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# Queensland Branch ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING Provisional Program

15-17 August 2025 | Peppers Resort, Noosa

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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.**



Welcome to the **2025 AOA Queensland Annual Scientific Meeting.**

This year's theme, **"Medico-Legal and Trauma,"** highlights the complex interface between orthopaedic practice, legal responsibility, and trauma care—an area that continues to evolve and challenge us as clinicians.

We operate in high-stakes environments where decisions must be both medically sound and legally defensible. This meeting offers a timely opportunity to explore these challenges, share insights, and strengthen our understanding of the responsibilities we carry both inside and outside the operating theatre.

We're fortunate to welcome an outstanding group of speakers—from trauma surgeons and medico-legal experts to legal professionals—who will help us navigate these critical topics with clarity and practicality.

Alongside a stimulating scientific program, we invite you to enjoy the trivia afternoon and conference dinner—a chance to relax, reconnect, and celebrate our shared commitment to the profession.

Thank you for being part of it. We look forward to a meaningful and engaging meeting.

**Chair:** Scott Sommerville

**Convener:** Michael Lutz



# Venue



Set in the peaceful surrounds of Noosa National Park, **Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas** is the ideal base for your conference experience. Just minutes from Hastings Street and Noosa Main Beach, the resort offers stylish accommodation, a lagoon pool, day spa, and eco-conscious design. With boutique shopping, great dining, and scenic walks nearby, it's the perfect getaway for the family. Combine professional development with a relaxing escape in one of Queensland's most beautiful locations.





# Friday 15 August

9.45am	Registration and morning tea	
10.00am - 1.15pm	<b>Bone School - Trauma</b>	
	Open injuries and infection management	TBA
	Pelvic trauma	Zhenya Welyczko
	Spinal trauma	Ben Beer
	Sports trauma	Jon Anderson
	Foot and ankle trauma	Ruth Varrall
	The Multitrauma - Getting through the Night	Gerrit Van de Pol
	Trauma case discussions	Chris Fougere
11.30am	<b>Refreshment break</b>	
	Preparation for the FRACS exam	Mark Maroney and Chris Blenkin
1.00pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.45pm - 5.30pm	<b>Sponsored Workshop</b>	
1.45pm	Workshop	Zhenya Welyczko and Michael Scheutz
3.00pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3.30pm	Workshop continues	
4.45pm - 5.45pm	<b>Wellbeing</b>	
4.45pm	Psychology Pilot Program	Sarah Metz
5.15pm	Financial Wellbeing	Walshs
5.45pm	END DAY ONE	



# Friday 15 August

## Financial Wellbeing

4.45pm - Join regional alliance partner Walshs for expert advice

Beverages will be available!

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## Friday Social Events

6pm - OWL Soiree with guest speaker Amy Touzell

7pm - Cocktail function

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# Saturday 16 August



<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Registration and exhibition open</b>	
8.00am	Welcome Address	<b>Michael Lutz</b>
<b>8.10am - 10.10am</b>	<b>Plenary Session 1: Medico-legal and Trauma</b>	
8.10am	Presentation	<b>Avant</b>
8.30am	Decision making and Tips for the Management of Ankle Injuries	<b>Ben Forster</b>
8.40am	The neuropathic trauma minefield	<b>Ruth Varall</b>
8.50am	Assessing modern Foot and ankle diagnoses under the guides - What the Book doesn't say	<b>Terry Saxby</b>
9.00am	Trauma of the Shoulder Girdle - Making the correct calls	<b>Seung Youn</b>
9.10am	Age related degeneration and work injury - A shoulder surgeon's perspective	<b>Ken Cutbush</b>
9.20am	Questions/Discussion	
9.30am	An Update from The Jamieson Trauma Institute	<b>Michael Schuetz</b>
9.45am	The AOA Academy for Clinical Excellence (ACE)	<b>Isabella Gosper</b>
10.00am	Questions/Discussion	
<b>10.10am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
<b>10.40am - 12.20pm</b>	<b>Plenary Session 2: Medico-legal and Trauma</b>	
10.40am	Guest Presentation	<b>Chris Fougere</b>
11.10am	Spinal Imaging and medicolegal reports - disc bulges, protrusions and extrusions	<b>Peter McCombe</b>
11.20am	Spinal trauma - getting the patient where they need to be	<b>Ben Beer</b>
11.30am	Legal Causation	<b>Leo Zeller</b>
11.40am	Questions/Discussion	
11.50am	Periarticular fractures of the Knee - Don't forget the kitchen sink	<b>Rick Steer</b>
12.00pm	Now my other side hurts - Is opposite side compensation a reality	<b>Brett Halliday</b>
12.10pm	Questions/Discussion	

# Saturday 16 August

<b>12.20pm - 1.00pm</b>	<b>Session 3: Registrar Free Paper Finalists</b>	
12.20pm	The impact of knee alignment on tibial cartilage stress and kinematics following ACL reconstruction in paediatric patients: A finite element (FE) analysis	<b>Alexander Seeto</b>
12.30pm	The impact of high fat diet and sex on carpal tunnel syndrome	<b>Hayman Lui</b>
12.40pm	Chronic unstable SUFE in the Queensland Population	<b>Shefta Huda</b>
12.50pm	Outcomes Following Periacetabular Osteotomy for Acetabular Dysplasia: A Retrospective Cohort Study	<b>Helena Franco</b>
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>2.00pm - 3.00pm</b>	<b>Session 4: Confessions of a Trauma Surgeon</b>	
2.00pm	Presentations - My worst case - What went wrong and what I have learnt	<b>Sonja Schleimer, Gerrit Van de Pol and Chris Fougere</b>
<b>3.00pm - 5.30pm</b>	<b>Session 5: Trauma Case Discussions + Surgeon Wellness</b>	
3.00pm	Surgeon Wellness - What are we learning	
3.15pm	Trauma case discussions - interactive forum	<b>Paul Pincus</b>
<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
 4.45pm	<b>The Noosa Open - who will take home the team trivia trophy? (Submit your question via the <a href="#">registration form!</a>)</b>	<b>Moderated by Chris Conyard</b> 
6.00pm	END DAY TWO	

## 7.00pm Executive Dinner | Peppers Noosa

The Queensland Branch and Scientific Secretary Michael Lutz invite all members to attend the Executive Dinner, an evening of appreciation and celebration! Join us as we thank the ASM Faculty and QLD Executive Committee members, welcome the incoming 2026 trainees and bid farewell to the 2025 exiting trainees. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

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# Sunday 17 August



8.00am - 9.40am	Session 6: AGM and AOA Updates	
8.00am	AOA QLD Branch AGM and breakfast	Arvind Puri
9.00am	Direct Accreditation Modules and RACS Relationship	Scott Fletcher
9.10am	AOA President's Address	Scott Fletcher
9.20am	Registrar award presentations	
9.30am	AOA21 Review and Training Update	Bryan Ashman
9.40am - 12.50pm	Plenary Session 7: Trauma	
9.40am	Guest speaker	Chris Fougere
10.00am	Metastatic Disease and trauma - What we need to know	Phil Rowell
10.10am	Managing bone defects	Gerrit Van de Pol
10.20am	Questions/Discussion	
10.30am	Morning tea	
11.00am	Osteoporotic Pelvic Fracture Management	Rohan Brunello
11.10am	Born to Run - The Human Touch of Femoral Fractures	Nick Jorgensen
11.20am	Questions/Discussion	
11.30am	Hand and Wrist Injuries - What I have learnt	Andrew Mayo
11.40am	Medical Negligence in Hand Surgery	Chris Blenkin
11.50am	Periarticular Elbow Fracture - What are the tools of the trade?	Chris Conyard
12.00pm	Questions/Discussion	
12.10pm	Tibial fracture management - planning and delivery	Zhenya Welyczko
12.20pm	Training requirements to become a Medicolegal Report Writer	Simon Journeaux
12.30pm	Qld Children's Hospital - Co-ordinating State Wide Trauma	Ivan Astori
12.40pm	AI in the Medicolegal Space	Peter Steadman
12.50pm	Questions/Discussion	
1.00pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	END OF CONFERENCE	

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