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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.

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

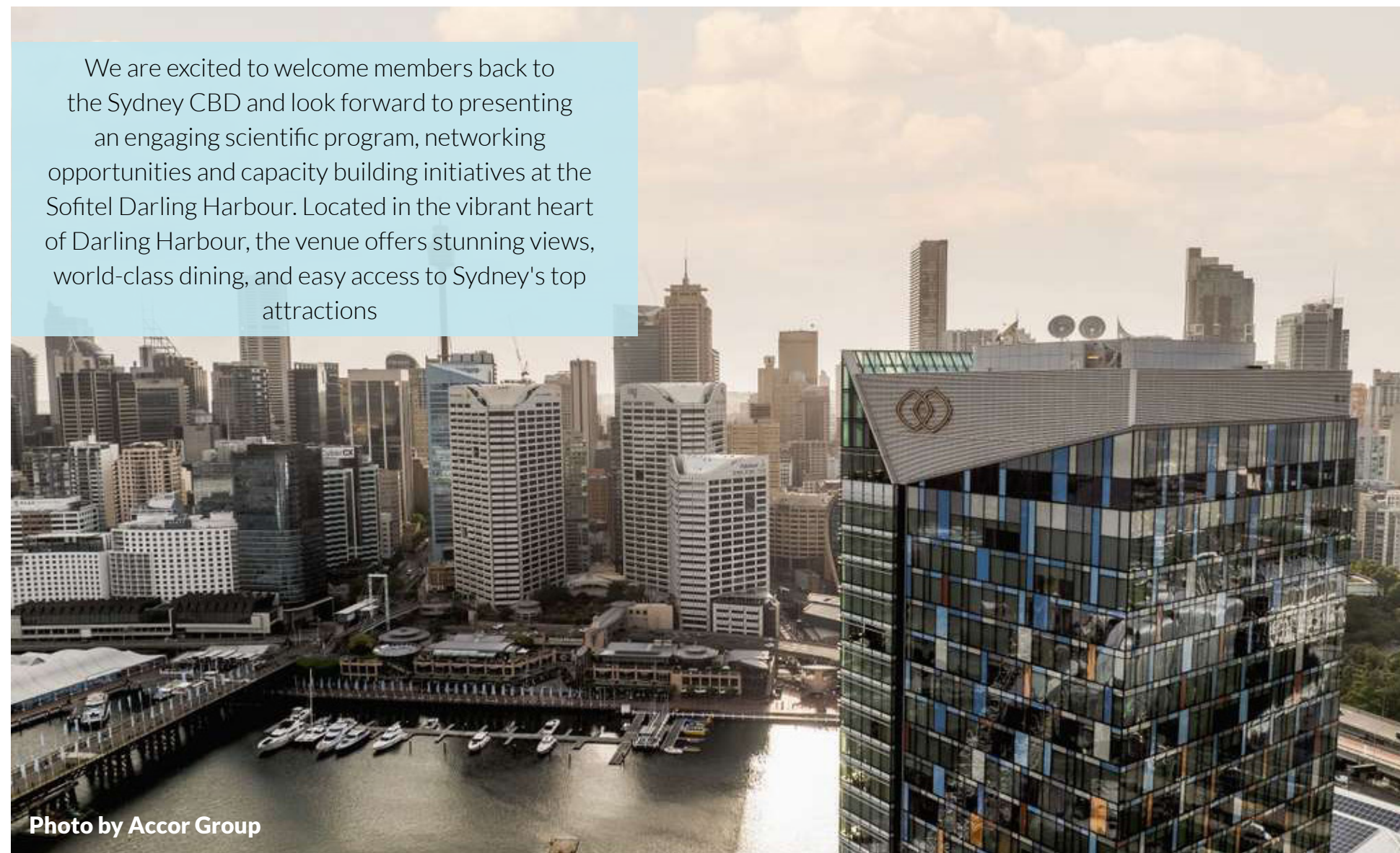


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Friday 24 July

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
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
12.10am	Foot/Ankle - Edmund O'Leary	Spine - David Strong

12.30pm Registration and lunch

1.30pm - 3.00pm Free paper presentation

1.30pm Free paper presentations selected from abstracts including discussion

3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm - 4.40pm AOA national updates

3.30pm National Joint Replacement Registry update

3.45pm Orthopaedic Womens Link update

4.00pm AOA21 and Training update

4.20pm AOA President update

Catherine Hibberd

Jai Sungaran

Mark Moroney

Friday 24 July

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



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WELCOME FUNCTION

Sofitel Darling Harbour
Friday 5.10pm - 6.30pm

Saturday 25 July

8.00am

Registration

8.30am

Welcome address

Ben Gooden

8.40am

Invited guest speaker

9.30am - 12.15pm

Data, Robotics and AI Converge

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

Ethics and AI

TBA

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

3.00pm

EVENT END

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