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New South Wales Branch ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING Provisional Program

25-26 July 2025 | Newcastle City Hall

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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 2025 AOA NSW ASM promises a dynamic and engaging scientific program tailored to orthopaedic professionals at every stage of their career. This year's agenda will explore critical topics shaping the future of orthopaedic practice, with a strong focus on innovation, education, and professional development.

Program features include:

- ◆ **Legal Aspects of Orthopaedic Surgery: Safeguarding Practice and Practitioner** - A series of expert presentations from orthopaedic surgeons and discussions exploring current medico-legal issues affecting orthopaedic practice
- ◆ **Keynote presentations** on clinical decision making, legal considerations and leadership in healthcare
- ◆ **Bone School** Clinical Refresher Sessions for NSW intro and core trainees
- ◆ Mini **Spine Symposium** with expert panel discussion
- ◆ **Free paper sessions** for trainees, non-trainees and surgeons to present their scientific research projects
- ◆ AOA updates and the NSW Branch and ASOS **Annual General Meeting.**

We look forward to welcoming all delegates at the Friday evening Cocktail Function at Wharf 350 Bar—a perfect setting to connect and unwind.

Rob Molnar - Chair

Ben Gooden and Julian Yu - Co-Convenors



Venue



Newcastle City Hall continues to be a vibrant venue for cultural and community events, reflecting the city's rich history and architectural heritage. As a conference destination, Newcastle offers a unique blend of coastal charm, urban convenience, and regional warmth. With world-class beaches, a thriving food and arts scene, and easy access from Sydney, it's an ideal setting to inspire creativity and collaboration. Delegates can enjoy a relaxed yet professional atmosphere, supported by modern facilities and plenty of opportunities for post-conference networking or leisure.



Friday 25 July

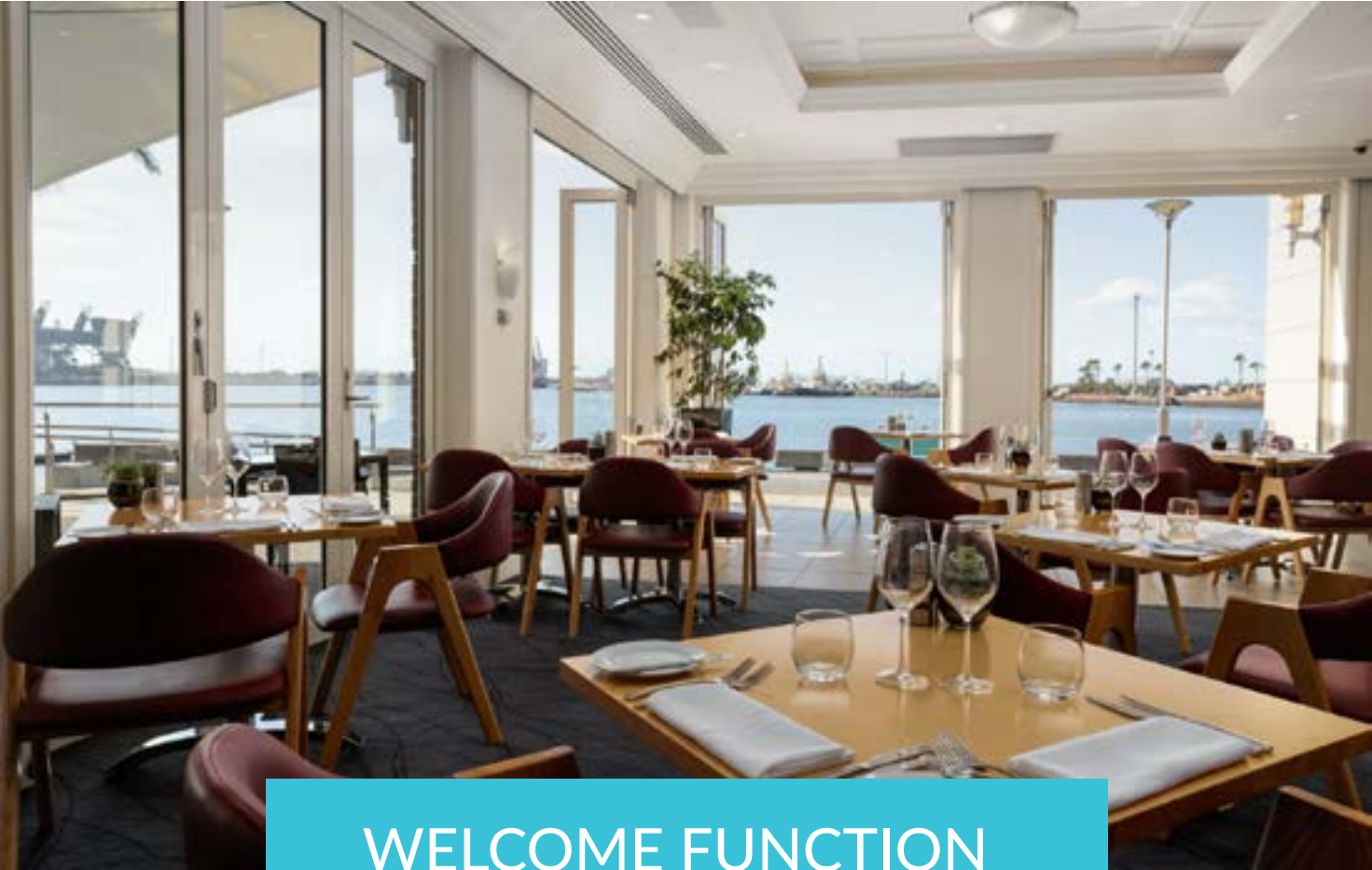
9.30am - 12pm Bone School Clinical Refresher Sessions - NSW Intro and Core Trainees		
	Room 1	Room 2
9.30am	Shoulder/elbow - Damien Mansour	Hand/wrist - Tim Karbowiak
9.50am	Hand/wrist - Tim Karbowiak	Shoulder/elbow - Damien Mansour
10.10am	Refreshment break	
10.30am	Hip - Seth Tarrant	Knee - Ben Hardy
10.50am	Knee - Ben Hardy	Hip - Seth Tarrant
11.10am	Refreshment break	
11.20am	Foot/ankle - Edmund O'Leary	Spine - Nitin Kankarla
11.40am	Spine - Nitin Kankarla	Foot/ankle - Edmund O'Leary



12.00pm	Registration and lunch	
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Free paper presentations	Moderator: Julian Liu
1.00pm	Free paper presentations selected from abstracts	TBA
2.30pm	Keynote - Sydney to Hobart - Challenges and Leadership Lessons	Paul Pincus
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm	OWL and NJRR updates	
4.10 - 5.40pm	Spine Mini Symposium and Panel Discussion	
4.10pm	Presentations - spine	Andreas Loeffler, Sean Suttor and Simon Absom
5.00pm	Panel discussion - spine	Andreas Loeffler, Sean Suttor and Simon Abson
5.40pm	END DAY ONE	



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WELCOME FUNCTION

Wharf 350 Bar and Restaurant, Rydges

Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm



Saturday 26 July

8.00am	Registration	
8.30am	Welcome address	Rob Molner
8.40 - 11.50am	Legal Aspects of Orthopaedic Surgery: Safeguarding Practice and Practitioner	
8.40am	Keynote presentations	
10.30am	Morning tea	
10.50am	Panel Discussion	
11.50am - 12.50pm	AOA National Updates	
11.50am	Update - AOA21 Review	Bryan Ashman
12.05pm	Update - Academy of Clinical Excellence	Michael Schuetz / Richard Page
12.20pm	Update - Direct Accreditation Modules and RACS Relationship	Scott Fletcher
12.30pm	AOA President Update	Scott Fletcher
12.45pm	Lunch	
1.15 - 1.45pm	NSW AGMs	
1.15pm	NSW Branch Annrual General Meeting	
1.30pm	NSW ASOS Annual General Meeting	
1.45pm	EVENT END	

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