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New South Wales Branch **ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING** Provisional Program

24-25 July 2026 | Sofitel Darling Harbour, Sydney

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Welcome

The Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) is the peak professional body for orthopaedic surgeons in Australia.

AOA provides high-quality specialist education, training and continuing professional development.

AOA is committed to ensuring the highest possible standard of orthopaedic care and is the leading authority in the provision of orthopaedic information to the community.

AOA actively supports scientific research and orthopaedic humanitarian initiatives, in Australia and overseas.

The 2026 AOA NSW Annual Scientific Meeting will explore The Intelligent Orthopaedic Future: Data, Robotics and AI Converge, showcasing how rapidly evolving technologies are transforming modern orthopaedic practice.

The program includes invited guest speakers and a thought-provoking panel discussion on The Intelligent Orthopaedic Future, bringing together leading voices to examine what lies ahead for the profession. Delegates will have the opportunity to hear directly from the AOA President and NSW Training Chair, who will provide important updates on accreditation and training. A compulsory Bone School on Friday will deliver essential, practical learning, complemented by an outstanding lineup of invited speakers across the program.

We are also pleased to welcome professional surfer Molly Picklum as a special guest speaker. As one of Australia's leading athletes competing at the highest international level, Molly will share insights into resilience, performance under pressure, recovery and maintaining excellence in elite sport, offering valuable perspectives that strongly resonate with orthopaedic practice and training.

Beyond the scientific sessions, attendees can look forward to valuable networking and professional development opportunities, including a Friday evening networking event designed to foster connection and collaboration.

We look forward to welcoming colleagues from across the state for what promises to be an engaging, forward-thinking and highly collaborative meeting.

Ben Gooden - NSW Branch Chair
Julian Yu and Rajat Mittal - 2026 NSW ASM Co-Convenors



Venue

We are excited to welcome members back to the Sydney CBD and look forward to presenting an engaging scientific program, networking opportunities and capacity building initiatives at the Sofitel Darling Harbour. Located in the vibrant heart of Darling Harbour, the venue offers stunning views, world-class dining, and easy access to Sydney's top attractions

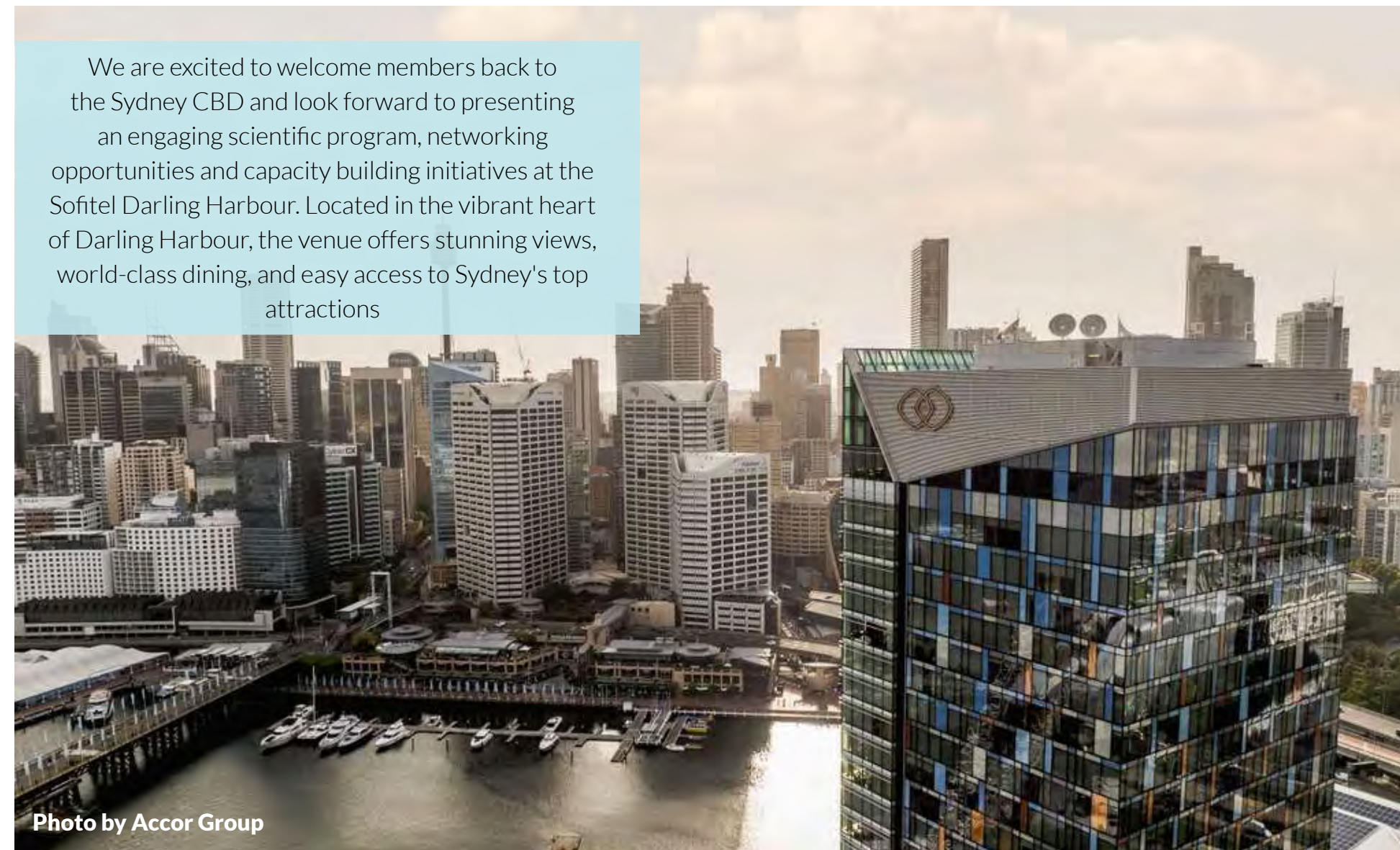


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Friday 24 July



10.00am - 12.30pm Bone School Clinical Refresher Sessions - NSW Intro and Core Trainees		
9.30am	Registration	
10.00am	Welcome	
	Group 1	Group 2
10.10am	Hip - Mitchell Steele	Knee - James Coolican
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10.50am	Shoulder/Elbow - Viktoria Leon	Hand - Michael Strong
11.10am	Morning tea	
11.30am	Hand - Michael Strong	Shoulder/Elbow - Viktoria Leon
11.50am	Spine - David Strong	Foot/ankle - Edmund O'Leary
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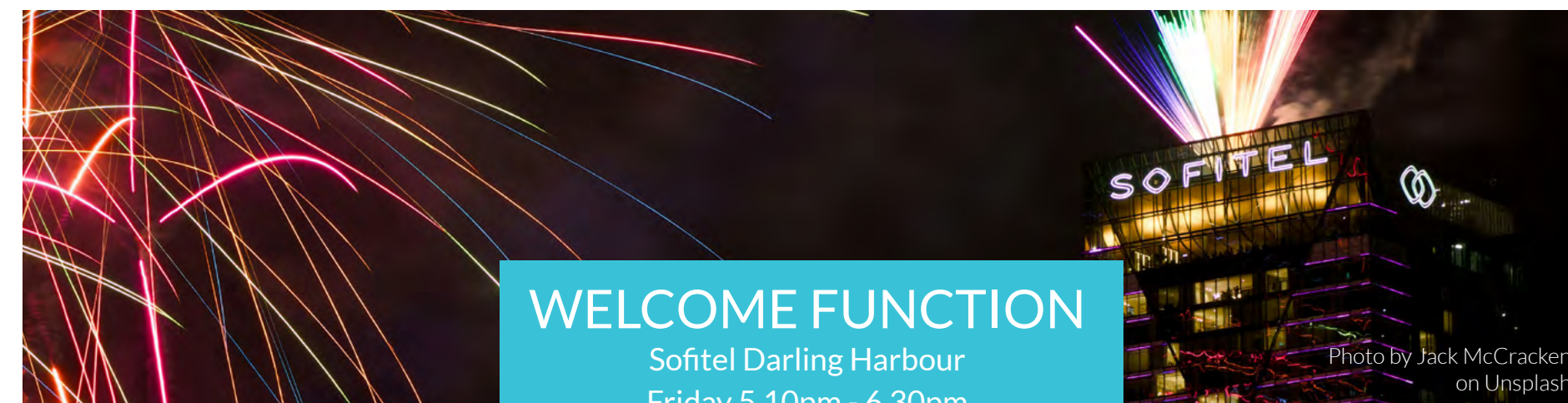
12.30pm Registration and lunch

1.20pm - 3.00pm Free paper presentations

1.20pm	Cortical thickness index predicts femoral neck fracture after hip resurfacing	Maggie Allwright
1.30pm	Timing of Manipulation Under Anaesthesia after Primary Total Knee Arthroplasty and association with outcome	Rohan Anil
1.40pm	Kinematic Alignment of Cup Position in THR-DAA achieves Functional Stability and a "Patient Specific Safe Zone"	Daniel D'Sa
1.50pm	Novel Use of a Safe-by-Design AI Dashboard for Collating Single-Surgeon Robotic TKA Data	Tarkan Gursel
2.00pm	AI-assisted Practice Refinement Through Robotic TKA Data: Tibia-First Versus Femur-First Sequencing in Kinematic Alignment	Jayda Gursel
2.10pm	Is kangaroo tissue a viable replacement for allografts?	Nicholas Hartnell

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2.20pm	Click, Cast, Discharge. Outcomes of a Consultant-Physiotherapist Led Virtual Fracture Service	Daniel Hazan
2.30pm	The Expectation-Reality Gap in Return to Activity After Total Knee Arthroplasty	Max Jiganti
2.40pm	Comparison of Long and Short Cephalomedullary Nails for Intertrochanteric Femur Fractures: A Matched Retrospective Cohort Study	Isabella Kang
2.50pm	Are we there yet? Outpatient (same day discharge) v/s Overnight Stay Hip and Knee Arthroplasty in Australia: a case controlled prospective analysis	Omar Al Dabel
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 4.40pm AOA national updates		
3.30pm	National Joint Replacement Registry update	Michael O'Sullivan
3.45pm	Orthopaedic Womens Link update	TBA
4.00pm	AOA21 and Training update	Jai Sungaran
4.20pm	AOA President update	Mark Moroney
4.40pm - 5.10pm NSW AGMs		
4.40pm	NSW Branch Annual General Meeting	
4.55pm	NSW ASOS Annual General Meeting	
5.10pm	END DAY ONE	



WELCOME FUNCTION

Softel Darling Harbour
Friday 5.10pm - 6.30pm

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Invited Guest Speaker

Molly Picklum

World Champion Surfer

Molly Picklum is one of the world's leading professional surfers and a key figure in Australian sport.

Born and bred on the New South Wales Central Coast, 23 year old Molly is part of a new generation of female surfing talent, changing the landscape for women's surfing and pushing the boundaries of what is possible.

Winning her inaugural World Surf League (WSL) title in 2025, Molly achieved her childhood dream of becoming the best in the world. She has built a reputation for hard work, resilience, adaptability and mental strength—qualities essential to success in a high-performance sporting environment. Her journey reflects a commitment to continuous improvement, embracing innovation and performing under pressure. As a keynote speaker, Molly brings a unique perspective on peak performance, goal setting and navigating change, offering insights that resonate well beyond sport.



Saturday 25 July

8.00am	Registration	
8.30am	Welcome address	Ben Gooden
8.40am	Invited guest speaker - World Champion Surfer	Molly Picklum
9.30am - 12.15pm	Data, Robotics and AI Converge	Moderator: Ben Gooden
9.30am	Robotics and AI in orthopaedic surgery and research	Sam MacDessi
9.50am	Radiology and AI	James Linklater
10.10am	Morning tea	
10.30am	Cutting edge or cutting corners? Medicolegal risks at the intersection of data, robotics and AI in orthopaedic practice.	Mark Woodrow, Avant
10.50am	The ethical and governance considerations surrounding the adoption of AI-enabled technologies and surgical innovation in orthopaedics	Katrina Hutchison, Macquarie University
11.10am	Panel discussion, Q&A	Moderated by Corinne Archer
12.15pm	Lunch	
1.00pm - 3.00pm	Mini Symposium - Tumours	Moderator: Julian Yu
1.00pm	Tumour presentation	Maurice Guzman
1.20pm	Tumour presentation	Daniel Franks
1.40pm	Tumour presentation	Matthew Broadhead
2.00pm	Panel discussion, Q&A	
2.30pm	Closing remarks, abstract presentation prizes	Ben Gooden
2.40pm	EVENT END	



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