



PROGRAM OUTLINE

Tuesday 2 June 2026	
15:30 – 17:30	Registration Desk Open
17:30 – 19:30	EMCR Sundowner <i>Venue: Print Hall, Brookfield Place 125 St Georges Tce, Perth</i>
	<i>A casual event for students, early and mid-career researchers to get together prior to the start of the congress the following day. Drinks at guests own expense with light nibbles supported by Prof Emerita Sue Fletcher.</i>

Wednesday 3 June 2026	
08:00 – 18:00	Registration Desk Open
09:00 – 09:35	OFFICIAL OPENING <i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i> Session Chairs: Dr Ian Woodcock (Australia) & Dr Sophelia Chan (Hong Kong)
09:00	Welcome to Country Ingrid Cumming
09:10	Australasian Neuromuscular Network Welcome Dr Ian Woodcock, President, Australasian Neuromuscular Network
09:15	Asian and Oceanian Myology Center (AOMC) Welcome Prof Ichizo Nishino, President, The Asian and Oceanian Myology Center
09:20	Neuromuscular WA Welcome Cara Philpott, Chair, Neuromuscular WA
09:25	Patient Experience Sarah & Colin Ye
09:35 – 10:30	PLENARY SESSION 1 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Metabolic Myopathies & Rhabdomyolysis Prof Ros Quinlivan Queen Square Centre for Neuromuscular Disease, United Kingdom
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea <i>Riverview Room 4</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Symposium 1: Metabolic Myopathies & Rhabdomyolysis <i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i> Session Chairs: Prof Yan Lin (China) & Dr Eppie Yiu (Australia)

11:00	Exploring genetic predisposition to rhabdomyolysis A/Prof Emily Oates Sydney Children's Hospital Network and The University of New South Wales, Australia	
11:30	The update of lipid storage myopathy A/Prof Wen-Chen Liang Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital, Taiwan	
12:00	Study on pathomechanism of glycogen accumulation caused by lysosomal dysfunction in Pompe Disease Dr Duoling Li Qilu Hospital of Shandong University, China	
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch <i>Riverview Room 4</i>	Sponsored by 
12:30 – 13:15	Allied Health Professionals Lunchtime Meeting Allied Health professionals attending the ANN&AOMC2026 Joint Congress are invited to a lunch time discussion: Applying the <u>F-words</u> to neuromuscular diseases – let's talk about physical activity and participation in community sport	<i>Meeting Room 12</i>
13:15 – 15:45	Lightning Talks EMCR Presentations Session Chairs: Prof Emma Rybalka (Australia) & Prof Raymond Rosales (Philippines)	<i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i>
13:15	How, when, and why should we talk to young people with nmd about dying? Dr Kathryn Irving Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, VIC, Australia	
13:25	Misense variants in TUBA4A cause myo-tubulinopathies Dr Mridul Johari Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, WA, Australia	
13:35	Lactate and histone lactylation mediate a multi-organ crosstalk by upregulating myokine GDF15 in mitochondrial myopathy Prof Yan Lin Qilu Hospital of Shandong University, Shandong, China	
13:45	Mitochondrial dysfunction driven by imbalanced fission and fusion of mitochondria in myofibrillar myopathy type 5 Dr Xiaoqing Lyu Qilu Hospital of Shandong University, China	
13:55	Reversing Cardiac Dystrophinopathy: Insights from a Human XLDCM iPSC Model and P188 Therapy. Dr Yin Cheng The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong	
14:05	Optical genome mapping in australian clinical diagnostics: a retrospective analysis of FSHD1 testing at Pathwest Dr Harmony Clayton PathWest Laboratory Medicine, Australia	
14:15	Mental and Intellectual Neuro Development in childhood-onset FSHD Studies – the MINDS FSHD Protocol Dr Katy de Valle Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia	
14:25	Exon-skipping therapies for dmd boys in Kazakhstan: Challenges of implementation A/Prof Altynshash Jaxybayeva Center for Molecular Medicine, Kazakhstan	

14:35	Concurrent and cross-contextual validity of the functional mobility scale for children with neuromuscular disease Dr Rachel Kennedy Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia	
14:45	Clinical, Radiological and genetic spectrum of ADSSL1 myopathy: A Case Series Dr Farsana Mustafa All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India	
14:55	Integrative multi-omics identifies MRPL30 as novel mitochondrial disease gene Miss Andi G. Penklis University of New South Wales, Australia	
15:05	Efgartigimod non-responders in generalized myasthenia gravis: A retrospective analysis of predictive factors Miss Jingru Ren Peking University First Hospital, China	
15.15	Precision therapeutic development for ADSS1 myopathy integrating AI-guided discovery with a novel knock-in model Dr Cara Timpani Victoria University, Australia	
15:25	Muscle imaging patterns and variant-specific progression in DNM2-related centronuclear myopathy Dr Genevieve Gucci Grace Uy NCNP, Japan	
15:45 – 16:15	Afternoon Tea	<i>Riverview Room 4</i>
16:15 – 17:00	Poster Session 1	<i>Riverview Room 4</i>
17:00 – 18:00	Debate: AI Replacing Clinicians & Researchers	<i>Meeting Room 1 – 3</i>
	<p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Prof Nigel Laing Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, Australia</p> <p>Prof Emma Rybalka Victoria University, Australia</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Dr Michelle Lorentzos The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Australia</p> <p>Dr Ian Woodcock, Royal Children's Hospital, Australia</p> <p>Dr Crystal Jing Jing Yeo National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore</p> <p>Dr Joshua Back Children's Hospital Westmead, Australia</p>	
18:00 – 19:30	Welcome Reception <i>Riverview Room 4</i>	<p>Sponsored by</p> 

Thursday 4 June 2026

07:15 – 17:00	Registration Desk Open	
07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast Symposia Dr Vivek Mundada (United Arab Emirates) <i>Meeting Room 1 – 3</i>	Presented by  NOVARTIS
09:00 – 10:30	Symposium 2: Inflammatory Myopathies Session Chairs: Prof Oranee Sanmaneechai (Thailand) & Dr Mridul Johari (Australia)	<i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i>
09:00	IBM Prof Merrilee Needham Fiona Stanley Hospital, Australia	
09:30	Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Myopathy: A Journey from Bedside to Bench and Back to Bedside Prof Teerin Liewluck Mayo Clinic-Rochester, United States	
10:00	Real-world study of eculizumab for the treatment of Chinese patients with inclusion body myositis Dr Qiang Gang Peking University First Hospital, China	
10:10	ZNF683-positive tissue-resident memory T cells anchor the inflammatory–myofiber–interstitial axis in Inclusion Body Myositis Dr Francia Victoria De Los Reyes National Institute of Neuroscience, National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry, Japan	
10:20	Clinical, imaging, and muscle pathological characteristics of different subtypes of juvenile idiopathic inflammatory myopathies A/Prof Cuijie Wei Peking University First Hospital, China	
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea	<i>Riverview Room 4</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Short Oral Presentations Session 2 Session Chairs: Dr Rhonda Taylor (Australia) & Dr Josiah Chai (Singapore)	<i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i>
11:00	Therapeutic possibilities for PYROXD1 myopathy Dr Frances Evesson The University of Sydney, Australia	
11:10	Defects in lysosome reformation - A novel link between genetically distinct muscular dystrophies and myopathies Dr Meagan McGrath Monash University, Australia	
11:20	Summarising lower limb contractures affecting gait and function in ambulant boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Dr Kate Carroll The Royal Children's Hospital, Australia	
11:30	A new beginning for Duchenne: Genomic newborn screening and integrated models of early care Dr Michelle Lorentzos The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Australia	
11:40	Late-onset TK2 deficiency in adults: Long-term clinical outcomes of deoxynucleoside therapy Prof Hacer Durmus Tekce İstanbul Üniversitesi Çapa Tıp Fakültesi, Turkey	

11:50	Diagnostic yield of high-risk screening for late-onset Pompe disease in Thailand Prof Oranee Sanmaneechai Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital Mahidol University, Thailand	
12:00	Essence: efficacy and safety of golodirsen and casimersen compared with placebo in Duchenne muscular dystrophy Dr Gerard Sheehan Sarepta Therapeutics, Ireland	
12:10	Natural history and outcome measures in Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy in India A/Prof Venugopalan Vishnu All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India	
12:20 – 13:15	Lunch	<i>Riverview Room 4</i>
12:30 – 13:15	Asian and Oceanian Myology Center Executive Meeting <i>Meeting Room 12</i>	
13:15 – 15:15	Symposium 3: Disease Modelling & Emerging Therapies <i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i> Session Chairs: Dr Takasji Kurashige (Japan) & Dr Andrew Clarke (Australia)	
13:15	Outcome measures in LGMD in era of therapies Dr Meredith James John Walton Muscular Dystrophy Research Centre, United Kingdom	
13:50	Modelling myopathies and evaluating therapies using patient-derived cells and engineered muscle tissues Dr Joshua Clayton Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, Australia	
14:10	AI-driven biomarker discovery and stem cell modelling in motor neuron disease Dr Crystal Jing Jing Yeo National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore	
14:30	RNA-Based Therapeutics for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: From Exon Skipping to Next-Generation Disease-Modifying Strategies Dr Yoshitsugu Aoki National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry (NCNP), Tokyo, Japan	
14:50	Genetic discovery and modelling inherited neuropathies Prof Marina Kennerson Northcott Neuroscience Laboratory, ANZAC Research Institute Sydney Local Health District & University of Sydney, Australia	
15:15 – 15:45	Afternoon Tea	15:30 Special Screening: “No One Rides Alone” <i>Meeting Room 1 – 3</i> <i>A team of cyclists retraces the 1955 Tour de France route while one rider lives with a rare neurological condition. As fatigue and illness set in, endurance, teamwork, and resilience are tested over 3,200 kilometres around France.</i>
15:45 – 17:00	Poster Session 2 <i>Riverview Room 4</i>	
18:30 – Late	Conference Dinner Venue: <i>Frasers Kings Park</i> Guests to make their own way to venue	
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Friday 5 June 2026

Dedicated Community Day in Honour of Sandy Kervin

The ANN AOMC 2026 Joint Congress is honoured to dedicate Friday 5 June, our Community Day, to the memory of Sandy Kervin, a passionate advocate, tireless champion, and much-loved leader in the neuromuscular community.

Community Day Hospitality & Exhibition Information

To support a welcoming and engaging experience for community attendees, dedicated catering and networking spaces will be available throughout Friday in the Northern Foyer.

In line with industry requirements and the Medicines Australia Code of Conduct, some exhibition areas are designed specifically for healthcare professionals and researchers. We appreciate your understanding as we work to create opportunities for meaningful connection between community, clinicians and researchers throughout the day.

08:00 – 16:00	Registration Desk Open	
09:00 – 10:30	AOMC Plenary Session	<i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i>
	Session Chairs: Prof Ichizo Nishino (Japan) and Dr Anita Cairns (Australia)	
09:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Rare Care experience, an NMD focus Prof Jong-Hee Chae Seoul National University College of Medicine, South Korea)	
09:40 – 10:30	Transition Care	<i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i>
	Session Chairs: Dr Rachel Kennedy (Australia) & A/Prof Vishnu Venugopalan (India)	
09:40	Transition for DMD Prof Ros Quinlivan Queen Square Centre for Neuromuscular Disease, United Kingdom	
10:10	Patient Perspective Bailey and Mike Atkinson	
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea	<i>Riverview Room 4 & Northern Foyer</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Symposium 4: Foundations & Frontiers in Neuromuscular Care	<i>Meeting Room 1 - 3</i>
	Session Chairs: Prof Dae Seong Kim (South Korea) & Ms Miriam Rodrigues (New Zealand)	
11:00	Respiratory health Dr Adelaide Withers Perth Children's Hospital, Australia	
11:30	Redefining physiotherapy in the age of disease modifying therapies Dr Kristy Rose Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead), Australia	
12:00	Clinical trials and readiness, NZ perspective A/Prof Richard Roxburgh New Zealand	
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch	<i>Riverview Room 4 & Northern Foyer</i>
12:45 – 13:15	Australian Neuromuscular Network Inc Annual General Meeting	<i>Meeting Room 12</i>

13:15 – 15:00		Concurrent Sessions	
Interesting Cases		Community-focused session: Therapies and equity of access	
Meeting Room 1 & 2		Meeting Room 3	
Session Chairs: Dr Jantima Tamboon (Thailand) & Dr Gina O'Grady (New Zealand)		Session Chairs: Emma Weatherley (Australia)	
13:15 A 17-year-old man with a 2-year history of slowly progressive lower muscle weakness Dr Xiaoqing Lyu Qilu Hospital, Shandong University, China		13:15 Equity and access around the globe Dr Michelle Lorentzos The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Australia	
13:25 A 40-year-old man with a one-year history of progressive weakness of anterior thigh and handgrip Dr Dae-Seong Kim Pusan National University Yangsan Hospital, South Korea			
13:35: A 60-year-old man with a 6-months history of limb weakness and dysphagia followed by respiratory failure Dr Genevieve Uy NCNP, Japan			
13:45 A 2- year-8-month-old girl with progressive symmetrical bilateral lower limb weakness and skin rashes after a one-week history of fever and cough Dr Xiaona Fu Beijing Children's Hospital, Capital Medical University, National Center For Children's Health, China		13:45 Exon skipping for NMDs Prof Emerita Sue Fletcher Murdoch University, Australia	
13:55 A 28-year-old woman with progressive limb weakness for 15 years Dr Shin Jinhong			
14:05 Novel CFL2 missense variants impair F-actin depolymerisation and expand CFL2-related myopathy spectrum Dr Lein Dofash Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, Australia			
14:15 LDB3 mutation-associated myofibrillar myopathy in a filipino mother and daughter: a first report Dr Mark Jenzen Trivilegio University of Santo Tomas Hospital, Philippines		14:15 Rare Care, LaunchR and the Rare Diseases Moonshot Australia Mr Steve Hille Prof Gareth Baynam Dr May Aung-Htut Murdoch University, Australia	
14:25 Bi-allelic variants in DMXL1 cause a novel autophagic vacuolar myopathy Ms Chiara Folland Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, Australia			
14:35 A severe neurodevelopmental syndrome caused by a founder CDK5RAP3 variant in The Indian/Nepalese Population Dr Michaela Yuen Children's Medical Research Institute, Australia		14:45 Q & A	
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Tea	<i>Riverview Room 4 & Northern Foyer</i>	
15:30 – 16:00	Closing Session	<i>Meeting Room 1 & 2</i>	
Awards & Closing Ceremony Prof Gina Ravenscroft, Prof Ichizo Nishino, Dr Ian Woodcock			