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ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
Scientific Program

15-17 August 2025 | Peppers Resort, Noosa

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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.**



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.

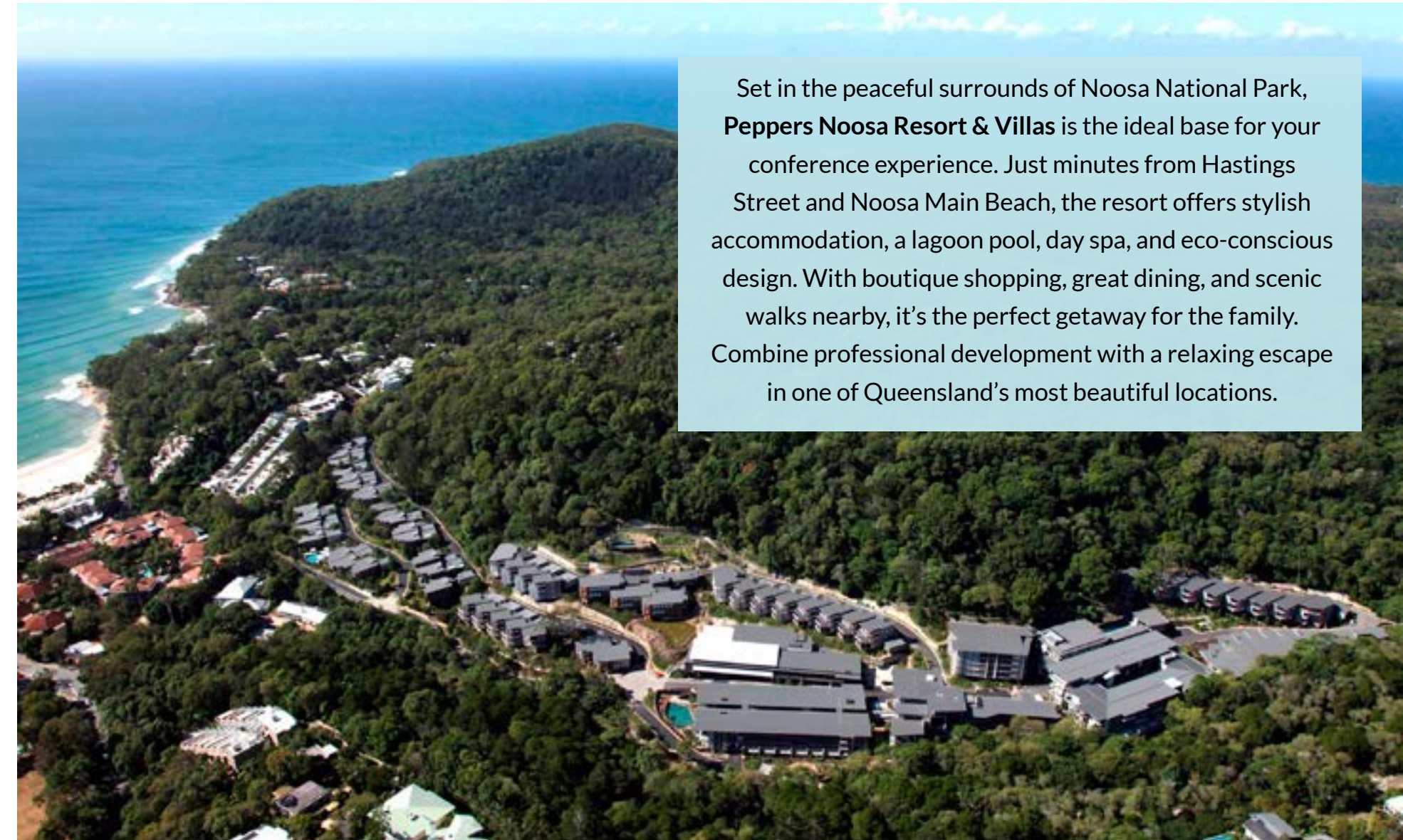
Alongside a stimulating scientific program, we invite you to enjoy the trivia afternoon and conference dinner—a chance to relax, reconnect, and celebrate our shared commitment to the profession.

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.



Invited Speaker



Chris Fougere is a New Zealand trained orthopaedic surgeon. He completed undergraduate training at the Auckland University School of Medicine, then entered the NZ Advanced Orthopaedic training programme, attaining FRACS (Ortho) in 2009.

Further fellowship training followed in 2010 in Adult Joint Replacement and Revision in Sydney, Adult Deformity and Shoulder Reconstruction in Melbourne concluding with Adult Deformity in 2011 in Florida with Dr Dror Paley.

Chris has a consultant appointment at Auckland City Hospital, focusing on Fracture, Deformity Surgery and Joint Reconstruction. His private practice is with Domain Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Chris Fougere's main interests are:

Joint Preservation (Arthroscopy, Osteotomy) and Replacement

Fracture

Injury and Deformity Surgery of the:

Hip

Knee

Foot

Sponsored Workshop



IM Nailing Impact Your Outcomes

*“What are the most important factors in intramedullary nailing that can be influenced **at the time of surgery** to impact the clinical outcome?”*

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Friday 15 August



9.45am Registration and morning tea

10.00am - 1.15pm Bone School - Trauma

Open injuries and infection management
Pelvic trauma
Spinal trauma
Sports trauma
Foot and ankle trauma
The Multitrauma - Getting through the Night
Trauma case discussions

James Cox
Zhenya Welyczko
Benjamin Beer
Jon Anderson
Ruth Varrall
Gerrit Van de Pol
Chris Fougere

11.30am Refreshment break
Preparation for the FRACS exam

Mark Moroney

1.00pm Lunch

1.45pm - 4.45pm Sponsored Workshop - Johnson&Johnson

Moderators:
Zhenya Welyczko
and Michael Schuetz

1.45pm Workshop - IM Nailing: Impact your outcomes

3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm Workshop continues



4.45pm - 5.45pm Wellbeing

4.45pm QLD Psychology Pilot Program - update
5.15pm What could your wealth - and peace of mind - look like? How to maximise your financial security and wellbeing as an orthopaedic surgeon?
5.45pm END DAY ONE

Sarah Metz
Daniel James and
Katie Brock, Walshs

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



7.30am	Registration and exhibition open	
8.00am	Welcome address	Michael Lutz
8.10am - 10.10am	Plenary Session 1: Medico-legal and Trauma	Moderator: Michael Lutz
8.10am	Presentation	Selina Hunt, Avant
8.30am	Decision making and Tips for the Management of Ankle Injuries	Benjamin Forster
8.40am	The neuropathic trauma minefield	Ruth Varrall
8.50am	Assessing modern Foot and ankle diagnoses under the guides - What the Book doesn't say	Terence Saxby
9.00am	Questions/Discussion	
9.08am	Trauma of the Shoulder Girdle - Making the correct calls	Seung-Min Youn
9.18am	Age related degeneration and work injury - A shoulder surgeon's perspective	Kenneth Cutbush
9.28am	Questions/Discussion	
9.36am	An Update from The Jamieson Trauma Institute	Michael Schuetz
9.46am	The AOA Academy for Clinical Excellence (ACE)	Isabella Gosper
10.00am	Questions/Discussion	
10.10am	Morning tea	
10.40am - 12.20pm	Plenary Session 2: Medico-legal and Trauma	Moderator: Scott Sommerville
10.40am	Complex Femur Case Salvage	Chris Fougere
11.10am	Spinal Imaging and medicolegal reports - disc bulges, protrusions and extrusions	Peter McCombe
11.20am	Spinal trauma - getting the patient where they need to be	Benjamin Beer
11.30am	Legal Causation	Leo Zeller
11.40am	Questions/Discussion	
11.50am	Periarticular fractures of the Knee - Don't forget the kitchen sink	Rick Steer

12.00pm	Now my other side hurts - Is opposite side compensation a reality	Brett Halliday
12.10pm	Questions/Discussion	
12.20pm - 1.00pm	Session 3: Registrar Free Paper Finalists	Moderator: Mark Moroney
12.20pm	The impact of knee alignment on tibial cartilage stress and kinematics following ACL reconstruction in paediatric patients: A finite element (FE) analysis	Alexander Seeto
12.30pm	The impact of high fat diet and sex on carpal tunnel syndrome	Hayman Lui
12.40pm	Chronic unstable SUFE in the Queensland Population	Shefta Huda
12.50pm	Outcomes Following Periacetabular Osteotomy for Acetabular Dysplasia: A Retrospective Cohort Study	Helena Franco
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Session 4: Confessions of a Trauma Surgeon	Moderator: Zhenya Welyczko
2.00pm	Presentations - My worst case - What went wrong and what I have learnt	Sonja Schleimer, Gerrit Van de Pol and Chris Fougere
3.00pm - 5.30pm	Session 5: Trauma Case Discussions + Surgeon Wellness	Moderator: Paul Pincus
3.00pm	AOA Surgeon Wellbeing Working Group update	Rohan Brunello
3.15pm	Trauma case discussions - interactive forum	Paul Pincus
4.15pm	Afternoon tea - babysitting commences! Bring your family to trivia	
 4.45pm	The Noosa Open - who will take home the team trivia trophy? (Submit your question via the registration form!)	Moderated by Christopher Conyard 
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.



Sunday 17 August

8.00am - 9.40am	Session 6: AGM and AOA Updates	Moderator: Arvind Puri
8.00am	AOA QLD Branch AGM (members only)	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	Scott Sommerville
9.30am	AOA21 Review and Training Update	Bryan Ashman
9.40am - 12.50pm	Plenary Session 7: Trauma	Moderators: Amanda Reilly and Philip Rowell
9.40am	Challenges in complex tibia scenarios	Chris Fougere
10.00am	Metastatic Disease and trauma - What we need to know	Philip 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	Nicholas Jorgensen
11.20am	Questions/Discussion	
11.30am	The Role of Arthroscopy in Scaphoid Fractures	Andrew Mayo
11.40am	Medical Negligence in Hand Surgery	Christopher Blenkin
11.50am	Periarticular Elbow Fracture - What are the tools of the trade?	Christopher 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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