

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026

7.00 am	Registration Opens		
7.30 am–12.00 pm	Pre-conference AI Workshop Pullman Reef Casino, Level 2 Function Rooms Sponsored by Heidi		
7.30 am	Coffee, tea and registration		
8.00 am	Introduction – Rob LoPresti and Leo Ng (MC)		
8.15 am	What can AI do today? – Julian Moore		
9.00 am	Ethics – power, pitfalls and professional responsibility – Azmeena Hussain		
9.25 am	Panel discussion: AI in physiotherapy – where are we headed and what to we need to do now? – Belinda Lange, Julian Moore and Mark Merolli		
10.10 am	Morning tea		
10.30 am	Breakout 1 – Belinda Lange AI essential for practice: for the curious	Breakout 2 – Barry Nguyen Building with AI: for the innovators	
12.00–5.00 pm	EXHIBITION OPEN		
1.30–3.00 pm	PLENARY 1 Opening Keynote Grand Ballroom Sponsored by: Australian Physiotherapy Council		
	Welcome to Country: Carl George Marun Fourmile		
	Conference Welcome: Rob LoPresti		
	Presidents Welcome: Rik Dawson		
	Opening Keynote: Li Cunxin , 'An inspirational journey – the story of Mao's Last Dancer'		
3.00–3.30 pm	AFTERNOON TEA AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
3.35–4.20 pm Room:	1A: Business Kuranda Room	1B: Education Mossman Room	1C: Leadership and Management Bluewater 1 and 2
3.35–3.50 pm	Title: The human touch to healthcare: is technology helping or harming Speaker: Alex Forde	Title: A scoping review of clinical placement timing and distribution in physiotherapy education Speaker: Gemma Page	Title: The team leader's commercial role: beyond clinical excellence Speaker: Sherrie Krampel
3.50–4.05 pm		Title: Academic, demographic and psychosocial determinants of physiotherapy clinical placement performance Speaker: Alan Reubenson	
4.05–4.20 pm	Title: Avoiding our kodak moment: why physiotherapy must adapt to survive Speaker: Scott Willis	Title: Using student voice to evaluate and strengthen clinical supervision and placement quality Speaker: Taryn Jones	Title: Elevating expert practice: empowering physiotherapists through transformative learning Speaker: Amanda Hensman-Crook
4.25–5.25 pm Room:	2A: Practice Kuranda Room	2B: Business Mossman Room	2C: Education Bluewater 1 and 2
4.25–4.40 pm	Title: Embedding cultural safety principles into everyday physiotherapy clinical practice Invited Speaker: Michelle Whap	Title: From transactional to transformational: building sustainable career pathways for staff retention Speaker: Natasha Ace	Title: Developing clinical reasoning capability in physiotherapy students using artificial intelligence Speaker: Benjamin Weeks
4.40–4.55 pm			Title: Comparing students' performance and stress levels between part-time and full-time placements Speaker: Clarice Tang

4.55–5.10 pm	Title: Elevating physiotherapy practice and delivering outcomes in Queensland State Schools Speaker: Ethan Gannon	Title: Simple digital marketing for physiotherapists Speaker: Greg Nicolle	Title: Implementing programmatic assessment and entrustable ePortfolios for future-ready graduates Speaker: Rutger De Zoete
5.10–5.25 pm	Title: Efficacy of physiotherapy telemedicine in short stay arthroplasty: enhancing continuum of care Speaker: Bradley Dennien	Title: Designing scalable allied health businesses: systems, structure and leadership Speaker: Trystan Conway	Title: Preparing physiotherapists and other health professionals in their transition to academic education Speaker: Van Nguyen
5.30–7.30 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION PULLMAN CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL POOL DECK Sponsored by VALD		
  			
FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026			
6.30 am	Yoga on the Pullman pool deck		
7.00–8.30 am Room:	BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST: 'Sustainable growth and attractive career pathways – managing burnout' Bluewater 1 and 2 MC: Matt Pallozzi Panel: John Fitzgerald, Helen Weston and Jade Scott Sponsored by: THRYV		
9.00–10.00 am	PLENARY 2 Grand Ballroom Sponsored by: HESTA		
	Topic: Artificial intelligence in physiotherapy: promise, practice and protection		
	Speakers: Leo Ng, Azmeena Hussian, Trevor Russell and Julian Moore		
10.00–10.45 am	MORNING TEA AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
10.50–11.35 am Room:	3A: Education Kuranda Room	3B: Leadership and Management Mossman Room	3C: Education Bluewater 1 and 2
10.50–11.05 am	Title: Queer(y)ing physiotherapy education: taking students beyond false cis-hetero-endonormative binaries Speaker: Emre Ilhan	Title: Navigating the winds of change – managing therapist turnover in your clinic Speaker: Nick Schuster	Title: Embedding planetary health in physiotherapy education through Indigenous knowledges Speaker: Kerstin McPherson
11.05–11.20 am	Title: Effective and inclusive management of transgender pelvic pain Speaker: Julian Grace and Kat Walker		Title: Integrating First Nations ways into physiotherapy education Speaker: Taryn Jones
11.20–11.35 am			
11.40 am–12.40 pm Room:	4A: Business Kuranda Room	4B: Practice Mossman Room	4C: Education Bluewater 1 and 2
11.40–11.55 am	Title: Clinician to business owner: lessons in practical leadership National Invited Speaker: Ben Corso	Title: Eating disorders in physiotherapy clinical practice: recognition and referral Speaker: Claire Weiss	Title: Defining transition to practice programs for new graduate physiotherapists Speaker: Jacqueline North
11.55 am–12.10 pm		Title: Neurosurgery Spine Evaluation Clinic (NSEC): A workforce-focused model for sustainable spine care Speaker: David Simondson	Title: Are we underutilizing AI in pain communication? Speaker: Michael Tong
12.10pm–12.25 pm		Title: Barriers and enablers to creating an online vestibular learning package Speaker: Caitlin Farmer	Title: Assurance of physiotherapy graduate readiness in the age of generative artificial intelligence Speaker: Heidi Kiely
12.25–12.40 pm	Title: Commercialisation – maybe not be a dirty word after all? Speaker: Dipthi Holloway	Title: Rural health students' views of climate change and sustainability in their curricula Speaker: Kerstin McPherson	Title: Integrating virtual reality with teacher-centred learning to enhance physiotherapy cardiorespiratory skill acquisition Speaker: Serena Hong

12.40–1.40 pm		LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
1.45–2.30 pm Room:	5A: Education Kuranda Room	5B: Business Mossman Room	5C: Practice Bluewater 1 and 2
1.45–2.00 pm	Title: Building capability in physiotherapy clinical education: a framework supporting career progression Speaker: Denise Jones	Title: A practical framework for safely introducing AI to new graduate physios Speaker: Barry Nguyen	Title: Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a digital falls prevention program for older adults Speaker: Kim Delbaere
2.00–2.15 pm	Title: Beyond supervision: a holistic interdisciplinary physiotherapy graduate program for quality disability practice Speaker: Trish Hill	Title: From clinician to leader: managing multidisciplinary teams as a physiotherapist Speaker: Trystan Conway	Title: Getting the assessment right: a practice-derived systems approach to hamstring strain prevention Speaker: Amanda Berntsen
2.15–2.30 pm	Title: Co-designed curriculum initiative to support physiotherapy students in specialised clinical placements Speaker: Michelle Franklin	Title: Evaluating artificial Intelligence in healthcare: accuracy, bias and prompt design effects Speaker: Bruno Tirotti Saragiotto	Title: Escaping the classroom: designing an acute care escape room for physiotherapy education Speaker: Jacqueline North
2.35–3.20pm Room:	6A: Leadership and Management Kuranda Room	6B: Practice Mossman Room	6C: Education Bluewater 1 and 2
2.35–2.50 pm	Title: Power to the patient: rethinking prescribing to create healthier communities Invited Speaker: Trent Twomey	Title: Spotting the zebra: recognising and managing complexity in neurodivergent adults Speaker: Michelle Garland	Title: Raising the bar: a new approach to assessing entry-level physiotherapy practice Speaker: Alan Reubenson
2.50–3.05 pm			Title: Evaluation of a physiotherapy student clinical educator support program using RE-AIM framework Speaker: Jane Dow
3.05–3.20 pm	Title: The Australian Physiotherapy Attrition and Retention Collaboration (PARC) project: practitioner perspectives Speaker: Paula Harding	Title: Physiotherapy has embraced clinical pilates exercise treatment. What does the future hold? Speaker: Craig Phillips	Title: Equivalence in clinical educator training: online and face-to-face workshops using the APP Speaker: Tanya Palmer
3.25–4.10 pm		AFTERNOON TEA AND EXHIBITION VIEWING	
4.15–5.15 pm	PLENARY 3 Grand Ballroom Sponsored by: Refr Health		
	Title: The hidden competitive advantage: why leading with emotional intelligence outperforms strategy Speaker: Jade Scott		
  			
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026			
6.30 am	Yoga on the Pullman pool deck		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
9.00–10.15 am Room:	7A: Business Kuranda Room	7B: Education Mossman Room	7C: Education Bluewater 1 and 2
9.00–9.15 am	Title: Rethinking physiotherapy care: hybrid models and value-based patient journeys Speaker: Winnie Wu	Title: Australia’s Advanced Practice Physiotherapy (APP) workforce: matching skills mix to service priorities Speaker: David Jovic	Title: Beyond technology: co-designing telehealth musculoskeletal pathways: organisational perspectives on implementation Speaker: Adnan Asger Ali
9.15–9.30 am		Title: Recovery after severe TBI: return to life and work as a physiotherapist Speaker: Ché Phillips	Title: Transitioning to in-house physiotherapy in rural aged care: a practical blueprint Speaker: Anu Purushothaman

9.30–9.45 am	Title: Would Australians choose physiotherapy over a free GP for musculoskeletal care? Speaker: Jim Zouch	Title: Concussion confident: closing the education gap for physiotherapists Speaker: Liz Jemson-ledger	
9.45–10.00 am	Title: Beyond the break-even: a 90-day framework for 30% practice profitability Speaker: Natasha Ace	Title: Advancing physiotherapy education and practice: Australian standards for health practitioner pain education Speaker: Genevieve Nolan	Title: Resourcefulness and opportunity – funding for a public hospital physiotherapy prostatectomy service Speaker: Catherine Willis
10.00–10.15 am		Title: Student-led interprofessional falls prevention: a feasible work-integrated learning model Speaker: Danielle Baxter	
10.15–11.00 am	MORNING TEA AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
11.05 am–12.05 pm Room:	8A: Leadership and Management Kuranda Room	8B: Practice Mossman Room	8C: Education Bluewater 1 and 2
11.05–11.20 am	Title: Private practice sustainability, staff and success. How to measure and defining enough? Speaker: Cate Boyd	Title: How to conduct complex chronic pain musculoskeletal assessments collaboratively via telehealth Speaker: Michelle Cottrell	Title: Integrating telehealth competencies into physiotherapy education: an evidence-based curriculum framework Speaker: Bruno Tirotti Saragiotto
11.20–11.35 am	Title: Leadership curriculum for agile and resilient future physiotherapy professionals Speaker: Adrian Pranata		
11.35–11.50 am	Title: Intentionally embedding a diversity, inclusion and culture charter is good for business Speaker: Annie Strauch	Title: Structured online rehabilitation: physio chi as a scalable physiotherapy delivery model Speaker: Jenny Lucy	Title: Modernising assessment of internationally qualified physiotherapists in Australia Speaker: Darren Lee
11.50 am–12.05 pm	Title: Preventing burnout in physiotherapy: reducing stress load before It escalates Speaker: Anne Jensen		Title: Modernising physiotherapy education standards to uphold the profession's reputation Speaker: Tamsin Garrod
12.05–12.50 pm Room:	9A: Leadership and Management Kuranda Room	9B: Business Mossman Room	9C: Practice Bluewater 1 and 2
12.05–12.20 pm	Title: Why one is enough: from small actions to big impact National Invited Speaker: Robin Orr	Title: Succession isn't a plan – it's a practice Speaker: John Fitzgerald	Title: Fill the GAP! Implementation of a transprofessional adjacent practitioner role Speaker: Tanya Gilmour
12.20–12.35 pm			
12.35–12.50 pm		Title: Addressing inequity and workforce demand through student-led physiotherapy services Speaker: Andrea Hams	Title: An inclusive physiotherapy honours entry-model strengthening research literacy and bridging clinician–researcher binary Speaker: Paul Kemel
12.50–1.50 pm	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
1.55–2.55 pm	PLENARY 4 Grand Ballroom Sponsored by: Refr Health		
	Topic: More than movement: reclaiming the humanistic values of physiotherapy Speaker: Rachel Moses		
3.00–3.45 pm	AFTERNOON TEA AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
3.50–4.50 pm	CLOSING PLENARY Grand Ballroom Sponsored by Sleepmaker		
	Topic: The yellow car: drive away stress instantly Speaker: Toni Powell		

4.50–5.00 pm	Conference close
	Speaker: Mark Round
7.00–11.00 pm	CONFERENCE DINNER: Pullman Ballroom 'Rainforest Escape' Sponsored by: Maurice Blackburn