including type, frequency and duration
- **Practical tools** to support supervision, including templates and checklists
- **Visual summary** of the framework to enhance clarity and usability
- **Clear guidance** on expectations, roles, responsibilities and guiding principles for supervision
- **Expanded information** on professional supervision models
- **Competency Assessment Tool** and **Learning Plan** for supervisors



Program grid

Tuesday 24th 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 (Offsite - Strathmore Hotel)

Wednesday 25th 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	Danielle Loizou-Lake
Room	Halls CD Lower Section
8:30am - 8:45am	Welcome to Country Ceremony
8:45am - 9:15am	OTA Announcements
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	Disability and participation in the community	School based occupational therapy	Outpatient and community based	Rehab technologies and AI	Occupational therapy practice mental health	Interactive learning	Interactive learning		
Chair	Courtenay Harris and Rebecca Ball	Jacki Liddle and Daniel Clezy	Jane Brincat and Clara Leong	Michele Verdonck and Emma McKinlay	Jenny Gribbin and Sophie Milsome	Justin Scanlan and Carlyn Neek	Catherine Hilly and Isobel Pannell	Michelle Bihary and Tracey Partridge-Tricker	
Room	Halls CD Lower	Hall A	Room E2	Room E1	Room E3	Riverbank 2 and 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: a qualitative study	Emma Clark Perspectives of teachers on collaborating with occupational therapists: an exploratory qualitative study	Libby Callaway 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 Jammwal 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 OTA's new capability frameworks for assistive technology and environmental modifications	Eliane Gefen Computerized cognitive training in people with depression: A systematic review and meta-analysis		
12:35pm - 12:50pm	Impact insights		Terra Bredy Hand therapists' perspectives on recovery and occupational performance after distal radius fracture	Impact insights	Impact insights			
	Carrie McCallum Occupational therapy scope of practice – an update to reflect service evolution	Rebecca Tarrant Development of a community occupational therapy outcome measure		Nat O'Neill A school's unique wellbeing approach using an occupational therapist and therapy dog	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		
	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 Presentations								
E Room 1								
1:15pm - 1:30pm	Mary-Claire Maloney, Wicking Dementia Research And Education Centre, University Of Tasmania The benefits of free dementia education for occupational therapists				Europe Karki, Equippsy From Theory to Reality: Practical accessible home modifications insights for OTs			
1:30pm - 1:45pm	Sarah Collison, Verve OT Learning NDIS Rule Changes: Impact on OT practice and advocacy				Melanie Wind, Pegasus AI AI Essentials for Healthcare: What is AI, what it can do and how to choose wisely?			

Concurrent session 2									
2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F	2G	2H		
Topic	Occupational therapy interventions for stroke survivors	Enabling parenting and caregivers	Supporting people with dementia	Innovative occupational therapy curriculum strategies	Supporting those affected by cancer	Interactive learning	Interactive learning		
Chair	Lynette Mackenzie and Hannah Forbes	Matthew Molineux and Lily Stacey	Chris Pearce and Aswithaa Visakeswaran	Merrolee Penman and Jed Woods	Genevieve Pepin and Catherine Andrew	Alyce Svensk and Margeaux Bartholomew-Carle	Tamara Tse and Robert Pereira	Caroline Mills and Karen Roberts	
Room	Halls CD Lower	Hall A	Room E1	Room E3	Riverbank 2 and 3	Riverbank 4	Riverbank 5		
1:50pm - 2:05pm	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 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	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	Ashlee Miller-Jenkins Process evaluation of a home-based occupational therapy service for people with cancer				
2:35pm - 2:50pm	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	Travis Eylward Therapists' practice of serial casting post-Botulinum Toxin-A for upper limb spasticity post-stroke		Milia 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-3:35pmAfternoon Tea									
3:10pm - 3:35pmInterest Group Meeting: OT Dementia - Lower CD									
Concurrent session 3									
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Topic	Securing the future	Occupational therapy interventions for stroke survivors	Enabling parenting and caregivers	Supporting people with dementia	Innovative occupational therapy curriculum strategies	Quality OT services within acute care and hospital discharge contexts	Interactive learning	Interactive learning	
Chair	Helen Whait and Emma Schneider	Jacqui Wheatcroft and Annie Tran	Ellice Willcourt and Bill Wong	Bradley Williams and Brittany Cook	Shelley Wright and Tomomi McAuliffe	Carol Mckinstry and Sarah Baker	Charmaine Bernie and Jessica Charlton	Heather Block and Thoko Basutu	
Room	Halls CD Lower	Hall A	Room E2	Room E1	Room E3	Riverbank 2 and 3	Riverbank 4	Riverbank 5	
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	Catherine Hilly Feasibility of a cognitive approach for children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder	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	Rebecca Ball Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder: an important conversation for everyone	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		Lydia Meem Using the neurodivergent student profile, cognitive assessment observation checklist and recommendation menu	

		Impact insights		Impact insights				
4:35pm - 4:50pm	Christina Wyatt and Alisa Leslie Building a stronger future: OTA's capability frameworks strengthen practice and workforce sustainability in occupational therapy	Liana Cahill Home visit discharge planning: Stroke survivors' and carers' perspectives on transition home	Monica Leo Systematic review of online interventions for parents of children with additional needs		Hannah Cain and Tenelle Hodson Griffith Occupational Therapy's Deadly Curriculum Working Group: Relationship building, allyship, real impact	Bianca Summers Supporting patients with funding related barriers to discharge from hospital	Lynette De Francia Cognitive and physical difficulties among critical illness survivors after hospital discharge	(cont.)
		Serena Alves-Stein Understanding content and effectiveness of leisure interventions following stroke: A systematic review		Lorraine Ng Outdoor occupations and their benefits for people with dementia in institutional settings				
				Catherine Andrew Addressing occupational injustices experienced by workers with dementia: Occupational therapy advocacy opportunities				
4:50pm - 4:55pm Time to move from Breakout Sessions to Plenary								
5:00pm - 5:35pm Prof. Angus Buchanan Looking forward through a rear view mirror								
5:45pm - 7:00pm Welcome Reception - Panorama Ballroom								

Thursday 26th June 2025																	
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7:30am - 5:00pm		Speaker Preparation Room Open															
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Room		Halls CD Lower Section															
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8:45am - 9:30am		Prof. Mandy Stanley Sylvia Docker Lectureship															
9:30am - 10:15am		2025 Occupational Therapy Australia Awards															
10:15am - 11:05am		Morning Tea															
Concurrent session 4																	
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Topic		Women's health and motherhood occupations		Community occupational therapy and healthy aging		Occupational therapy with adults following brain injury		Occupational therapy practice in NDIS		Occupational therapy student placements		Occupational therapy in acute and forensic mental health		Interactive learning			
Chair		Hannah Slootjes and Pauline Boland		Marilyn Pattison AO and Jude Boyd		Natasha Lannin and Catherine Brabrook		Natasha Layton and Mary Butler		Tracey Parnell and Hannah Barden		Nicola Hancock and Alison Copley		Maria O'Reilly and Lydia Cossart		Kirk Reed and Kristy Coxon	
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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 Bassingthwaighte 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 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 Bassingthwaighte Driver assessment, lifespan 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	(cont.)	(cont.)
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 of 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	Merolee 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 Create and play: Art in nature! The therapeutic benefits for occupational therapy!	
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		
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	Carolyn Murray Designing interviews and focus groups: A beginners guide

Impact insights		Impact insights		Impact insights		Impact insights	
12:40pm - 12:55pm	Sarah McMullen-Roach LGBTI+ Older Australians use of health and aged care services	Stacey James Addressing return-to-driving after acquired brain injury in the community: A scoping review	Anoo Bhopti Exploring the supervision needs of the disability support workforce. A qualitative study	Alis Moores A framework for educational practice to support students' theory use on placement	Nicholas Smith and Rosh Hettiaratchi Housing allocation to and modification to support mental health recovery	(cont.)	(cont.)
	Leesa Musarra Implementing the specific timely assessment and triage model into community OT service		Jessica Charlton The NDIS Act: Autonomy promoting or autonomy controlling?	Amy Lonergan Could clinicians in research roles facilitate student placements? A time use study	Nicola Hancock Co-design and pragmatic trial of Driving My Own Mental Health Recovery App		
	Hannah Forbes Youth and older adults' perspectives of health and wellbeing in intergenerational programs						
12:55pm - 1:50pm Lunch							
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1:15pm - 1:45pm Interest Group Meeting: Pressure Injury Management - Lower CD							
Exhibitor Presentations							
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1:15pm - 1:30pm	Jasmine Gribble, TENA Empowering OTs: Holistic approaches to continence management for enhanced client care and quality of life		Kelsey Aquilina, Nextsense Early power mobility for children with vision loss				
1:30pm - 1:45pm	Jia O'Donoghue, Australian Volunteers Program Share your Occupational Therapy skills overseas		Sophie Rhys, Fabb - Feel a bit better Looks do matter: The impact of disability stigma and aesthetics on assistive product refusal				

Concurrent session 5									
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Topic	Occupational justice	Cognition in older adulthood	Occupational therapists wellbeing and self care	Occupational therapy workforce	Hospital based occupational therapy	Children's sensory processing and play	Interactive learning	Interactive learning	Interactive learning
Chair	Sandra Mortimer and Catherine Devanny	Bridget Muir and Rachel Elliott	Claire Pearce and Vi Tran	Kitty-rose Foley and Ben Turner	Linda Furness and Mohammad Mosayed Ullah	Mary Evatt and Joel Wickman	Jennifer Fleming and Lindy Williams	Stacey George and Dene Iwanicki	
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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	Emma Clark The perspectives of paediatric occupational therapists of using interoception in clinical practice			
2:40pm - 2:55pm	Eliza Wilson Lived experiences in inclusive community building activities within the befriended 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	
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	Simon Leadley The ways in which poverty shapes children's patterns of participation in occupations	Jacki Liddle Exploring technology encounters with people living with dementia and care partners	Shinead Borkovic and Carol McKinstry Burnout in new graduates: an exploration of the Australian workforce	Michelle Barnes and Jenna Davis Impact of allied health 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	
3:10pm - 3:25pm		Jacqueline Wesson Positive behaviour support in residential aged care: where are we at?					
3:25pm - 4:15pm Afternoon Tea							
Plenary session							
MC		Danielle Loizou-Lake					
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4:20pm - 5:05pm		Dr. Karen Jacobs Weaving the future: AI and human connection in collaborative occupational therapy practice					
5:10pm Sessions Finish							
7:00pm - 10:00pm		Gala Dinner (Offsite - EOS SkyCity Ballroom)					

Friday 27th 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

8:00am - 3:00pm Exhibition Open

Plenary session

MC Danielle Loizou-Lake

Room Halls CD Lower Section

8:45am - 8:50am Acknowledgement to Country and Introductions to Day 3

8:50am - 9:35am **Dr Clinton Schultz**
Social and emotional wellbeing: A holistic interdisciplinary approach

9:35am - 9:55am **TBA**
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9:55am -10:15am Update from Occupational Therapy Australia

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									
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Topic	The future of occupational therapy: occupational therapy student perspectives	Supporting occupations in residential aged care	Occupational Therapy professional profiles, practice scope, and identity	Motor performance in children	Interactive learning	Interactive learning	Interactive learning		
Chair	Natalie Tanner-Black and Leo Ross	Emma George and Karthik Sekar	Becca Alchin and Rebecca Williams	Tanya Allomes and Emilia Zygocki	Tammy Aplin and Megan Coulter	Melanie Hoyle and Sally Day	Jessica Francis and Lauren Hart	Jessica Levick and Loretta Kingston-Brown	
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11:00am - 11:15am	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 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?	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 Supporting emotional regulation: tools to help engage families and build parent capacity				
12:00pm - 12:15pm	Laine Chilman and Asmita Mudholkar 'Handing down of beautiful knowledge': Yarning about mealtimes in First Nations families		Sian Griffiths Adventures in calibration: Occupational therapy in wonderland	Belinda Deramore-Denver Generalisability of interventions for children with cerebral palsy and co-occurring vision impairment					

12:15pm - 1:20pm		Lunch													
Exhibitor Presentations															
E Room 1				E Room 3											
Room	Sally Vidler, Autism CRC Introducing the National Framework for assessing, differentiating, and reporting children's functional strengths and support needs			Loren Portage, ACDMweb Demonstrating the administration of the Allen Cognitive Level Screen, 6th Edition activities to support client functional assessments											
1:00pm-1:15pm	Jacqui Barfoot Connect Play Learn: Using the PAIR model to integrate a relational approach in early childhood intervention			Leeann Walb, Restorative Therapies The role of functional electrical stimulation in neurorehabilitation to improve quality of life and promote return to function											
Concurrent session 7															
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Topic	Professional practice issues for children and adults	Contemporary practice issues in working with children	Contemporary occupational issues for autistic individuals	Cognitive and neuro rehabilitation	Interactive learning	Interactive learning	Interactive learning	Interactive learning	Interactive learning						
Chair	Laura Jolliffe and Carolyn Murray	Michelle Bissett and Ramona Ramamoorthy	Libby Callaway and Ben Sellar	Kate Gledhill and Rachael Starbuck	Pamela Meredith and Vivienne Williams	Amelia Di Tommaso and Lisa Wright	Sanetta Du Toit and Janelle Gullan	Samantha Ashby and Tessa Hewitt							
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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 Conversations that Matter - Enhancing outcomes for students through educator and occupational therapist collaborations	(cont.)	
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			
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Closing ceremony							
MC Danielle Loizou-Lake							
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3:25pm - 4:00pm Michelle Bihary, Grace Lennon, Bronwyn Paynter and Helen Whait, Facilitated by Justin Scanlan Foundations and Futures: Sustaining the profession by looking after ourselves and each other							
4:00pm - 4:10pm President close - Launch of the Occupational Therapy OT Exchange 2026							



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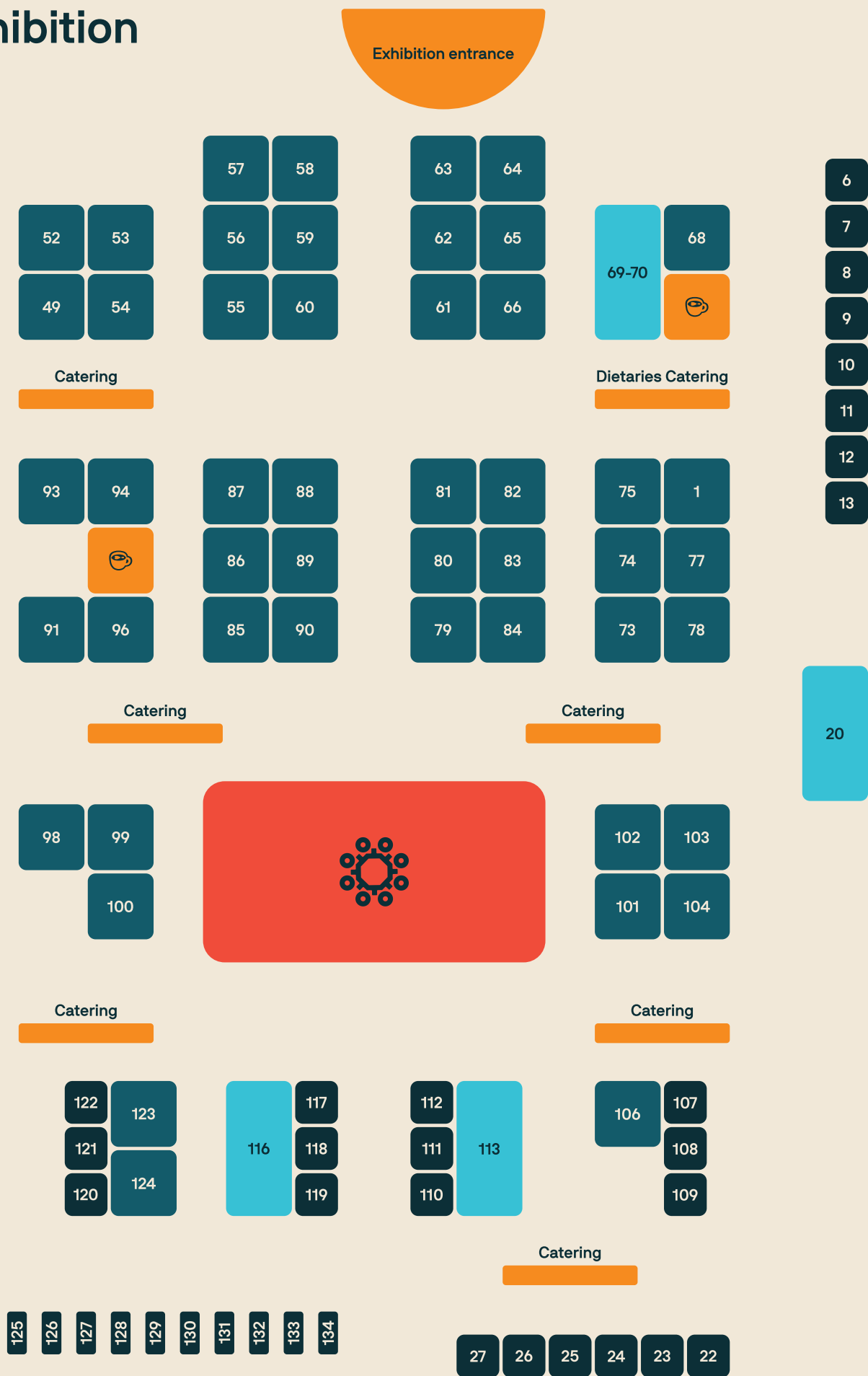


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