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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

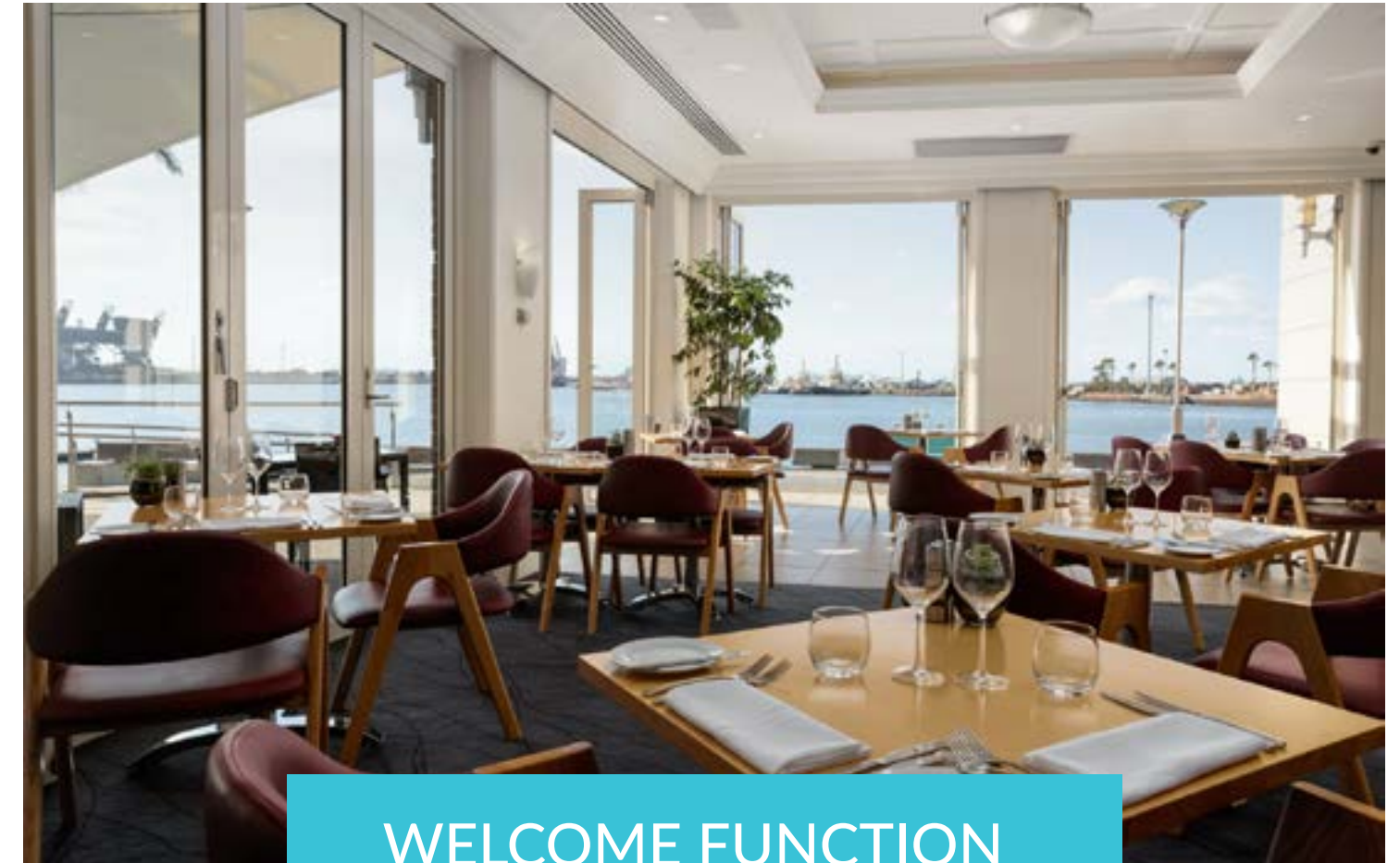
Friday 25 July



| 9.30am - 12pm Bone School Clinical Refresher Sessions - NSW Intro and Core Trainees | | |
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| | Room 1 | Room 2 |
| 9.30am | Shoulder/elbow | Hand/wrist |
| 9.50am | Hand/wrist | Shoulder/elbow |
| 10.10am | Refreshment break | |
| 10.30am | Hip | Knee |
| 10.50am | Knee | Hip |
| 11.10am | Refreshment break | |
| 11.20am | Foot/ankle | Spine |
| 11.40am | Spine | Foot/ankle |



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| 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 Absom |
| 5.40pm | END DAY ONE | |



WELCOME FUNCTION
 Wharf 350 Bar and Restaurant, Rydges
 Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm



Saturday 26 July



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| 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 Annual General Meeting | |
| 1.30pm | NSW ASOS Annual General Meeting | |
| 1.45pm | EVENT END | |

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