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Queensland Branch ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING Provisional Program

7-9 August 2026 | 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 2026 AOA Queensland Annual Scientific Meeting.

This year's theme, **Our Love of Learning**, celebrates one of the defining characteristics of our profession: a commitment to continuous growth, curiosity and improvement. From the earliest days of training through to the most experienced stages of practice, learning remains at the heart of what we do as orthopaedic surgeons.

What makes this year's meeting particularly special is the calibre of our faculty. Every speaker is drawn from within Queensland, showcasing the depth of talent, experience and expertise that exists within our own community. We are fortunate to be surrounded by colleagues whose interests extend far beyond the operating theatre. They are innovators, educators, leaders, adventurers, business owners, mentors and lifelong learners.

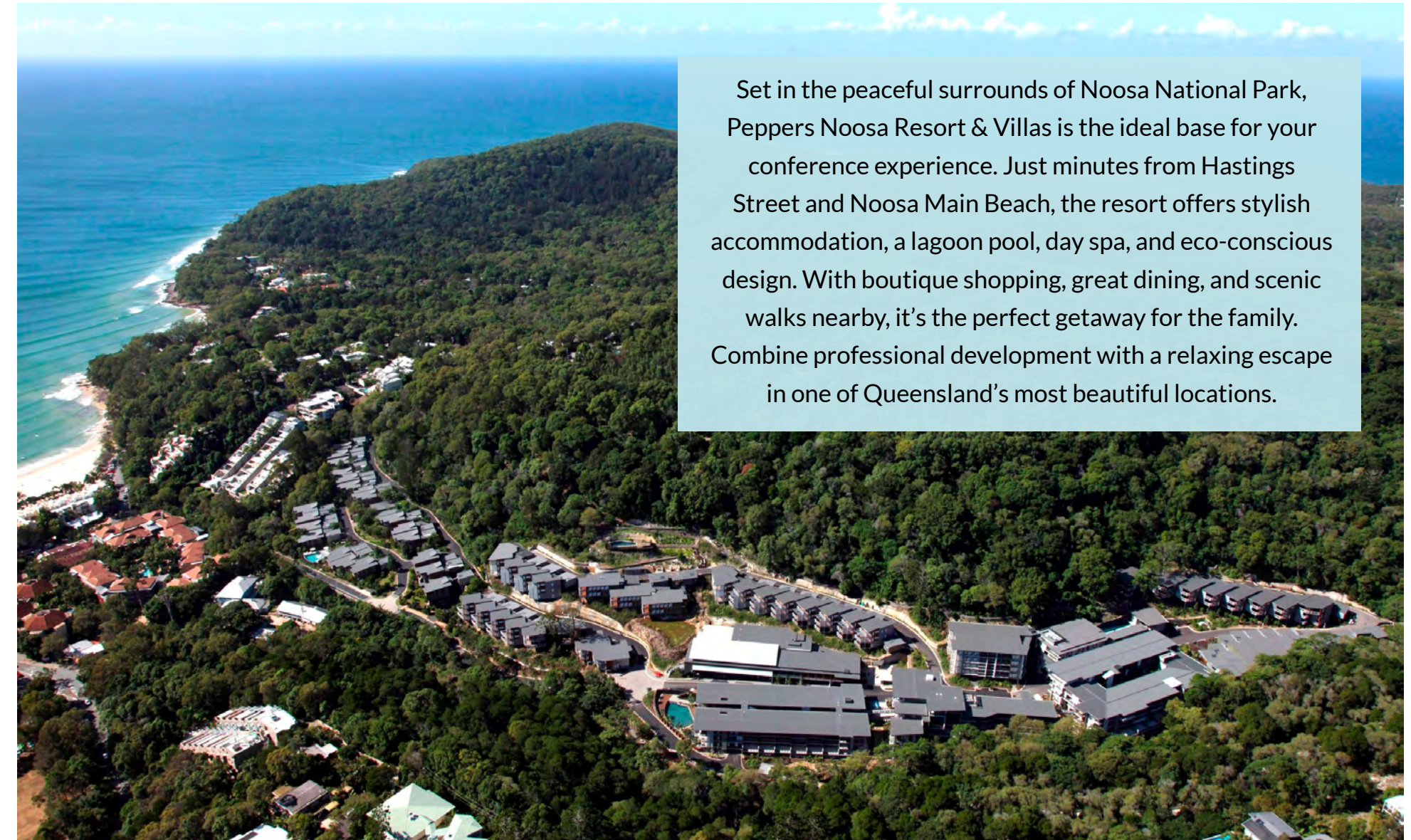
Alongside a stimulating scientific program, we invite you to enjoy the social events throughout the meeting, a chance to reconnect with colleagues, share experiences and celebrate the strong orthopaedic community we are privileged to be part of.

Thank you for joining once again in Noosa. We look forward to an engaging, thought-provoking and enjoyable meeting.

Chair: Arvind Puri
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 7 August

9.45am Registration and morning tea

10.00am - 1.15pm Bone School

Bone school presentations

11.30am Refreshment break

Preparation for the FRACS exam

Leo Zeller

1.00pm Lunch

1.45pm - 4.45pm Sponsored Workshop

1.45pm Workshop

3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm Workshop continues

4.45pm - 5.45pm Lessons in Wellbeing

4.45pm Wellbeing

5.15pm Sponsor presentation

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5.45pm END DAY ONE



Friday Social Events

6pm - OWL Soiree
7pm - Cocktail function
Peppers Noosa



Invited Speaker



Andre Casson, Brisbane Boys College Headmaster

Mr Andre Casson, our College's tenth Headmaster since 2022, has been unwavering in his commitment to the BBC community. He has made it a priority to connect with every part of our College family - students, staff, parents, and Old Collegians - recognising each member's unique contribution to BBC's success.

Prior to his appointment at Brisbane Boys' College, Mr Casson was the Head of the Australian International School in Singapore, where he oversaw the strategic direction and growth of this high-performing institution. He also has extensive previous experience in the Brisbane GPS school environment, having served as Deputy Head of Senior School at Anglican Church Grammar School before relocating to Singapore.



Saturday 8 August



7.30am	Registration and exhibition open	
8.00am	Welcome address	Michael Lutz
8.10am - 10.10am	Session 1: Learning That Shapes Us	Moderator: Michael Lutz
	Lessons in leadership	Cath McDougall
	Sleeping on the job - what I have learned about translational research collaborations	Rob Labrom
	What is there to learn about orthopaedic device development	
	Cultural competence: Lessons beyond the textbook	Chris Morrey
	What is to be learnt in a law degree that we should all know	Leo Zeller
	Learning by osmosis - a lifetime of orthopaedic exposure	Tim McMeniman
	Transitioning from surgery to fulltime medico legal practice	Simon Journeaux
10.10am	Morning tea	
	<i>Lifestyle series: It's no B..S..! I love orthopaedic surgery so I bought a farm - lessons for us all</i>	Rohan Brunello
	Discussion	
11.25am - 12.05pm	Session 2: Free Paper Finalists	
	Free paper presentations	
12.05pm - 12.35pm	Invited Guest Speaker	
	The changing learning landscape: What education can teach us about learning	Andre Casson
12.35pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 1.00pm	Session 3: A Lifetime of Learning	
	Virtual reality learning for the operating theatre	Zhenya Welycxko
	Instaorthopaedics - non traditional modes of orthopaedic learning	Zhenya Welycxko
	What I learnt on fellowship	Lisa Major

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What I have learnt about retirement - our learning never stops **Gary Nielsen**
 Learning when not to operate
Lifestyle series: What I have learnt training for and completing a marathon - tips for the inquisitive and curious: recommendations for orthopaedic surgeons **Ruth Varrall**
Lifestyle series: What I have learnt: how golf can be applied to the lives of orthopaedic surgeons **Kelly Macgroarty**
 Discussion

4.00pm Afternoon tea

4.30pm - 5.15pm Session 4: Interactive Forum - Case Discussions **Moderator: Phil Rowell**

 **5.15pm - 6.20pm The Noosa Open II - who will take ownership of the trivia trophy? (Submit your question via the [registration form!](#))** **Moderator: Christopher Conyard** 

6.20pm 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 2027 trainees and bid farewell to the 2026 exiting trainees. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.



Sunday 9 August

8.00am - 10.05am	Session 5: AGM and AOA Updates	Moderator: Mike Thomas
8.00am	AOA QLD Branch AGM (members only)	Mike Thomas
9.00am	CPD update + Q&A	
9.25am	President's update	Mark Moroney
9.40am	Award presentations	Mark Moroney
9.50am	Training update	Bryan Ashman
10.05am	Morning tea	
10.30am - 1.00pm	Session 6: Progress Through Practice	
	Appplying the learning curve to robotic knee arthroplasty	Tim McMeniman
	Tackling the Learning Curve - a transition from open to minimally invasive bunion correction surgery	Greg Stirling
	Learning curves - when is the right time to embark on a Learning Curve	Scott Sommerville
	Expanding knowledge through new technologies - who knew where the Cement Road would lead	Ross Crawford
	Children's Registry - what we can learn	David Bade
	AOANJRR - update	Chris Wall
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Session 7: Debate - The Future of Orthopaedic Education: Evolution or Revolution?	
2.00pm	Lunch	
2.30pm	END OF CONFERENCE	



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