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Day 1: Friday 15 May 2026

08.00	Registration Desk Opens	Conway Rooms Foyer, Level 1 Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre
08.00	Arrival Tea and Coffee	Exhibition Hall: Conway Rooms 1- 3
09.00	Mihi Whakatau and Conference Opening Session Chairs: Tony Scott, Aaron Waterreus	Auditorium
09.30	Channeling Adversity into Achievement <i>Atelea Mapapalangi</i>	Auditorium
09.50	The Richard Aickin Perpetual Lecture Paediatric Resuscitation for Low and Middle Resource Settings <i>Allan de Caen</i>	Auditorium
10.30	Kaputi o te ata – Morning Tea	Exhibition Hall: Conway Rooms 1- 3
	PLENARY SESSION 2 Chairs: Gary Payinda, Christine Brabyn	Auditorium
11.00	Defining and Measuring the Right Outcomes in Sudden Cardiac Arrest <i>Katie Dainty</i>	Auditorium
11.20	Transferring Education into Practice - Bridging the Gap <i>Kasper Lauridsen</i>	Auditorium
11.40	Optimising Defibrillation Success: Pad Position, Energy Levels or Dual Sequential? <i>Charles Deakin</i>	Auditorium
12.00	ANZCOR Guidelines 2026 - Advanced Life Support and Paediatric Life Support <i>Michael Parr and Jason Acworth</i> Host <i>Gary Payinda</i>	Auditorium
12.30	Te kai tina – Lunch	Exhibition Hall: Conway Rooms 1- 3
12.45	WISER Lunchtime Session	Conway 5

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FREE PAPER SESSIONS (3 CONCURRENT)		
13.30	FREE PAPER SESSION A Chairs: Aaron Waterreus, Kevin Nation 1. Optimising Alert Parameters to Increase Goodsam Engagement in Community Cardiac Arrest Response Heather Hutchinson 2. Updating National Minimum Standards for Resuscitation and Anaphylaxis Training in Aotearoa NZ Jane Morphet 3. Unlocked vs Locked: Insights of Publicly Accessible AED Losses in Suburban Victoria, Australia Marj Devereux 4. Community Preparedness for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: Structural Patterns of Repeat CPR Training in Rural and Metropolitan Settings Lauren Morley 5. Improving the Chain of Survival: Findings from Western Australia on Call-Taker Recognition of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Stephen Ball	Conway 4
13.30	FREE PAPER SESSION B Chairs: Jo Hegarty, Luke Stephenson 1. Task Manager Quality Improvement Project: Improving Escalation and Clinical Communication During Out-of-Hours Care Olivia Gray 2. A Decade-Long Research Program of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Emergency Ambulance Calls Niru Perera 3. The Defibrillation Gap for Cardiac Arrests Occurring at Home – Are Community Responders the Answer? Sarah Maessen 4. Modelling Spatial Variation in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Survival Across Australian States and Territories Holly Crompton 5. Socioeconomic Status and Survival of Paediatric Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest in Australia: A Report from the Australasian Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (Aus-ROC) Amrita Saha	Conway 5

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	1. Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrests (OHCA) in Australia and New Zealand in 2023: A Report from the Australasian Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (Aus-ROC) Sarah Maessen	
	2. Fatigue, Anxiety and Depression Among 12-Month Survivors of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: A Population Based Cohort Study Daniel Okyere	
	3. A Socioeconomic Divide: Inequities in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Incidence and Outcome Sarah Harris	
	4. Long-Term Quality of Life and Functional Outcomes for Survivors of Asystolic Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Dhiraj Dwivedi	
	5. Double Sequential Defibrillation in the Real World: Early Findings from Aotearoa New Zealand Bridget Dicker	
15.00	Kaputi o te ahiahi - Afternoon tea	Exhibition Hall: Conway Rooms 1- 3
	PLENARY SESSION 3 Chairs: Tony Scott, Bridget Dicker	Auditorium
15.30	Manual Pressure Augmentation for Defibrillation in Cardiac Arrest Ziad Nehme	Auditorium
15.50	Prevention Starts with Education Janet Bray	Auditorium
16.10	The Importance of Bystander Interventions in the Chain of Survival Judith Finn	Auditorium
16.30	ANZCOR Guidelines 2026 – Basic Life Support and First Aid Janet Bray and Kevin Nation Host Gary Payinda	Auditorium
17.00	Day One closes	Auditorium
18.30	He Po Whakangahau - A night of entertainment Dress Code: We want everyone to feel relaxed but look sharp. Don't stress out, if you want to dress formal then go for it, but equally don't feel pressured. Just no jeans, sneakers, jandals etc. We want to strike a balance between casual and classy.	The Cardboard Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street. Please make your own way there.

Day 2: Saturday 16 May 2026

07.00	Laerdal Breakfast Session: Enhancing Realism and Inclusivity in CPR & AED Training Join us for a relaxed breakfast session previewing two new solutions—the Female Chest Overlay and Bralette —designed to support more realistic and inclusive CPR and AED training. Explore, trial the solutions, and join the discussion on learner confidence, training delivery, and clinical realism. Breakfast and coffee provided.	Bealey 4 + 5, Ground Floor Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre
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08.00	CINZ meet and greet session	Conway 5
09.00	PLENARY SESSION 4 Chairs: Michael Parr, Melanie Trimboy	Auditorium
09.00	Paediatric Traumatic Cardiac Arrest Management: Futile in the Field? <i>Allan de Caen</i>	Auditorium
09.30	Cardiac Arrest Survivorship: A Journey that Starts after Hospital Discharge <i>Katie Dainty</i>	Auditorium
10.00	End of the Road for Adrenaline? <i>Charles Deakin</i>	Auditorium
10.30	Kaputi o te ata - Morning Tea	Exhibition Hall: Conway Rooms 1- 3
	PLENARY SESSION 5 Chairs: Kevin Nation, Chris Shimmin	Auditorium
11.00	AEDs - How do we Increase Use? <i>Kasper Lauridsen</i>	Auditorium
11.25	HIRAIID®- Improving Safety for Emergency Department Patients <i>Julie Considine</i>	Auditorium
11.50	ANZCOR Guidelines 2026 - Education and Implementation, Newborn Life Support and Acute Coronary Syndromes <i>Tracy Kidd, Lindsay Mildenhall, Tony Scott</i> Hosted by Kevin Nation	Auditorium
12.30	Te kai tina - Lunch	Exhibition Hall: Conway Rooms 1- 3

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	Best of the Best Abstracts Chairs: Brendan Harris, Jason Acworth		Auditorium
13.30	1. Emergency Medical Services Identification and Prehospital Care of Acute Coronary Syndrome Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Immigrants in Victoria, Australia Ararso Olani		
13.45	2. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation-Induced Consciousness and Survival After Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Jack Howard		
14.00	3. Geospatial Patterns of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest and Goodsam Alert Acceptance in New Zealand Shanika Guruge		
14.15	4. Bystander Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation by Ethnicity in Aotearoa Amy Knight		
	CONCURRENT SPECIAL SESSIONS		
14.35	Survivorship - A Broader Perspective Chairs: Julie Considine, Teghan Mear	Prognostication Rob Everitt	Auditorium
		The Co-Survivor Journey - The Forgotten Patient Katie Dainty	
		Panel Discussion Atelea Mapapalangi, Alecia Thompson, Rob Everitt, Tracy Kidd, Katie Dainty	
14.35	Education Chairs: Jonathon Webber, Matt Rose	Keeping the Skills Alive: Sustaining Firefighter Capability in Medical Response Darren Crawford	Conway 5
		Quality Improvement in CPR Education: Measuring, Change and Motivation Chris Jacobson	
		10 Steps to Improve In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: Bridging Education, Implementation, and Teamwork Kasper Lauridsen	
14.35	Mothers, Babies and Children Chairs: Amanda Kerr, Jo Hegarty	Chest Compression only CPR: Saving Adults at The Expense of Children Allan de Caen	Conway 4
		Paediatric Life Support - Circulation is Still Important Jason Acworth	
		The First Minutes Matter: Advancing Neonatal Resuscitation in 2026 Lindsay Mildenhall	
15.35	Kaputi o te ahiahi - Afternoon Tea		Exhibition Hall: Conway Rooms 1- 3

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16.00	PLENARY 6 Chairs: Tony Scott, Peter Morley	Auditorium
16.00	The Future of Resuscitation Science Peter Morley	
16.30	The Final Great Debates (2 x 10 minute debates, 5 minutes per presenter) 1. AI-Driven Personalised Medicine Should Replace Guideline-Driven Clinical Care Kevin Nation vs Janet Bray 2. High-Tech Resuscitation in the Street: Progress for Some, Inequity for Others Ziad Nehme vs Bridget Dicker	
16.50	Final Words Tony Scott, Peter Morley	
17.00	Conference Close	

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster Number	First Name	Last Name	Poster Title
1	Elliott	Acworth	Procedural and Pharmacological Interventions During Rapid Response System Activations in a Quaternary Paediatric Hospital
2	Elliott	Acworth	Patterns of Rapid Response System Activations in a Quaternary Paediatric Hospital: A 10-Year Review
3	Jason	Belcher	Impact of Double Sequential Defibrillation on CPR Quality: A Pilot Study
4	Ella	Birch	Quality First: Implementing A MET Team Huddle to Improve Medical Emergency Response
5	Marj	Devereux	Can 10 Minutes Make a Difference? Evaluating CPR Lab - A Community Based CPR Education Model in Victoria, Australia
6	Michelle	du Toit	A Blended Learning Approach to Resuscitation Education: Aligning Practice With International Guidelines
7	Dhiraj	Dwivedi	Temporal Trends in Incidence, Characteristics and Survival Outcomes for Asystolic Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest
8	Judith	Finn	Diversity of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) Available on the Australian Market: Implications for Lay Responders
9	Kim	Macalinao	Case Report: Double Sequential Synchronized Cardioversion for Refractory Arrhythmia
10	Gail	Pomare	Ngā Hoe e Waru: The 8 Paddles of Teaching - A Relational First Aid Education Framework
11	Leona	Robertson	Interdepartmental Trauma Team Training Simulation Day
12	Martin	Watts	The Emergency Department Management of Atrial Fibrillation
13	David	Majewski	Simulated survival impact of pulselessness-detection technologies for unwitnessed Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest



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