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# Tasmania Branch ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING Scientific Program

8 - 10 August 2025 | Barnbougle, Tasmania

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# Welcome

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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.**



Dear members and guests,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 TAS ASM here in the spectacular surrounds of Barnbougle, Tasmania.

This year's program offers a rich mix of academic and social highlights. We're proud to feature **free paper presentations** showcasing cutting-edge research and clinical innovation, along with **keynote addresses** from leading experts in the field.

We're also honoured to welcome **Ian Chesterman, President of the Australian Olympic Committee**, as our special guest speaker. Ian will share his experiences in leadership, performance, and team culture at the highest levels – insights that we know will resonate with all of us.

Of course, the ASM is also a chance to reconnect and unwind. Join us for our welcome dinner at Dunes Restaurant and the conference dinner at Lost Farm, where you'll enjoy outstanding Tasmanian hospitality in two of the region's most stunning venues.

Thank you for being part of this exciting event. We look forward to a few days of learning, inspiration, and connection.

**Matthew Wilkinson**, Chair  
**Timothy Marshall**, Convenor

# Keynote speakers

**Al Burns - Canberra**  
(Arthroplasty - Lower Limb + Hip)

**Ashish Gupta - Queensland**  
(Shoulder)

**Grant Pang - Victoria**  
(Hip, Knee, Shoulder +  
Musculoskeletal Tumours)

**Michael McAuliffe - Queensland**  
(Arthroplasty - Knee)

**WELCOME DINNER**

Dunes Club House  
Friday, 5.30pm - 8.30pm

**CONFERENCE DINNER**

Lost Farm Restaurant  
Saturday, 6.00pm - 9.00pm



# Saturday 9 August

<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Registration and exhibition open</b>	
8.50am	Welcome address	<b>Matthew Wilkinson</b>
<b>SESSION 1</b>		
9.00am	<i>Keynote presentation:</i> "Stuff you should know"	<b>Al Burns</b>
9.30am	From scrubs to strategy: your financial foundations for private practice	<b>Bongiorno, Regional Alliance Partner</b>
<b>9.50am</b>	<b>Free paper presentations</b>	
9.55am	Outcomes of the Implementation of Virtual Reality for Medical Students on Surgical Placement	<b>Laurent Willemot</b>
10.03am	Surgeon stress - finding a sweet spot	<b>Carly Wells</b>
10.11am	Discussion	
10.15am	Partner presentation	<b>Smith &amp; Nephew, Alliance Partner</b>
<b>10.35am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b>		
11.00am	<i>Keynote presentation:</i> Tumours of the Knee	<b>Grant Pang</b>
11.30am	<i>Keynote presentation:</i> Knee and Joint Registry	<b>Michael McAuliffe</b>
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Free paper presentations</b>	
12.00pm	A look into the use of intraosseous antibiotics in total knee replacements at local Tasmania private hospital	<b>Silas Hahmilton</b>
12.08pm	Radiofrequency ablation before, during and after total knee arthroplasty to minimise and manage persistent post-operative knee pain – a literature review of outcomes	<b>Chun Wai Chan</b>
12.16pm	TKA: Getting the Direction Right	<b>Scott Fletcher</b>
12.24pm	The Fabella in Total Knee Arthroplasty is like Tasmania, often forgotten	<b>Luke Haas</b>
12.32pm	Total Hip Replacement and Total Knee Replacement Revision Rates and Trends in Tasmania - a review of the 2024 Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry 2024 Annual Report	<b>Silas Hahmilton</b>

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12.40pm	Discussion	
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>SESSION 3</b>		
<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Free paper presentations</b>	
2.00pm	Periprosthetic Joint Infection Database	<b>Daniel Kim and Luke Haas</b>
2.08pm	How different of an entity is native septic arthritis in the shoulder versus knees? Experience from an Australian regional centre	<b>Reuben Lim</b>
2.16pm	Syndesmosis Stabilisation – Are we following the evidence?	<b>Benjamin Davies</b>
2.24pm	Discussion	
2.30pm	<i>Invite speaker presentation:</i> President of the Australian Olympic Committee	<b>Ian Chesterman AM</b>
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
<b>SESSION 4 AOA Updates</b>		
4.00pm	AOA21 Review	<b>Bryan Ashman</b>
4.10pm	Accademy of Clinical Excellence	<b>Scott Fletcher</b>
4.25pm	Direct Accreditation Modules and RACS Relationship	<b>Scott Fletcher</b>
4.40pm	AOA Preisdent's update	<b>Scott Fletcher</b>
5.00pm	END DAY 1	

# Sunday 10 August

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Registration and exhibition open</b>	
	<b>SESSION 5</b>	
9.30am	<i>Keynote presentation:</i> AI and Data Driven Orthopaedic Care _ Impact on Practice DEFR Approach for Proximal Humeral Fracture RSA Single Stage Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty Muscle Advancement for Large Retracted Cuff Repairs	<b>Ashish Gupta</b>
<b>10.10am</b>	<b>Free paper presentations</b>	
10.10am	Medial epicondyle open reduction and internal fixation - a modified technique to improve ease of reduction and stability of fixation	<b>Charles Haward</b>
10.18am	Total Wrist Replacement complications: A single surgeon experience	<b>Timothy Marshall</b>
10.26am	Discussion	
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
	<b>SESSION 6 - Debate and AGM</b>	
11.00am	<i>Debate:</i> Artificial Intelligence will make a better surgeon.	
12.00pm	AOA Tasmanian Branch AGM	
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.30pm	END CONFERENCE	

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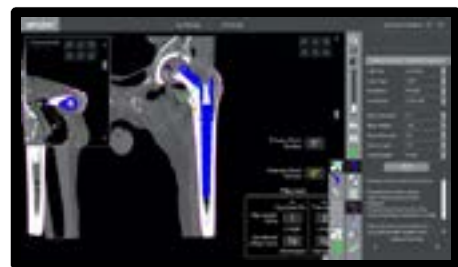
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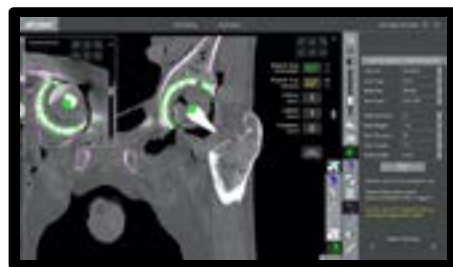
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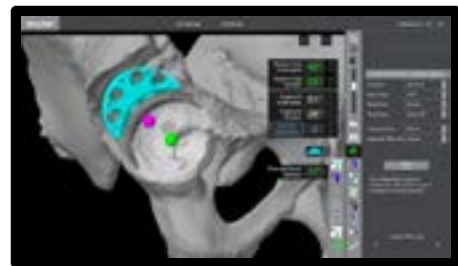
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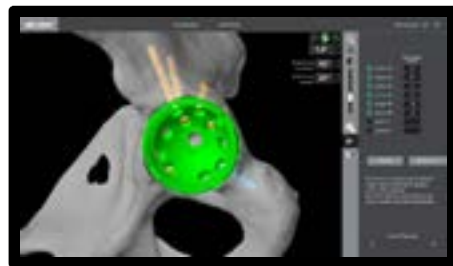
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