



Laryngology Melbourne 2026

24-25 October 2026

Collaborative Laryngology

Translating Research into Clinical Excellence



Scientific Program Schedule

Friday 23 October 2026 – Pre-Conference Workshops

10:00am – 12:30pm	Workshop 1 Venue: Epworth Richmond – Bridge Road SPONSORED BY - CR Kennedy Towards Excellence in Stroboscopy: A Workshop for ENTs and Speech Pathologists <i>Lead Facilitator: Dr Amanda Richards</i> <i>Facilitators: Dr Theodore Athanasiadis, Kate Baumwol, Natasha Curham, Madlyn Connelly, Dr Nicole Free, Dr Georgina Harris, Dr Hayley Herbert, Dr Travis Leahy, Dr Jae Murphy, A/Prof Debbie Phyland</i>	
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Light Lunch	
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Workshop 2 Venue: Epworth Richmond – Bridge Road Inside Expert Voice Therapy: Live Demonstrations, Clinical Reasoning, and Skill Coaching <i>Clinicians: Dr Edie Hapner, Dr Aaron M. Johnson, Dr Catherine Madill, A/Prof Debbie Phyland</i> <i>Facilitators: Lucy Bath, Kate Baumwol, Natasha Curham, Dr Nicole Free, Georgia Magarey, Dr Danielle Stone</i>	Workshop 3 Venue: Epworth Richmond – Bridge Road SPONSORED BY - LifeHealthcare Using PRP in the Laryngology Clinic: Clinical Indications, Procedures and Lessons Learnt So Far <i>Facilitators: Dr Matthew Broadhurst, Dr Elizabeth Hodge, A/Prof Daniel Novakovic, Dr Amanda Richards, Dr Thomas Stewart</i>
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Workshop 2 (continued) Venue: Epworth Richmond – Bridge Road Inside Expert Voice Therapy: Live Demonstrations, Clinical Reasoning, and Skill Coaching <i>Lead Facilitator: Nicole Free</i> <i>Facilitators: Kate Baumwol, Natasha Curham, Danielle Stone, Georgia Magarey, Lucy Bath</i>	

Saturday 24 October 2026

7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast Workshop Room: Ballroom 1 & 2 Collecting Voice Data in the Clinic – Essential Measures, Protocols and Free Data Collection Tools SPONSORED BY - Sydney Voice Lab
PLENARY SESSION 1 – 8:30am – 10:35am Room: Ballroom 1 & 2	
8:30am – 8:40am	Official Opening Addresses <i>Dr Amanda Richards, Conference Convenor</i>
8:40am – 9:10am	Keynote Speaker Latest in Laryngeal Reinnervation <i>Dr Kate Heathcote</i>
9:10am – 9:55am	Keynote Speaker Laryngeal Reflexes: Where Are We in 2026? <i>A/Prof Catherine Sinclair</i>
9:55am – 10:15am	Invited Speaker Neuronal Hypersensitivity in Chronic Cough <i>Prof Stuart Mazzone</i>
10:15am – 10:35am	Invited Speaker Movement Disorders of the Larynx: Navigating the Complexities of Nomenclature and Classification <i>Dr Belinda Cruse</i>
10:35am – 11:00am	Morning Tea
PLENARY SESSION 2 – 11:00am – 12:35pm Room: Ballroom 1 & 2	
11:00am – 11:45am	Keynote Speaker "Moving Beyond the Gap" - Decision Making in Presbyphonia <i>Dr Edie Hapner</i>
11:45am – 12:15pm	Keynote Speaker Basic-Science Techniques in Voice Research <i>Dr Aaron M. Johnson</i>
12:15pm – 12:35pm	Invited Speaker Microelectrode Recordings of Cardiac, Respiratory and Digestion-Related Activity in the Human Vagus Nerve <i>Prof Vaughan Macefield</i>

12:35pm – 1:20pm	Lunch	
PLENARY SESSION 3 – 1:20pm – 3:00pm Room: Ballroom 1 & 2		
1:20pm – 1:35pm	Identifying Medically Urgent Voice Disorders: Evaluation of an Australian Speech-Language Pathology Primary Contact Assessment <i>Dr Christopher Payten</i>	
1:35pm – 1:50pm	Laryngeal Sensory Dysfunction in Subgroups of Voice Disorders <i>Dr Catherine Madill</i>	
1:50pm – 2:05pm	Their Story Tells the Picture: Self-Rated Voice Function Using the EASE Scale and Laryngeal Diagnoses in Treatment-Seeking Singers <i>A/Prof Debbie Phyland</i>	
2:05pm – 2:20pm	The Development and Preliminary Validation of the Thyroid Symptom Questionnaire: A Tool for the Assessment of Laryngopharyngeal Symptoms in Benign Thyroid Disease <i>Dr Vikash Yogaraj</i>	
2:20pm – 2:35pm	Perspectives and Acceptance of a Collaborative Database of Voice Disorders: A National Survey of Australian Otolaryngologists and Speech Pathologists <i>Dr Catherine Madill</i>	
2:35pm – 2:50pm	A Mixed-Method Study on the Efficacy of a Singing-Based Voice Therapy for Patients with Presbyphonia <i>Dr Wing-nam Crystal Yuen</i>	
2:50pm – 3:00pm	Session Q&A	
PANEL 1 – 3:00pm – 3:30pm Room: Ballroom 1 & 2		
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Collaborative Laryngology <i>Facilitator: TBC</i> <i>Panellists: TBC</i>	
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	
	CONCURRENT A: 4:00pm – 5:10pm Advances in Surgery, Dysphagia and Airway Room: Ballroom 1	CONCURRENT B: 4:00pm – 5:10pm Advances in Professional Voice Room: Ballroom 2
4:00pm – 4:15pm	First Clinical Experience with Combined Platelet-Rich Plasma and Hyaluronic Acid Injection for Vocal Fold Atrophy and Scar <i>Dr Zuraini Mohammad Nasir</i>	Hearing Their Voices: Current Perspectives of Australian Teachers Toward Voice Care <i>Dr Jane Bickford</i>
4:15pm – 4:30pm	Feasibility, Safety and Outcomes of Awake Oesophageal Dilatation in Head and Neck Cancer Patients via Trans-Nasal Oesophagoscopy <i>Dr Jonathan Woliansky</i>	Voice Care Perspectives of Australian School Leadership <i>Dr Jane Bickford</i>
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Prevalence and Predictors of Laryngeal Sensory Symptoms in Unilateral Vocal Fold	Does Practicing Resonant Voice in 360-Degree Videos of Classroom Environments

	Paralysis <i>Dr Zuraini Mohammad Nasir</i>	Enhance Voice Therapy Outcomes for Teachers? <i>A/Prof Estella Ma</i>
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Piloting a Multidisciplinary Nonsurgical Pathway for Infants with Laryngomalacia <i>Julie Bettle and Siew-Lian Crossley</i>	Voice Therapy Adherence from the Perspective of Occupational Voice Users <i>Dr Lauryn Stewart</i>
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Session Q&A	Session Q&A
5:10pm – 6:00pm	Annual General Meeting (AGM) All members welcome	
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Conference Networking Event	

Sunday 25 October 2026

7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast Workshop Room: Ballroom 1 & 2 Latest in Dysphagia: Clinical Updates for Speech Pathologists and ENTs <i>Facilitator: Susie Griffiths</i>
PLENARY SESSION 4 – 8:30am – 10:05am Room: Ballroom 1 & 2	
8:30am – 9:00am	Keynote Speaker The Rise of In-Office Laryngology: Innovation, Efficiency, and Patient-Centred Care <i>Dr Kate Heathcote</i>
9:00am – 9:20am	Invited Speaker Oesophageal Function and Laryngeal Symptoms <i>A/Prof Chamara Basnayake</i>
9:20am – 9:50am	Keynote Speaker Effect of Vocal Training on Neuromuscular Plasticity <i>Dr Aaron M. Johnson</i>
9:50am – 10:05am	Changing Voices: Evolving Multidisciplinary Care in Gender-Affirming Voice Surgery <i>A/Prof Paul Paddle</i>
PANEL 2 – 10:05am – 10:35am Room: Ballroom 1 & 2	
10:05am – 10:35am	Panel 2 TBC <i>Facilitator: TBC</i> <i>Panellists: TBC</i>
10:35am – 11:00am	Morning Tea

PLENARY SESSION 5 – 11:00am – 12:15pm Exercise Testing, ILO and Cough Room: Ballroom 1 & 2		
11:00am – 11:20am	Invited Speakers Exercise Testing: A Performance Perspective <i>A/Prof Paul Tofari and Dr Doug Whyte</i>	
11:20am – 11:35am	Comparing Eucapnic Voluntary Hyperventilation and Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing in the Diagnosis of Exercise Induced Laryngeal Obstruction <i>Dr Danielle Stone</i>	
11:35am – 11:50am	Addition of Amitriptyline or Placebo to Speech Pathology for Inducible Laryngeal Obstruction: A Double-Blind Randomised Controlled Trial <i>Dr Janine Mahoney</i>	
11:50am – 12:05pm	Effectiveness of a Speech Pathology-Led Primary Contact Clinic for Chronic Cough: Pre and Post Outcomes <i>Dr Chloe Walton</i>	
12:05pm – 12:15pm	Session Q&A	
12:15pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	
	CONCURRENT A: 1:00pm – 2:10pm ILO and Laryngeal Dysfunction Room: Ballroom 1	CONCURRENT B: 1:00pm – 2:10pm Assessment and Service Delivery Room: Ballroom 2
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Quantification of Laryngeal Narrowing in Inducible Laryngeal Obstruction - Validation of Novel Software <i>Dr Danielle Stone</i>	Evaluating the Feasibility and Outcomes of an Advanced Practice Speech Pathology – ENT Primary Contact Service <i>Chantal Mitvalsky</i>
1:15pm – 1:30pm	Evaluation of a laryngeal dysfunction assessment and treatment tool <i>A/Prof Anne Vertigan</i>	Patient Completed Voice Case History Questionnaire – Part 2: A Two-Part Global Survey of Otorhinolaryngologists and Speech Language Pathologists <i>Dr Catherine Madill</i>
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Bridging the Airway Divide: Educating Speech Pathologists About Laryngeal Dysfunction and Co-Occurring Asthma <i>Jordan Jeffery</i>	Aerodynamic Characteristics of Phonation in Subgroups of Voice Disorders Classified Based Upon the USVAC-C2025 Framework <i>Dr Duy Duong Nguyen</i>
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Exploring factors impacting engagement in speech pathology intervention for Inducible Laryngeal Obstruction: A qualitative study <i>Dr Janine Mahoney</i>	Effects of Respiratory Priming on Lung Volume and Laryngeal Resistance in Trained and Untrained Speakers <i>Dr Catherine Madill</i>
2:00pm – 2:10pm	Session Q&A	Session Q&A
PLENARY SESSION 6 – 2:10pm – 2:45pm AI and Technology Room: Ballroom 1 & 2		

2:10pm – 2:30pm	Invited Speaker Machine Learning Models for Automated Voice Disorder Assessment Using Acoustic Data <i>Prof Dr-Ing Michael Döllinger</i>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Classifying Voice Disorders for Machine Learning: A Pilot Study of a Novel Diagnostic Framework, the USVAC-C2025 <i>Dr Catherine Madill</i>
PANEL 3 & CONFERENCE CLOSE – 2:45pm – 3:30pm Room: Ballroom 1 & 2	
2:45pm – 3:15pm	Panel 3 <i>Facilitator: TBC</i> <i>Panellists: TBC</i>
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements and Awards <i>Dr Amanda Richards, Conference Convenor</i>