

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM



2026 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
Sarcoma 2026: From Innovation to Recovery
9-10 OCTOBER 2026
Cairns Convention Centre, QLD & Online

WELCOME

INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

On behalf of the Australia and New Zealand Sarcoma Association (ANZSA) and the ASM Organising Committee, we are pleased to welcome you to the 2026 ANZSA Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held at the Cairns Convention Centre from Friday 9th to Saturday 10th October 2026.

We look forward to bringing the sarcoma community together once again for an engaging and forward-focused meeting. Together, we will share knowledge, strengthen collaborations, and continue to advance outcomes for patients across Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

This year's theme, **Sarcoma 2026: From Innovation to Recovery**, reflects the full continuum of sarcoma care, from cutting-edge research and emerging therapies through to survivorship, rehabilitation and long-term patient outcomes. It highlights our collective commitment to translating innovation into meaningful improvements in patient care and quality of life.

We are delighted to welcome our international invited speakers, Dr Ashleigh Guadagnolo (USA) and Dr Craig Gerrard (UK), who will bring valuable global perspectives and expertise to this year's program.

Set in tropical North Queensland, Cairns provides a vibrant and inspiring backdrop for our meeting. We encourage you to take the opportunity to explore the region's unique natural attractions, including the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest, and to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere the destination offers.

As always, the ASM provides a valuable platform to connect with colleagues across disciplines, including clinicians, researchers, allied health professionals and patient advocates. We encourage you to engage fully, share ideas and build collaborations that will continue beyond the meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the sarcoma community. We look forward to welcoming you to Cairns for what promises to be a rewarding and memorable meeting.

Warm regards,

The 2026 ANZSA ASM Organising Committee



Dr Ashleigh Guadagnolo

Professor of radiation oncology and health services research, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Dr Ashleigh Guadagnolo received her Medical Doctorate from Harvard Medical School and her Master of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health. Dr Guadagnolo completed her residency and chief residency at Harvard's Joint Center for Radiation Therapy. In 2006, Dr Guadagnolo joined the faculty at MD Anderson Cancer Center in the Department of Radiation Oncology. She is now Professor and Section Chief of the Sarcoma/Melanoma Radiation Oncology Section and Deputy Department Chair for Radiation Oncology. She specializes in rare tumors including bone and soft tissue sarcomas, melanoma and non-melanoma skin malignancies. Dr Guadagnolo participates actively in ongoing research efforts to improve outcomes for patients with these malignancies, and she has authored clinical studies that guide clinical practice for patients with sarcomas and melanoma.



Professor Craig Gerrard

**Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Clinical Lead for Cancer, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, UK**

Professor Craig Gerrard is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore and Professor of Orthopaedic Oncology at University College London. He is the Clinical Director for the Bone and Soft Tissue Tumour Service and Clinical Lead for Cancer at RNOH and Chair of the Sarcoma Advisory Group for London and the South East of England. He is a past President of the British Sarcoma Group and the British Orthopaedic Oncology Society. He is actively involved in clinical and basic science research, supervising PhD and Masters students in surgery and rehabilitation. From October 2026 to April 2027 Craig will be on sabbatical at the City Hospital in Auckland.

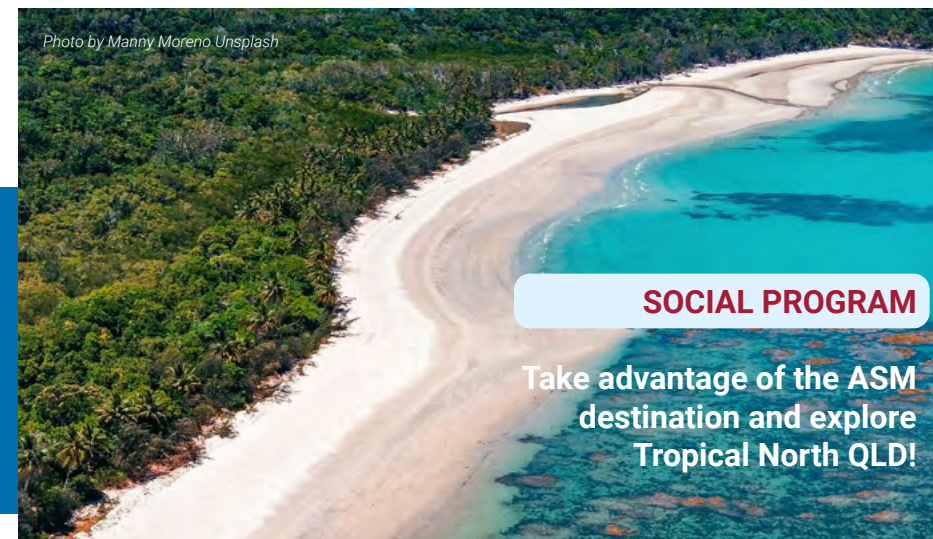
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ANZSA ASM Sarcoma 2026: From Innovation to Recovery

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

8.30am
to
5.30pm

- Clinical research and innovations
- Optimising cure for the long term
- Functional outcomes and rehab
- Translational research
(presentations selected from abstracts)
- Poster presentation soiree



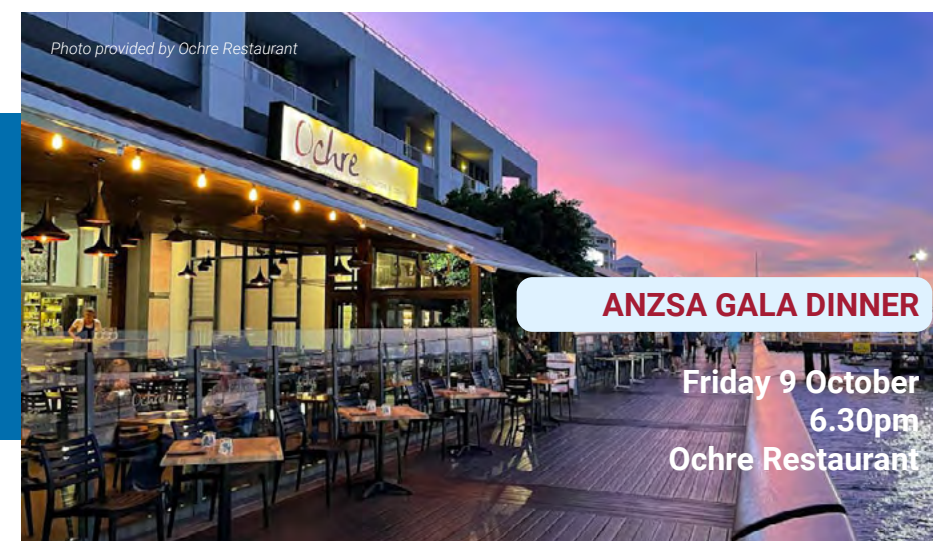
SOCIAL PROGRAM

Take advantage of the ASM destination and explore Tropical North QLD!

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

8.00am
to
5.00pm

- Living with the consequences
- Standardising best practice
- Consumer connect
- What's next after treatment?
- The Great Pitch
- Judges' awards



ANZSA GALA DINNER

Friday 9 October
6.30pm
Ochre Restaurant

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