PROGRAM

(Subject to minor changes)

Thursday 15 October 2026

Pre-conference Workshops (registration required)

0900-1630	**Multidisciplinary Trauma Forum** **Location: Function Room 1 – Level 4** *An inclusive trauma system involves an interdisciplinary approach to injury prevention, pre-hospital, acute in-hospital care, rehabilitation, community partnerships, research, education, and quality improvement.* *We invite all interdisciplinary healthcare professionals who are actively involved in trauma care, trauma services, or the wider trauma system to participate in this full-day interactive forum.*
0900-1200	**From Damage Control to Definitive Closure: Strategies in Open Abdomen Trauma Care** **Location: Function Room 3 – Level 4** *This practical workshop will focus on the principles of managing the complex abdominal wall after trauma, with particular emphasis on the open abdomen, loss of domain, staged closure strategies, mesh selection, soft tissue management and delayed reconstruction. The session will explore decision-making in contaminated fields, strategies to avoid frozen abdomen and entero-atmospheric fistula, timing of definitive closure, and the role of advanced reconstructive techniques including component separation, retrorectus repair and adjuncts such as negative pressure wound therapy and dynamic fascial traction. The workshop will be case-based and clinically focused, aimed at trauma, general and acute care surgeons who manage complex abdominal wall defects in emergency and delayed settings, as well as nursing staff involved in their postoperative care.*
1300-1700	**Critical Decision Making in Trauma Workshop** **Location: Function Room 2 – Level 4** *Effective trauma resuscitation and management requires prompt decision making at a series of critical decision nodes. The outcomes are time-dependant and often associated with incomplete information. So how do clinicians make timely and safe decisions?* *This workshop will provide an overview of critical decision making, including the concepts of standardised care, establishing clinical probabilities and decision making with incomplete information. The importance of teamwork and what this should look like will also be included. These themes will then be further explored with small group facilitated discussions about specific decision making at key phases of trauma care.* *The multidisciplinary faculty are all experienced practising clinicians, who will share their strategies for effective trauma management.* *Target audience: medical, paramedical and nursing clinicians involved in the acute care of severely injured patients.*

1700-1830	**Welcome Reception** **Thursday 15 October** *We warmly welcome all presenters and delegates to join us for the Conference Welcome Reception. Held onsite at the venue, this canapés-and-drinks gathering offers the perfect opportunity to connect with colleagues and officially open the event in a relaxed and engaging setting.* ***Location: Exhibition Space – Level 3***				
Friday 16 October 2026 DAY ONE					
0800-0855	**Conference Open** **Location**: **Grand Ballroom – Level 3**				
0800-0815	Welcome to Country				
0815-0825	Welcome, Belinda Gabbe, ANZTS President				
0825-0830	Opening Remarks, Grant Christey and Mary Langcake				
0830-1000	**Plenary Session 1** **Theme:** Trauma in a Changing World **Chairs:** Mary Langcake and Grant Christey **Location: Grand Ballroom – Level 3**				
0830-0845	Trauma Care Today; Challenges, Priorities and Program Highlights ***with Mary Langcake***				
0845-0910	Damage Control Interventional Radiology ***with Konrad Schultz***				
0910-0940	Beyond Survival: Rethinking the Purpose of Trauma Care ***with Adil Haider***				
0940-1000	Against the Odds: A Trauma Journey ***with Mary Langcake***				
1000-1030	**Morning Tea Break** **Location: Exhibition Space – Level 3** *During the break times, please take a moment to visit our event sponsors in the exhibition space and explore the products, services, and innovations they bring to the conference.*				
1010-1030	**Poster Judging** Poster numbers 1-20 **Location:** Exhibition Space – Level 3				
1030-1215	**Concurrent Session 1** **Theme:** Surgical trauma care **Chairs:** Dieter Weber & Lola Sikora **Location: Function Room 1 – Level 4**	**1030-1215**	**Concurrent Session 2** **Theme:** Equity in Trauma Care **Chairs:** Courtney Ryder & Max Raos **Location: Function Room 3 – Level 4**	**1030-1215**	**Free Paper Presentations 1** **Chairs:** Cameron Palmer, Nicole Kelly & Kate Dale **Location: Function Room 4 – Level 4**

1030-1045	Biomechanics and healing of the open abdomen ***with Grant Christey***	1030-1100	Strong Stories, Safe Futures: First Nation Elder Yarns. ***with Narelle Draper and Patrick Sharp, TBC - Māori Elder.***	1030-1040	Exploring the Structure and Process of Major Haemorrhage Protocols: A Qualitative Analysis of Clinician Experiences ***with Elizabeth Wake***
1045-1100	Acute containment of the open abdomen ***with Mary Langcake***	1100-1115	Co-designing First Nations Injury Solutions for Young People ***with Eli McGuire***	1040-1050	From Single to Dual Platelet Inhibition FIBTEM Assay: Fibrinogen Replacement Thresholds for critical bleeding after trauma ***with Akmez Latona***
1100-1115	Timing and techniques for final abdominal closure ***with Danette Wright***	1115-1130	Dance2kinnect Empowering Children ***with Julieann Coombes & Bianca Barnier***	1050-1100	Droperidol for the management of the undifferentiated and agitated trauma patient ***with Fran Williamson***
1115-1130	When to close and how to use abdominal wall implants ***with Anita Jacombs***	1130-1145	Hospital-based intervention program for VRU ***with Andrea Davidson***	1100-1110	Ultra-early mortality after truncal trauma in a Singapore trauma centre ***with Junde Lu***
1130-1140	Two Decades of Evolution in Abdominal Trauma Surgery: Trends, Outcomes, and Implications from an Australian Level 1 Trauma Centre ***with Ee Jun Ban***	1145-1155	Bridging the Equity Divide: Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in Trauma Care for Aboriginal People ***with Georga Sallows***	1110-1120	Re-evaluating the Traumatic Cardiac Arrest Paradigm: The Case for Early Rhythm Assessment and Targeted Compressions ***with Alan Garner***
1140-1150	Is early regional nerve block associated with improved outcomes in patients with traumatic rib fractures? A retrospective cohort study ***with Ciaran McHugh***	1155-1205	Transforming Child Injury Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children: The HEAL E-Cohort Study ***with Clare Bradley***	1120-1130	Management and Outcomes of Moderate-to-Severe Pelvic Ring Fractures: A 10-Year Experience from an Australian Level 1 Trauma Centre ***with Tze Hee Tay***
1150-1200	Intra-Abdominal Pressure Measurement as a Predictor of Postoperative Wound Complications in Patients Undergoing Emergency Laparotomy: A Prospective Observational Study ***with Ashok Kumar Sahoo***	1205-1215	Discussion time	1130-1140	Bridging the Gap: Training & Telemedicine to Improve Trauma Referral Practices ***with Yadvendra Dheer***
				1140-1150	Trauma Connect: An Integrated Model to Improve Continuity, Coordination and Outcomes of Major Trauma Care Across North Queensland ***with Anna Grant***
1200-1215	Discussion time			1150-1200	Introduction of a Trauma Service Nurse Practitioner Model of Care ***with Jodie Ross***
				1200-1215	Discussion time
1215-1315	**Lunch Break** **Location: Exhibition Space – Level 3**				

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1245-1315	**Poster Judging** Poster numbers 21-49 **Location: Exhibition Space – Level 3**				
1315-1345	**Gordon Trinca Lecture** **Location**: **Grand Ballroom – Level 3** **Chair:** Belinda Gabbe Presented by ***Dr Max Raos***				
1345-1500	**Plenary Session 2** **Theme:** Closing the Time Gap: Time Critical Interventions **Chairs:** Joseph Mathew, Jenny Santhosh, Clare Collins **Location: Grand Ballroom – Level 3**				
1345-1400	The Cost of the Clock: National Data on Time-to-Definitive Care in Exsanguinating Haemorrhage and Severe TBI ***with James Moore***				
1400-1415	Closing the time gap: is faster feasible ***with Alan Garner***				
1415-1430	Behind the Code: The Operational Reality of Time-Critical Trauma Pathways ***with Jenny Santhosh & Clare Collins***				
1430-1445	From Concept to Statewide Standard: Code Crimson NSW as a Blueprint for Binational Adoption of Code Crimson and Code Brain ***with Valerie Malka & S V Soundappan***				
1445-1500	Discussion time				
1500-1530	**Afternoon Tea Break** **Location: Exhibition Space – Level 3** *During the break times, please take a moment to visit our event sponsors in the exhibition space and explore the products, services, and innovations they bring to the conference.*				
1530-1700	**Concurrent Session 3** **Theme:** Prehospital Trauma Care: Where it starts. **Chairs:** Tim Andrews & Fran Williamson **Location: Function Room 1 – Level 4**	**1530-1700**	**Concurrent Session 4** **Theme:** Protecting Children Affected by Violence and Conflict **Chairs:** Helen Jowett & Lai Heng Foong **Location: Function Room 3 – Level 4**	**1530-1700**	**Free Paper Presentations 2** **Chairs:** Ben Gardiner, Kirsten Vallmuur & Kat Quick **Location: Function Room 4 – Level 4**
1530-1540	PRE-FAST II: Association Between Paramedic eFAST Findings and Time to Definitive Imaging and Surgical Intervention ***with Jake Donovan***	1530-1545	Traumatic brain injury in Domestic Violence survivors: are we doing enough? ***with Lai Heng Foong***	1530-1535	Clinical characteristics and hospital-based outcomes of traumatic benign paroxysmal positional vertigo in an Australian Trauma Centre ***with Kate Behm***
				1535-1540	Building Toward a Major Trauma Centre Through Interprofessional High Fidelity Simulation: Strengthening Trauma

					Systems and Procedures ***with Andrew Hobbins-King***
1540-1550	Prehospital temperature assessment in burns patients: a retrospective observational study ***with Verity Todd***	1545-1600	Children affected by violence and conflict: Surgery and Solidarity ***with Ruth Mitchell***	1540-1545	The evaluation of a dedicated Transfusion Nurse role in Trauma Resus ***with Kate Dale***
				1545-1550	Spinal precautions applied to trauma patients in an intensive care unit (ICU) ***with Angelina Koh***
1550-1600	The prehospital identification and management of acute hyperkalaemia: A Multinational Delphi Study ***with Callum Sutton***	1600-1615	Child Trafficking: The Children We Don't See ***with Helen Jowett***	1550-1555	Indigenous Measures for Protecting and Addressing Critical Trauma (IMPACT) Project protocol ***with Georga Sallows***
				1555-1600	In patients requiring Trauma admission for deliberate self-harm (DSH), what are the risk factors and what are their surgical and psychiatric outcomes? ***with Jane Liu***
1600-1605	PRE-FAST I: Diagnostic Accuracy of Paramedic-Performed Extended Focused Assessment With Sonography for Trauma Compared to Hospital Imaging ***with Jake Donovan***	1615-1630	Child Protection- Top Tips ***with Monica Hong***	1600-1605	Ankle Fracture Post-Operative Pain with Local Anaesthesia (APPLE): A randomised control trial comparing ultrasound guided popliteal and saphenous nerve block (PSNB) delivered by the anaesthetist or a modified ankle nerve block (MAB) performed by the surgeon for ankle fractures ***with Hemanth Senthilnathan***
				1605-1610	Conservative Management of High Grade Renal Trauma in an Cohesive Established Statewide Trauma System ***with Sophie Bonser***
1605-1520	Shock, Pressure and Perfusion: Decisions That Matter Before Hospital, ***with Gayle Christie***	1630-1640	Families as first providers and protectors: Reforming sexual violence prevention and response programs in remote, isolated and conflict affected settings ***with Theresa Clasquin***	1610-1615	Advancing Intercostal Catheter Safety in Trauma: Outcomes of a Standardised Guideline and Training Program ***with Lucy Jones***
				1615-1620	Post hospital discharge persistent opioid use following intensive care admission for severe traumatic injury ***with Ashley Doyle***

1620-1635	Few and Far Between: HALO Procedures from Roadside to Resus, ***with Clare Richmond & Sam Immens***	1640-1700	Discussion time	1620-1625	Leveraging Microsoft Teams for Real-Time Patient Tracking During Mass Casualty Incidents ***with Samantha Baey***
				1625-1630	Emergency Resuscitative Thoracotomy, predictors of survival and futility across a 6-year retrospective analysis of the South Australian trauma service ***with Kurt Bierlein***
1635-1650	Mind the Gaps: Moving the Patient Between Platforms ***with Dave McCreary & Callum Sutton***			1630-1635	Emergency Management of a Self-Inflicted Penetrating Thoracoabdominal Firearm Injury in a Patient with High Cardiac Risk ***with Yadvendra Dheer***
				1635-1640	Does health service use patterns, costs and outcomes post-acute care for major trauma patients differ by where you live: Results from the QT-Link Study ***with Jade Fletcher***
1650-1700	Discussion time			1640-1700	Discussion time

1900-2330	**Conference Dinner and Awards Ceremony** **Friday 16 October** *The Conference Organising Committee warmly invites all delegates to join us for the Gala Dinner held onsite at the venue. Enjoy an exceptional three-course meal, live entertainment from a vibrant band, and the presentation of the Society's annual awards. This evening is a highlight of the event.* *We encourage everyone to attend, as your ticket is included in your registration fee. The dress code for the evening is cocktail.* ***Location: Grand Ballroom, Level 3***
Saturday 17 October 2026 DAY TWO	
0830-1000	**Plenary Session 3** **Theme:** Mass Casualty Insights: Building Resilient Health Systems **Chairs:** Jenny Santhosh & Valerie Malka **Location: Grand Ballroom – Level 3**
0830-0845	Emergency Medical Teams in mass casualty incidents: lessons from AUSMAT and beyond ***with Erica Bleakley***
0845-0900	Lessons Learnt from Overseas Mass Casualty Incidents ***with Thomas Evens***
0900-0915	Strengthening Health Systems for Disruptive Events ***with Jamie Ranse***
0915-1000	Discussion time
1000-1030	**Morning Tea Break**

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1010-1030	**Poster Judging** Poster numbers 50-78 **Location**: **Exhibition Space – Level 3**				
1030-1215	**Concurrent Session 5** **Theme:** Data-driven trauma care: from capture to outcomes. **Chairs:** Verity Todd & Michael Keane **Location: Function Room 1 – Level 4**	**1030-1215**	**Concurrent Session 6** **Theme:** Enhancing Trauma Recovery: Allied Health, Equity and Long-term outcomes. **Chairs:** Anne Gatley & Mel Webb **Location: Function Room 3 – Level 4**	**1030-1215**	**Free Paper Presentations 3** **Chairs:** Michael Steenson, Dieter Linde & James Moore **Location: Function Room 4 – Level 4**
1030-1045	AI and Trauma Data Integration: Reimagining the trauma registry ***with Belinda Gabbe***	1030-1045	Mapping Allied Health activity after major trauma to understand access, timing and rehabilitation opportunities, ***with Kat Quick***	1030-1040	Focus Where it Matters: An Integrated Care Pathway for Traumatic Shock ***with Michael Noonan***
1045-1100	Te Manawa Taki Trauma Information Management System ***with Grant Christey***	1045-1100	Trauma Survivors: the progress, lessons learnt, and challenges involved in implementing a pilot program ***with Rebekah Young & Tanya Smyth***	1040-1050	Operative Burden and Resuscitation Resource Utilisation in Patients with Traumatic Shock Requiring Urgent Surgical or Endovascular Intervention ***with Michael Noonan***
1100-1115	Monitoring mortality in the New Zealand trauma system ***with Arie Bates-Hermans***	1100-1115	A qualitative exploration of the trauma nurse navigator (TNN) role ***with Sandra Reeder***	1050-1100	ICD-10-AM Concussion Codes: Are they appropriate for identifying episodes of mTBI? ***With Gill Cowen***
1115-1130	Data and the Missing 90 Minutes ***with Tim Andrews***	1115-1130	Integration of allied health into acute trauma care- successes, pitfalls ***with***	1100-1110	After the crash: Clinical characteristics and outcomes for injured e-scooter users in Queensland ***with Kirsten Vallmuur***
1130-1140	InjurIQ in Action: Delivering Integrated Injury Intelligence for Trauma System Improvement ***with Shahera Banu***	1130-1140	Country, Care, and Recovery: Aboriginal Patient Experiences of Traumatic Brain Injury ***with Courtney Ryder***	1110-1120	E-Bike and E-Scooter Policy in New South Wales and Comparable Australian Jurisdictions: A Systemic Literature Review ***with Hannah Reeve***
1140-1150	The Cost of Complex Trauma Care in North Queensland ***with Matan Ben-David***	1140-1150	Delivering psychosocial care and support in traumatic injury follow-up: a qualitative study of clinicians experiences ***with Elizabeth Wake***	1120-1130	The SCHN Experience: A Retrospective Observational Study of E-mobility Related Paediatric Trauma Trends Across New South Wales ***with Wei He***
1150-1200	Understanding patient flow for major trauma patients post-acute care using	1150-1200	Beyond Survival: Emotional wellbeing across the Aotearoa New Zealand trauma journey ***with Kat Quick***	1130-1140	Quality assessment of clinical practice guidelines for splenic injury in children

	data linkage: The QT-Link Study ***with Jacelle Warren***				using the AGREE II instrument ***with Sharman Tan Tanny***
1200-1215	Discussion time	1200-1215	Discussion time	1140-1150	Beyond clinical evidence: health system barriers to implementing a paediatric splenic injury guideline ***with Helen Nguyen***
				1150-1200	Understanding and refining paediatric trauma call criteria at the Royal Hobart Hospit***al with Sarah Sproule & Moter de Migue***
				1200-1215	Discussion time
1215-1315	**Lunch Break** **Location: Exhibition Space – Level 3** *During the break times, please take a moment to visit our event sponsors in the exhibition space and explore the products, services, and innovations they bring to the conference.*				
1245-1315	**Stop the Bleed Training** **Location:** Grand Ballroom – Level 3 *We are pleased to offer a short training session for delegates attending the ANZTS Conference in Sydney.*				
1315-1500	**Concurrent Session 7** **Theme:** Trauma education design and delivery **Chairs:** Megge Beacroft & Dan Ellis **Location: Function Room 1 – Level 4**	**1315-1500**	**Concurrent Session 8** **Theme:** Trauma in Older Patients (TOPS): a sprint journey **Chairs:** Martie Botha & Jeana Ramsay **Location: Function Room 3 – Level 4**	**1315-1500**	**Free Paper Presentations 4** **Chairs:** Kate King, Belinda Gabbe & Michael Handy **Location: Function Room 4 – Level 4**
1315-1330	Preparing for emergencies: developing and delivering rehabilitation preparedness education in the Pacific ***with Erica Bleakley***	1315-1415	TOPS: A Sprint Journey ***with Richard Larsen, Thomas Shanahan, Fran Williamson, Javaria Murad, Jessica Thomas, Elyssia Bourke, Dieter Linde, Mary Langcake, Nicole Kelly, Cindy Harrington, Margot Lodge, Katherine Gregorevic, Lannie Ho***	1315-1325	Brain Injury Within Intimate Partner Violence: What Are the Cognitive Effects? ***With Jennifer Makovec Knight***
1330-1345	Trauma Physiotherapy - building the blueprint for dedicated trauma physiotherapy expertise ***with Melissa Webb***			1325-1335	Indigenous Governance of Data in Australian Clinical Registries - Implications for Trauma and Injury Data Reform ***with Courtney Ryder***
1345-1400	From Bedside to Extended Scope: Developing a Credentialled Trauma Nurse Practitioner Program as a Frontier of Practice ***with Jaiden Hulyer and Belinda Free***			1335-1345	Avoidable hospital readmissions following acute trauma care: A population-based data linkage study of epidemiology, risk factors, and cost burden ***with Clifford Afoakwah***

1400-1415	Standardising chaos - training the modern multidisciplinary trauma team ***with Lilly Jenkins & Sarah O'Hare***			1345-1355	Queensland and Victoria Trauma Systems: A Registry-Based Comparison ***with Beth Studley***
1415-1425	Stress-testing hospital disaster preparedness through VEMS-enabled translational simulation ***with Nicole Sng***	1415-1425	Age-related disparities in early trauma care: inequities in time to CT and emergency department length of stay ***with Rebecca Brown***	1355-1405	Predicting Health-Related Quality of Life and Disability at 6 and 12 Months Post-Discharge Following Major Trauma: A Model Development and Internal Validation Study ***with Zemedu Ferede***
1425-1435	Digital Stop The Bleed training compared with in-person Stop The Bleed training: human instructors needed to demonstrate psychomotor skills ***with Isaac Salisbury***	1425-1435	Older persons trauma data, can we do better? ***With Michael Keane***	1405-1415	Personalized Prognostication of Return-to-Work Outcomes After Injury Using Machine Learning ***with Gemma Postill***
1435-1445	Improving operational readiness for resuscitative thoracotomy through translational simulation and system redesign ***with Nicole Sng***	1435-1445	The impact of frailty on outcomes after chest trauma in older people ***with Alana Rix***	1415-1425	Improving Diagnosis of Concussion through Telehealth Follow-up: A Randomised Controlled Trial ***with Jennifer Makovec Knight***
1445-1500	Discussion time	1445-1500	Discussion time	1425-1435	Predicting anxiety on discharge following trauma using factors available on admission ***with Lara Kimmel***
				1435-1445	CoACT: Principles and values of concussion care co-designed with consumers and clinicians ***with James Lewis***
				1445-1500	Discussion time
1500-1530	**Afternoon Tea Break** **Location: Exhibition Space – Level 3** *During the break times, please take a moment to visit our event sponsors in the exhibition space and explore the products, services, and innovations they bring to the conference.*				
1530-1645	**Plenary Session 4** **Theme:** Where should we prioritise in uncertain times? **Chairs:** Mary Langcake & Grant Christey **Location:** Grand Ballroom – Level 3				
1530-1550	Beyond the Scan: How AI is Rewriting the Future of Trauma Radiology ***with Jarrel Seah***				
1550-1610	Building the Intelligent System: How AI Will Transform the Future of Injury Care ***with Adil Haider***				
1610-1630	My Story by ***Tom Spowart***				
1630-1645	**Conference Close**				

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