

TAPNA 2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday 6 May 2026

1800

Welcome Reception at Pullman Cairns Poolside

Welcome to Cairns! Join us for some casual drinks and canapes while catching up with colleagues in a relaxed setting prior to the conference commencing the next day.

Thursday 7 May 2026

0730 -
0830

CSL Seqirus Sponsored Breakfast Symposium From Venom to Vial: Manufacturing Advances and the Complexity of Antivenoms in the Clinical Setting

Room: Bluewater I & II

CSL Seqirus

This session examines how advances in Australian antivenom manufacturing intersect with the biological and clinical factors that influence treatment outcomes following envenomation.

CSL Seqirus will contribute expertise in manufacturing, quality, and technical science, providing valuable industry insights to inform the symposium discussions.

Professor Jamie Seymour (James Cook University, Toxinologist) will then discuss the variables affecting antivenoms, including venom diversity and patient-specific factors, and how these contribute to variability in clinical response.

0800

Registration Open

0900

Welcome and Introductions

*A/Prof Katherine Isoardi, TAPNA President
Dr Angela Chiew, Scientific Program Chair*

Room: Kuranda Ballroom

0910

Opening Plenary

Chairperson: Betty Chan

0910

Chair introduction

0915

High-Dose Insulin Euglycemia Therapy (HIET)

Prof Jon Cole, Minnesota Poison Control System, USA

1000

Vasoplegic Shock

Prof Andis Graudins, Monash Health, Vic

1030

Morning tea

Room: Mossman Ballroom

1100

Plenary Session: Rural and Remote Toxicology

Room: Kuranda Ballroom

Chairperson: Sam Afred

Free Papers 1

Room: Tully II & III

Chairperson: Carol Wylie

1100

Chair introduction

1105

Retrieval talk

Dr Emma Wawn, Queensland Ambulance Service Division, Qld

1105

Accidental Overdose Admissions Relating to Misused Substances, and Premature Death: A Data Linkage Study Of Large Population-Based Cohort (Pavlova-4)

A/Prof Rose Cairns, NSW Poisons Information Centre, NSW

1120

Dose-Response Relationship, Biomarkers, and Neurological Outcomes in Recreational Nitrous Oxide Toxicity

Miss Laxna Bhujel, The University of Newcastle, NSW

1130

Toxicology and the tyranny of distance in tropical Australia

Dr Mark Little, Cairns Hospital, Qld

1135

Long-Term Monitoring for Lead Toxicity Amongst a Patient Cohort with Retained Bullet Fragments: 5-Year Follow-Up Data

Mr Gerald Paul Gee, Te Whatu Ora Christchurch Hospital, NZ

1150

Analytical findings of fatal cases within the EDNAV registry

Mr James White, VPIC & NSW PIC, Vic

1200

Addiction Psychiatry in Far North Queensland

Dr Aimee Hunter & Dr Jan Kwasik, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service, Qld

1205

Co-Rat-eral Damage: A brodifacoum poisoning cluster

Miss Lauren Jefferies, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Qld

1220

The State Toxicology Alert Reporting System: The clinical arm of the Western Australian Early Warning System for new and emerging drugs

Ms Chloe McLean, Royal Perth Hospital, WA

1235

Lunch & Poster Viewing

Room: Mossman Ballroom

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1335	PIC Tales Room: Kuranda Ballroom Chairperson: James White		Free Papers 2 Room: Tully II & III Chairperson: Anselm Wong	
	1340	Managing aggressive caller or sad caller.....Is it ok to hang up now? <i>Mrs Danielle Dean, QLD PIC</i>	1340	Haemodialysis in Lithium Toxicity Management: A Retrospective Cohort Analysis and Criteria Comparison <i>Miss Crystal Pham, University of New South Wales, NSW</i>
	1357	A Pep Talk About Peptides <i>Ms Nicole O'Shea, VPIC</i>	1355	Clinical characteristics and seizure dose threshold in mefenamic acid deliberate self-poisonings <i>Dr Kirsty McColloch, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Qld</i>
	1414	Not your Grandma's Toxicology: Debunking Myths and Outdated Advice, Bites Edition <i>Ms Elizabeth Nguyen, NSW PIC</i>	1410	Effects of Activated Charcoal and continuous venovenous haemodiafiltration (CVVHDF) on Lamotrigine Half-Life in Overdose (ATOM-13) <i>Dr Angela Chiew, Prince of Wales Hospital, NSW</i>
			1425	Defining the safe observation time with laboratory tests and clinical signs for suspected Australian snakebites (ASP-34) <i>Dr Geoff Isbister, Calvary Mater Newcastle, NSW</i>
	1431	Unintentional Highs: Managing the Toxic Child with illicit exposures <i>Miss Pooja Mehta, WA Poisons Centre</i>	1440	A case control study to evaluate the plasma level of Buprenorphine in patients with substance use disorder abusing Buprenorphine and compare it with prescribed Buprenorphine in patients of Opioid substitution treatment <i>Dr Rahul Kaushik, All India Institute of Medical Sciences Bathinda Punjab, India</i>
1448	Professional development – In-house call review and discussion sessions in New Zealand - beneficial outcomes for SPIs <i>Mr Robin Slaughter, NZ PIC</i>	1455	Dialysis in toxicology over 25 years: from toxin clearance to correcting acidosis <i>Dr Kylie Mcardle, Calvary Mater Newcastle, NSW</i>	
1510	Afternoon tea		Room: Mossman Ballroom	
1540	Plenary Session: Marine Chairperson: Geoff Isbister			Room: Kuranda Ballroom
	1540	Chair introduction		
	1545	Chironex and Irukandji syndrome <i>Prof Jamie Seymour, Queensland Tropical Health Alliance, Qld</i>		
	1620	Ciguatera <i>Prof Richard Lewis, University of Queensland, Qld</i>		
1700	TAPNA Annual General Meeting (AGM)			
1900	Conference Dinner <i>Set on the waterfront at the Cairns Marina, Salt Restaurant offers a relaxed and casual dining experience with beautiful views over the water. Known for its fresh, locally inspired menu, Salt showcases the best of tropical North Queensland produce and seafood in a laid-back coastal atmosphere. It's the perfect setting to unwind, connect with colleagues, and enjoy an evening by the marina as the sun sets over Cairns.</i>			

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Friday 8 May 2026

0830	Registration Open		
0900	Plenary Session: Snake Bites		Room: Kurunda Ballroom
	Chairperson: Andis Graudins		
	0900	Chair introduction	
	0905	From Bite to Recovery: Diagnostic and Treatment Strategies for Snakebite <i>Prof Geoff Isbister, University of Newcastle, NSW</i>	
0930	Rivers of plasma: plasma derived products in snakebite and other toxin-associated thrombotic microangiopathies and bleeding diatheses - a global challenge <i>Prof Tina Noutsos, Royal Darwin Hospital, NT</i>		
1000	Colin Page Memorial Lecture		
	Chairperson: Geoff Isbister		
	1000	Chair introduction	
1005	Sense and Serendipity <i>Prof Nick Buckley, University of Sydney, NSW</i>		
1050	Morning tea		Room: Mossman Ballroom
1120	Plenary Session: Forensics on Trial		Room: Kurunda Ballroom
	Chairpersons: Ingrid Berling and Angela Chiew		
	1120	Chair introduction	
	1125	What's expected on the coroner report <i>Her Honour Coroner Stephanie Williams, Coroner Brisbane Magistrates Court, Qld</i>	
	1150	Both Sides, Now <i>Prof Nick Buckley, University of Sydney, NSW</i>	
	1210	Role of Medical Defense <i>Dr Susan Hertzberg, Avant Medical Defence Organisation, NSW</i>	
1230	Mock trial & panel discussion		
1300	Lunch & Poster Viewing		Room: Mossman Ballroom
1355	Plenary Session: Acute Behavioural Disturbance		Room: Kurunda Ballroom
	Chairperson: Kirsty Skinner		
	1355	Chair introduction	
	1400	What We Get Right and Wrong in the U.S. on Acute Behavioral Disturbance in the E.D <i>Dr Jon Cole, Minnesota Poison Control System, USA</i>	
	1420	Pre-Hospital Sedation <i>Lachlan Parker, Queensland Ambulance Service, Qld</i>	
	1440	Rescue sedation according to the MCU <i>A/Prof Katherine Isoardi, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Qld</i>	
1500	Difficult scenarios & case based panel discussion		
1520	Afternoon tea		Room: Mossman Ballroom
1550	Lightning Cases		Room: Kurunda Ballroom
	Chairperson: Adam Pomerleau		
	1550	Chair Introduction	
	1555	A hidden hazard: methanol poisoning from hand sanitiser ingestion <i>Dr Dinuka Dadallage, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Qld</i>	
	1610	Stuck on lithium <i>Dr Hayley Anderson, NSW PIC & Hunter Area Toxicology Service (HATS), NSW</i>	
	1625	Paediatric Lead Poisoning – A Heavy Burden to Manage <i>Mrs Danielle Dean, Queensland PIC, Qld</i>	
1640	When The Paralysis Returns: Prolonged and Fluctuating Neuromuscular Weakness Following Severe Tetrodotoxin Envenomation <i>Dr Angela Rowland, NSW PIC, NSW</i>		
1655	Quiz		
1715	Close of Conference and Awards		

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Posters	
P1	Audit of toxicology resources used in Australian poisons and toxicology services Mrs Genevieve Adamo, National Poisons Register & NSW PIC, NSW
P2	Metrics to Assess the Changing Workload of Specialist in Poisons Information Mrs Genevieve Adamo, National Poisons Register & NSW PIC, NSW
P3	A tale of two calcium channel blocker overdoses: A comparative review on management Ms Laxna Bhujel, The University of New South Wales, NSW
P4	Improving Activated Charcoal Compliance: Clinical Use and Palatability Study Ms Laxna Bhujel, The University of New South Wales, NSW
P5	Nicotine Poisoning Exposures Reported to Australian Poisons Information Centres, 2023–2024 Ms Kristy Carter, NSW Poisons Information Centre, NSW
P6	Acute Intravascular Haemolysis in Naphthalene Poisoning despite normal G6PD Levels – An Eye Opener for Clinicians Dr Riya Dubey, Post Graduate Institute Of Medical Education And Research, India
P7	Prazosin overdose: an increasingly common presentation to hospital in younger adults Dr Apay Balachandra, Monash Health And Monash University, Vic
P8	Sodium oxybate in GHB withdrawal refractory to first-line agents Dr Sarah Hampton, Victorian Poisons Centre, Vic
P9	25 Years of Death Adder Envenomation at Townsville University Hospital Dr Adam Holyoak, Townsville Hospital, Qld
P10	Dangerous Dinner: Accidental Ingestion of Toxic Mushroom and its clinical & analytical outcome Dr Rahul Kaushik, All India Institute of Medical Sciences Bathinda Punjab India, India
P11	National Poisons Register Data Standardisation and Visualisation for Toxicovigilance Miss Emily Klark, National Poisons Register, NSW
P12	Localized Swelling and Pain without Coagulopathy following Trimeresurus macrops Envenomation: A Clinical Case from Vietnam Miss Minh Nguyen Tue, Bach Mai Hospital, Hanoi, Vietnam
P13	Clinical Features, Treatment and Outcome of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in Vietnam: A Retrospective Study of 31 Cases Prof Duc Nguyen Dang, Bach Mai Hospital, Hanoi, Vietnam
P14	Severe Oxadiazone Poisoning with Deep Coma, Cardiotoxicity, Triphasic-Wave Encephalopathy and Recovery After Intensive Support: A Case Report from Vietnam Prof Duc Nguyen Dang, Bach Mai Hospital, Hanoi, Vietnam
P15	Clinical characteristics and factors associated with in-hospital mortality in patients with acute diquat poisoning: a retrospective observational study from Vietnam Prof Duc Nguyen Dang, Bach Mai Hospital, Hanoi, Vietnam
P16	Unexpectedly Sweet: Paediatric Moxonidine Toxicity and the Role of Palatability in Accidental Ingestion Ms Nicole O'Shea, Austin Health, Vic
P17	To give or not to give: A retrospective audit of activated charcoal in paracetamol poisoning Miss Alessandra Rose, Royal Brisbane And Women's Hospital, Qld
P18	Establishment and Safety Assessments of Micro- and Nanoplastics Libraries 7: Polymer Types, Size, Shape and Surface Properties Prof Yasuo Tsutsumi, Grad. Sch. Pharm. Sci., Univ. Osaka, Japan
P19	Analysis of caller's use of artificial intelligence for poisons information Mr James White, VPIC + NSWPIC, Vic
P20	GLPI Receptor Agonist Dosing Errors: A Prospective Study of Clinical Effects and Contributing Factors Mr James White, VPIC + NSWPIC, Vic
P21	How Using Copilot Autosummarisation When Answering Calls to a Poisons Information Centre Impacts Documentation Efficiency and Quality, and Staff Experience Ms Nicole Wright, Nsw Poisons Information Centre, NSW
P22	Amanita unknown: myotoxicity from a new species of native Australian mushroom Dr Yit Leang, Victorian Poisons Centre, Vic
P23	From VICC to DOAC: a case of superficial venous thrombosis after snake venom-induced consumptive coagulopathy in Melbourne, Australia Dr Zeff Koutsogiannis, Victorian Poisons Centre, Vic