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New South Wales Branch **ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING** Scientific 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.

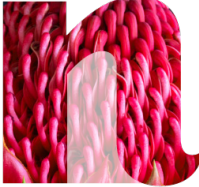
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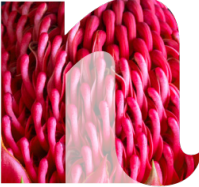
Venue

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
10.30am	Knee - James Coolican	Hip - Mitchell Steele
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
12.10pm	Foot/Ankle - Edmund O'Leary	Spine - David Strong

12.30pm

Registration and lunch

1.05pm

Welcome address and Acknowledgment of Country

Ben Gooden

1.10pm - 2.50pm

Free paper presentations

Moderator: Lianne Bissell

1.10pm

Cortical thickness index predicts femoral neck fracture after hip resurfacing

Maggie Allwright

1.20pm

Timing of Manipulation Under Anaesthesia after Primary Total Knee Arthroplasty and association with outcome

Rohan Anil

1.30pm

Kinematic Alignment of Cup Position in THR-DAA achieves Functional Stability and a "Patient Specific Safe Zone"

Daniel D'Sa

1.40pm

Novel Use of a Safe-by-Design AI Dashboard for Collating Single-Surgeon Robotic TKA Data

Tarkan Gursel

1.50pm

AI-assisted Practice Refinement Through Robotic TKA Data: Tibia-First Versus Femur-First Sequencing in Kinematic Alignment

Jayda Gursel

2.00pm

Is kangaroo tissue a viable replacement for allografts?

Nicholas Hartnell

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2.10pm

Click, Cast, Discharge. Outcomes of a Consultant–Physiotherapist Led Virtual Fracture Service

Daniel Hazan

2.20pm

The Expectation–Reality Gap in Return to Activity After Total Knee Arthroplasty

Max Jiganti

2.30pm

Comparison of Long and Short Cephalomedullary Nails for Intertrochanteric Femur Fractures: A Matched Retrospective Cohort Study

Isabella Kang

2.40pm

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

2.50pm - 3.20pm

Trainee Exam Preparation

2.50pm

Optimising Examination Success: Preparation, Timing and Examiner Insights

Harvdinder Bedi

3.20pm

Afternoon tea

3.50pm - 4.40pm

AOA national updates

3.50pm

National Joint Replacement Registry update

Michael O'Sullivan

4.05pm

AOA21 and Training update

Jai Sungaran

4.20pm

AOA President update

Mark Moroney

4.40pm - 5.10pm

NSW AGMs

4.40pm

NSW Branch Annnual General Meeting

Ben Gooden

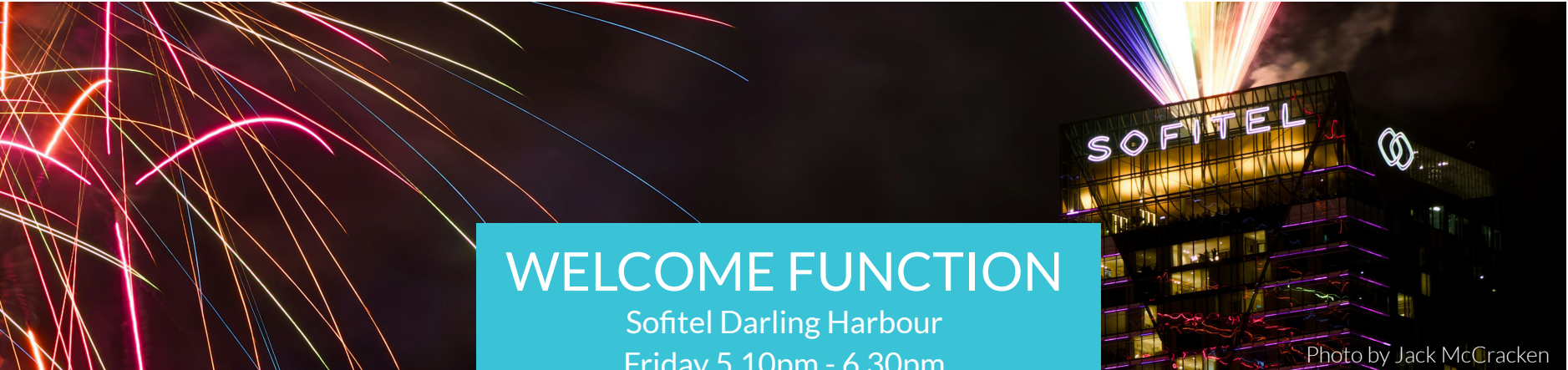
4.55pm

NSW ASOS Annual General Meeting

Stephen Milgate

5.10pm

END DAY ONE





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

Orthopaedic Womens Link update

Cathie Hibberd

9.40am - 12.25pm

Data, Robotics and AI Converge

Moderator: Ben Gooden

9.40am

Robotics and AI in orthopaedic surgery and research

Sam MacDessi

10.00am

Radiology and AI

James Linklater

10.20am

Morning tea

10.50am

Cutting edge or cutting corners? Medicolegal risks at the intersection of data, robotics and AI in orthopaedic practice.

Mark Woodrow, Avant

11.10am

The ethical and governance considerations surrounding the adoption of AI-enabled technologies and surgical innovation in orthopaedics

Katrina Hutchison, Macquarie University

11.30am

Panel discussion, Q&A

Moderated by Corinne Archer

12.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm - 3.00pm

The Tumour Journey: Navigating the Spectrum from Benign to Metastatic Disease

Moderator: Julian Yu

1.30pm

Benign Bone and Soft Tissue Tumours: An Orthopaedic Approach

Matthew Broadhead

1.45pm

Primary Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcomas: Recognition, Referral and Management

Daniel Franks

2.00pm

Metastatic Bone Disease: An Orthopaedic Update

Maurice Guzman

2.15pm

Panel discussion, Q&A

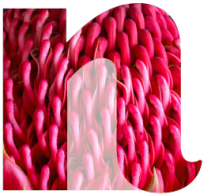
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Closing remarks, abstract presentation prizes

Ben Gooden

2.50pm

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