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New South Wales Branch ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING Scientific Program

25-26 July 2025 | Newcastle City Hall

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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.



The 2025 AOA NSW ASM promises a dynamic and engaging scientific program tailored to orthopaedic professionals at every stage of their career. This year's agenda will explore critical topics shaping the future of orthopaedic practice, with a strong focus on innovation, education, and professional development.

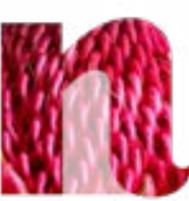
Program features include:

- ◆ **Legal Aspects of Orthopaedic Surgery: Safeguarding Practice and Practitioner** - A series of expert presentations from orthopaedic surgeons and discussions exploring current medico-legal issues affecting orthopaedic practice
- ◆ **Keynote presentations** on clinical decision making, legal considerations and leadership in healthcare
- ◆ **Bone School** Clinical Refresher Sessions for NSW intro and core trainees
- ◆ **Mini Spine Symposium** with expert panel discussion
- ◆ **Free paper sessions** for trainees, non-trainees and surgeons to present their scientific research projects
- ◆ AOA updates and the NSW Branch and ASOS **Annual General Meeting**.

We look forward to welcoming all delegates at the Friday evening Cocktail Function at Wharf 350 Bar—a perfect setting to connect and unwind.

Rob Molnar - Chair

Ben Gooden and Julian Yu - Co-Convenors



Venue



Newcastle City Hall continues to be a vibrant venue for cultural and community events, reflecting the city's rich history and architectural heritage. As a conference destination, Newcastle offers a unique blend of coastal charm, urban convenience, and regional warmth. With world-class beaches, a thriving food and arts scene, and easy access from Sydney, it's an ideal setting to inspire creativity and collaboration. Delegates can enjoy a relaxed yet professional atmosphere, supported by modern facilities and plenty of opportunities for post-conference networking or leisure.



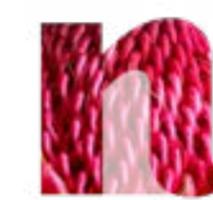
Friday 25 July

9.30am - 12pm Bone School Clinical Refresher Sessions - NSW Intro and Core Trainees		
	Room 1	Room 2
9.30am	Shoulder/elbow - Damien Mansour	Hand/wrist - Tim Karbowiak
9.50am	Hand/wrist - Tim Karbowiak	Shoulder/elbow - Damien Mansour
10.10am	Refreshment break	
10.30am	Hip - Seth Tarrant	Knee - Ben Hardy
10.50am	Knee - Ben Hardy	Hip - Seth Tarrant
11.10am	Refreshment break	
11.20am	Foot/ankle - Edmund O'Leary	Spine - Nitin Kankarla and Andreas Loeffler
11.40am	Spine - Nitin Kankarla and Andreas Loeffler	Foot/ankle - Edmund O'Leary

12.00pm Registration and lunch

1.00pm - 1.45pm Free paper presentations Moderator: Julian Yu

1.00pm	Early mobilisation versus late mobilisation following hip fracture surgery – A systematic review and meta-analysis.	Raymond Kim
1.06pm	A unique tribological inverted bearing solution for reverse shoulder arthroplasty: Vitamin E and Ceramic (unique inverse pairings in rTSR)	Joshua Rajaratnam
1.12pm	incomplete seating of the glenosphere and the role of postoperative ct imaging: a case series	Owen Rabak
1.18pm	Custom asymmetric polyethylene liner to correct femoral component malalignment in total knee arthroplasty – A case report	Daniel Park
1.24pm	A Novel use of Robotic Arm-Assistance and CT Planning to Optimise Total Hip Arthroplasty Positioning for Neck of Femur Fractures	Renwick Simpson
1.30pm	Discussion	



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1.45pm - 2.30pm Free paper presentations continued Moderator: Julian Yu

1.45pm	Total hip arthroplasty with a dual mobility prosthesis is associated with improved patient reported outcome measures and safe metal ion blood levels at 2 years	Karan Sandhu
1.51pm	Increased bone stock preservation in robotic assisted versus computer navigated primary total knee arthroplasty.	Joshua Blake
1.57pm	What is the optimal tibial insert design in primary total knee arthroplasty? A comparison of Stryker Triathlon Cruciate Retaining, Condylar Stabilizing and Posterior Stabilised implants in the Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry	Matthew Brown
2.03pm	Predicting ACL Graft Failure Using Posterior Tibial Slope: Development and Validation of the ALPS Risk Framework and Classification	Georgia Brady
2.09pm	WALANT (Wide-Awake Local Anaesthesia No Tourniquet) surgery in Australia	Freya Roberts
2.15pm	Discussion	

2.30pm - 4.10pm Guest presentation Moderator: Julian Yu

2.30pm	Keynote - Sydney to Hobart - Challenges and Leadership Lessons	Paul Pincus
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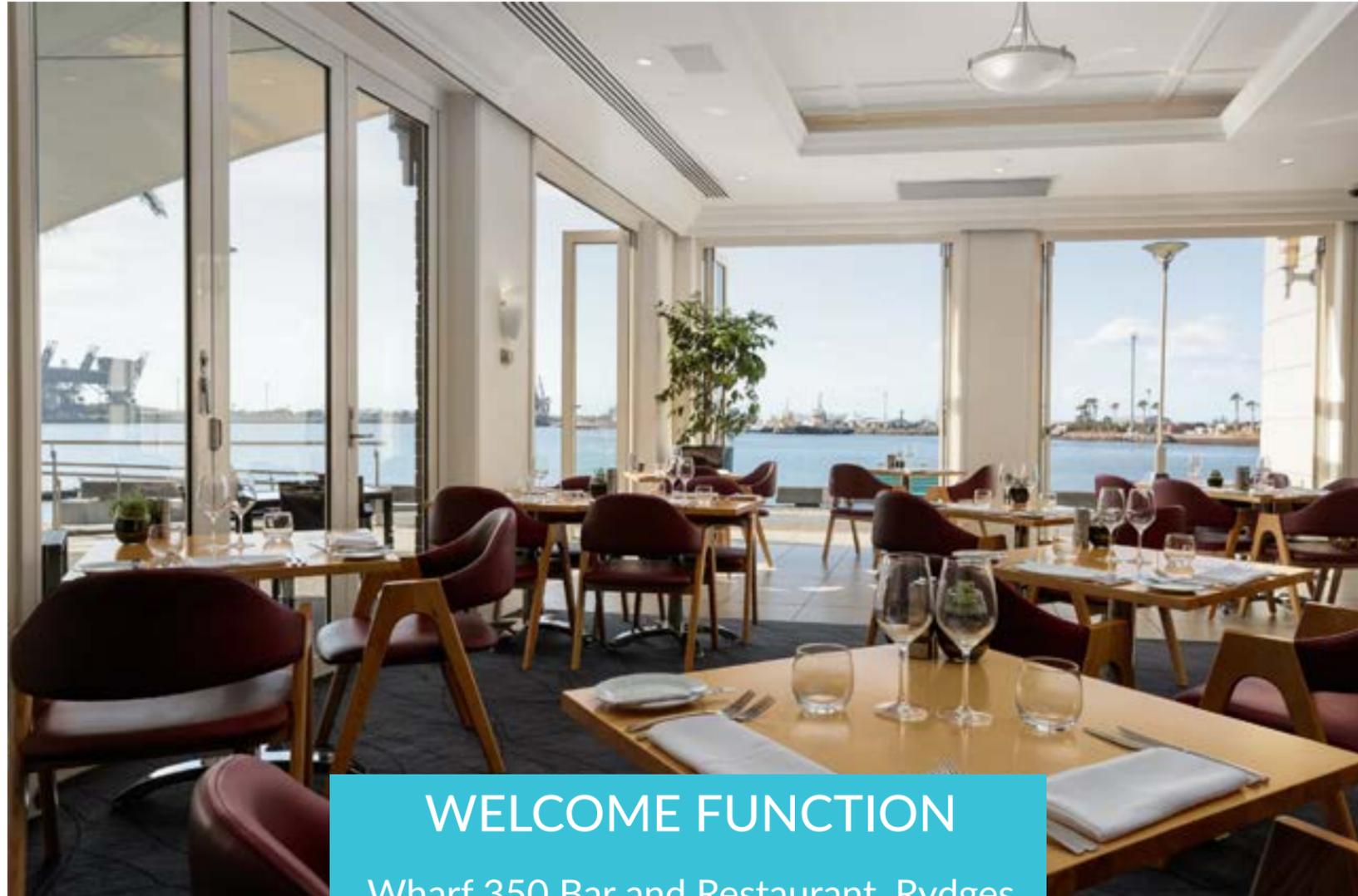
3.15pm Afternoon tea

3.45pm - 5.30pm Spine Mini Symposium and Panel Discussion Moderator: Julian Yu

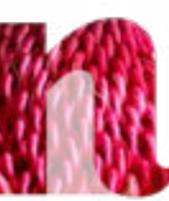
3.45pm	Ethics and spine surgery	Andreas Loeffler
4.05pm	Cervical radiculopathy	Sean Suttor
4.25pm	Spinal deformity	Maxime Saad
4.45pm	Panel discussion - spine	Andreas Loeffler, Sean Suttor and Maxime Saad
5.30pm	END DAY ONE	



Friday 25 July



WELCOME FUNCTION
Wharf 350 Bar and Restaurant, Rydges
Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm



Saturday 26 July



8.00am	Registration	
8.30am	Welcome address	Rob Molnar
8.40am - 11.50am	Legal Aspects of Orthopaedic Surgery: Safeguarding Practice and Practitioner	Moderators: Ben Gooden and Rob Molnar
8.40am	Complications in Arthroplasty : The Effect on the Surgeon. Results of a National Survey	Sanjeev Gupta
9.00am	A legal view of Alignment in TKR	Andrew Shimmin
9.30am	Fair play: equal accountability for the Medicolegal doctor as for the operating surgeon	Alexander Burns
10.00am	From operating theatre to courtroom: navigating the medical litigation process	Georgie Haysom, Avant
10.30am	Morning tea	
10.50am	Increases in medicolegal indemnity fees	Michael Solomon
11.00am	Panel Discussion	
11.50am - 12.50pm	AOA National Updates	Moderator: Ben Gooden
11.50am	Update - AOA21 Review	Chris Kondogiannis
12.00pm	Update - Academy of Clinical Excellence	Scott Fletcher
12.10pm	Update - Orthopaedic Women's Link	Catherine Hibberd
12.20pm	Update - Direct Accreditation Modules and RACS Relationship	Scott Fletcher
12.30pm	AOA President Update	Scott Fletcher
12.45pm	Lunch	
1.15pm - 1.45pm	NSW AGMs	
1.15pm	NSW Branch Annual General Meeting	
1.30pm	NSW ASOS Annual General Meeting	
1.45pm	EVENT END	



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