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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

0900 - 1020
OPENING PLENARY
Chair: Dr Vida Viliunas OAM
 Welcome to Country
Kester Brown Lecture
Dr Ross Kerridge

1020-1100 - Morning tea

1100 - 1230
PLENARY
Chair: Dr Frances Page
 Not just can we - should we? Shared decision making for high risk patients
Prof Denny Levett
 Optimising sedation and ensuring oxygenation
Dr Basil Matta

1230-1330 - Lunch

1330 - 1500
PERIOPERATIVE
 From waiting lists to preparation pathways: transforming care with early digital screening
Prof Denny Levett
 Perioperative assessment: does it actually change anything?
Dr Laura Frank
 Demystifying diabetes
Dr Tamara Eichel

NEURODIVERSITY
 One stop shop - anaesthesia facilitating care of the disabled
Dr Peter Smith
 Exploring autism among us
Dr Wei Song
 The quiet pathway for children
Dr Ramanie Jayaweera and Dr Stephanie Crescini

COMMUNICATIONS SIG
 How informed consent misinforms: Moving beyond the checkbox to mitigate nocebo effects
Dr Allan Cyna
 The paradox of informed consent
Dr Nick Chrimes
 The view from medical defence
Ms Naomi Sher

GASBAGGING
 System thinking / good practice in patient safety investigations and learning
Prof Paul Bowie
 Surviving one-lung ventilation
A/Prof Andrew Lumb
 Why I still use inhalational anaesthesia
Dr Hamish Meares

AWARDS
 Gilbert Troup ASA Prize

1500-1530 - Afternoon tea

1530 - 1700
AIRWAY SIG
 Prevention of unrecognised oesophageal intubation
Dr Stuart Marshall
 No airway for the shared airway
Prof Anil Patel
 The unjust villification of cricriod pressure
Dr Nick Chrimes

NEUROANAESTHESIA - EVOLUTION OF MANAGEMENT OF INTRACRANIAL HAEMORRHAGE AND STROKE
 Anaesthetist's perspective
Dr Hilary Madder
 INR specialist perspective
A/Prof Ranil Chandra
 Neurosurgeon's perspective
Dr Johnny Wong

CTVP SIG
 Introduction to the electrophysiology study
Dr Lauren Shephard
 Perioperative management of intracardiac devices
Dr Adam Eslick
 Anaesthesia for AF ablation
Dr Martin Dempsey

OBSTETRIC
 Birthing on Country
Dr Donna Hartz
 Managing obstetric care in a RRH
Rosmarin Zacher

AWARDS
 John Ritchie NZSA Prize



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

0730-830 - WELI breakfast

0900 - 1030	<p>PLENARY Chair: Dr Jonothan Panckhurst Alan Merry Oration Becoming an indigenous anaesthetist <i>CPD Cultural Competence</i> Dr Andrew Warmington Managing difficult clinician-patient interactions in anaesthesia care: practical approaches Prof Marcy Rosenbaum</p>
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1030-1100 - Morning tea

1100-1230	<p>FEEDBACK AND COACHING Effective feedback conversations with trainees Prof Marcy Rosenbaum Trainee feedback - a study Dr Scott Fortey A coaching approach to the feedback conversation Dr Sancha Robinson</p>	<p>DAY CARE Perioperative care considerations at the day stay stage Dr Ken Sleeman Early discharge for hip and knee arthroplasties Ms Sarah Hobson Regional anaesthesia adjustments Dr Reg Edward</p>	<p>ANAESTHESIA AND INTENSIVE CARE</p>	<p>ODEC Anaesthetic training in the Pacific Dr Apaitia Goneyale, Fiji Anaesthesia in Samoa Dr Cecilia Vaai- Bartley, Samoa Anaesthesia in PNG Dr Lui Apolos</p>	<p>AWARDS ASA Best Poster Prize ASA Rupert Hornabrook Prize</p>
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1230-1330 - Lunch (RAG Lunch)

1330-1500	<p>PLENARY Chair: Dr Allysan Armstrong-Brown Human factors and ergonomics: building capacity Prof Paul Bowie Death, destruction and the airway Prof Anil Patel</p>
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1500-1530 - Afternoon tea

1530-1700	<p>ACUTE PAIN SIG Chair: Dr Adrian Sultana Acute pain management in chronic pain patients Dr Steve Smith After the block wears off: strategies for rebound pain Dr Jason Goh Dexamethazone Ass/Prof Jennifer Stephens</p>	<p>webAIRS When the block steals the breath: phrenic nerve palsy after brachial plexus block Dr Joanne Tan e-FONA in Australia & New Zealand; incidents, insights & improvements Dr Chad Oughton LAST but not least: local anaesthetic toxicity reported to webAIRS Dr Kate Brown-Beresford</p>	<p>THE NEXT PHASE Patient safety myths & fallacies Prof Paul Bowie Preventing postoperative pulmonary complications - still trying Prof Andrew Lumb Update on voluntary assisted dying Dr Charles Douglas</p>	<p>SPANZA Chair: Dr Kim Rackemann Paediatric trauma Corrine Ballit Paediatric airway Dr Nick Roberts Paediatric TIVA Dr Elyse Farrow</p>	<p>AWARDS CSC Trainee Member Group (TMG) CSC Trainee Member Audit/Survey Prize</p>
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1700- 1900 - ASA Members drinks and AGM



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025

0715-830 - ASA Policy update breakfast

0900-1030

REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA SIG

Chair: Dr Vivian Ho

Needle little help? Spinal anaesthesia failure; mechanisms, prevention, optimisation

Dr Joanne Tan

Selective nerve blocks for perioperative shoulder pain: Anatomical validation, evaluation of phrenic nerve paresis and patient-reported outcomes

Dr Michelle Chong

Complex regional pain syndrome in the perioperative period - complex for the anaesthetists too!

Dr Chris Brunson

ELDERLY MEDICINE

The vulnerable brain: the crossover of geriatric medicine and anaesthesia

Dr Mark Hohenberg

The elderly brain and processed EEGs

Dr Sarah Armarego

PAEDIATRICS

Premedication update

Dr Nilru Vitharana

Anaesthesia for the paediatric occasionalist

Dr Simon McLaughlin

Trigger warning: Identifying and managing MH in the paediatric population

Dr Fiona Desmond

CARDIAC FOR NON-CARDIAC SURGERY

Wrong pressures in the right places - PHT in the non-cardiac theatre

Dr Ben Piper

The errant aortic valve

Dr Robert Thomas

Mitral mischief

Dr Sab Eissa

1030-1100 - Morning tea

1100-1230

CLOSING PLENARY

How deep and how high? Breathing in challenging places

Prof Andrew Lumb

Non-beneficial surgery

Dr Carl D'Souza and Dr Tony Padley



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SESSIONS

BREAKFAST SESSION

WELI

SATURDAY 10/10/26	0730-0830
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Cost	\$A50
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All are welcome to join us for breakfast as we discuss some of the work being done to address the issue of gender equity in anaesthesia. This breakfast includes a mini workshop on introducing yourself and how to network at conferences. There will also be an opportunity to practice your skills with some of the big names in anaesthesia!

BREAKFAST SESSION

ASA Policy update

SUNDAY 11/10/2026	0715-0830
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Cost	Complimentary
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Facilitators: Dr Michael Lumsden-Steel, Dr Namrata Singh & Dr James Hosking

Join us for Business & Billings: All Things ASA - a practical session covering key aspects of anaesthesia practice management. From billing insights to ASA guidelines, get the latest updates and expert advice to optimise your professional and financial success.

LUNCH SESSION

Trainee lunch

THURSDAY 8/10/26	1230-1330
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Cost	Complimentary
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Take a break and connect with fellow trainees at the Trainee Lunch. It's a perfect opportunity to connect with peers, network with mentors. Enjoy a casual setting with great food and even better conversations.

LUNCH SESSION

Retired anaesthetists lunch

SATURDAY 10/10/26	1215-1330
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Cost	Complimentary
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Join fellow retired anaesthetists for a relaxed and engaging Retired Anaesthetist Lunch, a chance to reconnect, share experiences, and enjoy a delightful meal in great company. Celebrate a career well spent while catching up with old friends and making new ones.



WORKSHOP PROGRAM - THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

0900 SESSION

WS1	RA: Plan A blocks for the novice regional anaesthetist
WS2	RA: Upper limb, above the clavicle, below the clavicle
WS3	Gastric POCUS
ER1	CICO
ER2	Paediatric & neonatal cardiac arrest
WS4	Vantari VR - Cric scalpel bougie, chest drain traumatic, gastric US, CVC
MC1	Veterinary medicine
SGD1	To TEG, or not to TEG, that is the question
ER3	Major haemorrhage
MC2	Safe airway society hyper-angulated blade & VAFI
MC3	How to seek feedback for learning
SGD2	Perioperative management of cardiac devices
MC4	SEIPS (System engineering initiative for patient safety): Quality improvement
T1	Demystifying cardiac anaesthesia for Trainees
ER4	ASBD
OFFSITE	
WS5	AFOI workshop (0830-1315)
ER5	CICO + "Anatomically difficult neck" (0900-1230)

1100 SESSION

WS6	RA: Plan A blocks for the novice regional anaesthetist
WS7	RA: Upper limb, above the clavicle, below the clavicle
WS8	Gastric POCUS
ER6	CICO
ER7	Paediatric & neonatal cardiac arrest
WS9	Vantari VR - Cric scalpel bougie, chest drain traumatic, gastric US, CVC
SGD3	Peri-operative management of cardiac conundrums
SGD4	To TEG, or not to TEG, that is the question
ER8	Major haemorrhage
MC5	Enhancing learners' communication skills in the context of patient care
PE1	M&M session
MC6	SEIPS (System engineering initiative for patient safety): Quality improvement
T2	Extreme Everest
ER9	ASBD

1330 SESSION

WS10	RA: Trunk/chest
WS11	RA: Lower limb, hip, knee & below
ER10	CICO
WS12	Eye blocks
WS13	Vantari VR - Cric scalpel bougie, chest drain traumatic, gastric US, CVC
SGD5	Approach to potentially futile surgery
SGD6	To TEG, or not to TEG, that is the question
MC7	Using simulation for systems improvement: A practical approach to research and quality improvement
SGD7	Enhancing learners' communication skills in the context of patient care
MC8	Anaesthesia for the occasional paediatric anaesthetist
MC9	Extreme everest
T3	Publish or perish?
SGD8	Coaching workshop
OFFSITE	
WS14	AFOI workshop (1215-1700)
ER11	Cardiac arrest/ALS workshop (1300-1630)
S1	Local wine tasting

1530 SESSION

WS15	RA: Trunk/chest
WS16	RA: Lower limb, hip, knee & below
ER12	CICO
T4	EYE blocks - TRAINEE SESSION
WS17	Vantari VR - Cric scalpel bougie, chest drain traumatic, gastric US, CVC
SGD10	Ethics - historical aspects and autonomy / informed consent
SGD11	Neuromonitoring
SGD12	General paediatric ENT anaesthesia
SGD13	Perioperative management of diabetes
OFFSITE	
S2	Local wine tasting

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

OFFSITE

ER13	REACT for the CSC
ER14	REACT for the CSC

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOPS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

ER1, ER6, ER10 & ER12 - CICO

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 ER1 - 0900-1030
ER6 - 1100-1230

FACILITATORS: Dr Robert Buckland & Dr Paul Pham

ER10 - 1330-1500
ER12 - 1530-1700 FULL

FACILITATORS: Dr Rheily Ward & Dr Richard Davey

Cost \$A250

Our 'Can't intubate, can't oxygenate' is a workshop which will prepare participants to perform both cannula and scalpel methods for emergency airway situations.

CPD Home - Educational Activities - Emergency Response Workshop
ANZCA CPD - Emergency Response - CICO

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

ER4 & ER9 - ASBD

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 ER4 - 0900-1030
ER9 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A250

FACILITATOR: Dr Vida Viliunas OAM

Acute severe behavioural disturbance presents one of the most complex intersections of safety, physiology, environment, and rapid decision-making. This workshop offers clinicians a clear, contemporary framework for understanding and managing ASBD with confidence, compassion, and system-level awareness.

CPD Home - Educational Activities - Emergency Response Workshop
ANZCA CPD - Emergency Response - ASBD

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

ER2 & ER7 - Paediatric cardiac arrest

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 ER2 - 0900-1030
ER7 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A250

FACILITATORS: Dr Elyse Farrow, Dr Sally Wharton & Dr Kim Rackemann

This workshop offers an opportunity to refresh and update knowledge and practical skills in newborn and paediatric resuscitation, delivered by facilitators who regularly practise paediatric anaesthesia. Four interactive stations will cover: newborn resuscitation, management of the choking child, basic and advanced life support and recognition and management of shockable and non-shockable rhythms.

CPD Home - Educational Activities - Emergency Response Workshop
ANZCA CPD - Emergency Response - Cardiac Arrest

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

ER5 - CICO + "Anatomically difficult neck"

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 ER5 - 0900-1230

Cost \$A855

OFFSITE WORKSHOP: Hunter New England Sim Centre

FACILITATORS: Dr Sacha Muller & Dr Nick Van Huizen

Managing a "can't intubate, can't oxygenate" scenario is challenging enough – but when it occurs in the context of an anatomically difficult neck, the stakes rise sharply. This hands-on workshop gives clinicians the opportunity to refine their technical skills, sharpen their decision-making, and practise front-of-neck access techniques in scenarios where standard approaches may not apply. **BUS TRANSPORT PROVIDED**

CPD Home - Educational Activities - Emergency Response Workshop
ANZCA CPD - Emergency Response - CICO

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

ER3 & ER8 - Major haemorrhage

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 ER3 - 0900-1030
ER8 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A250

FACILITATOR: Dr Bart Fielden

This interactive workshop will provide a framework for managing critical haemorrhage across a range of clinical scenarios. It will include discussion of technical and non-technical skills as well as useful tips and tricks that can be translated to daily practice.

CPD Home - Educational Activities - Emergency Response Workshop
ANZCA CPD - Emergency Response - Major Haemorrhage

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

ER11 - Cardiac arrest/ALS workshop

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 ER11 - 1300-1630

Cost \$A855

OFFSITE WORKSHOP: Hunter New England Sim Centre

FACILITATORS: Dr Sacha Muller & Dr Nick Van Huizen

This workshop provides a focused, hands-on refresher in the recognition and management of cardiac arrest, grounded in current ALS principles and real-world clinical practice. Designed for clinicians who want to sharpen their skills and strengthen team performance, the session blends practical drills with structured discussion to build confidence in time-critical decision-making. **BUS TRANSPORT PROVIDED**

CPD Home - Educational Activities - Emergency Response Workshop
ANZCA CPD - Emergency Response - ALS



EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP & MASTERCLASS PROGRAM

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

ER13 & 14 - "REACT for the CSC"

SATURDAY 10/10/2026	ER13 - 0800-1200 ER14 - 1230-1630
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Cost	\$A550
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OFFSITE WORKSHOP: JHH Interventional Suite

FACILITATORS: REACT Faculty

REACT-Lite: a simulation-based workshop for the management of acute, life-threatening complications in the Cardiac Cath Lab. Participants will be provided with eLearning material ahead of time. Over the 4h of the workshop participants will spend approximately 2.5h in high fidelity simulation covering airway management, defibrillation, pharmacological intervention, and mechanical cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ensuring comprehensive exposure to critical events encountered in contemporary interventional cardiology practice.

BUS TRANSPORT PROVIDED

CPD Home - Educational activities - Emergency response workshop
ANZCA CPD - Emergency response -ALS

MASTERCLASS

MC3 - How to seek feedback for learning

THURSDAY 8/10/2026	MC3 - 0900-1030
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Cost	\$A60
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FACILITATOR: Dr Scott Fortey

Feedback isn't just something that happens to us — it's a skill we can actively cultivate. This masterclass explores how clinicians can invite, shape, and use feedback in ways that genuinely accelerate learning and improve performance, even in high-pressure environments.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

MASTERCLASS

MC1 - Veterinary medicine

THURSDAY 8/10/2026	MC1 - 0900-1030
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Cost	\$A60
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FACILITATOR: Dr Gregory Dale

Expand your professional horizons with a masterclass designed to introduce anaesthetists to the fascinating and complex world of veterinary anaesthesia. This session offers a high-level, concept-driven exploration of species-specific physiology, anaesthetic planning, and perioperative management across a range of animal patients.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

MASTERCLASS

MC4 & MC6 - SEIPS (System Engineering Initiative for Patient Safety): Quality improvement differently

THURSDAY 8/10/2026	MC4 - 0900-1030 MC6 - 1100-1230
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Cost	\$A60
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FACILITATOR: Prof Paul Bowie

The Systems Engineering Initiative for Patient Safety (SEIPS) is one of the most widely used Human Factors frameworks in healthcare, often described as the "Swiss Army Knife" for its versatility and accessibility. This workshop introduces SEIPS as a practical tool to understand the complex interactions that influence both positive and adverse outcomes in care systems, and to support the co-design of safer, more efficient workflows. Participants will explore how SEIPS can be applied to safety investigations, organisational learning, and team-based reviews such as M&M meetings, while also providing a simple, effective way to teach Human Factors systems thinking to novice learners, including postgraduate trainees.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

MASTERCLASS

MC2 - Safe Airway Society Hyperangulated Videolaryngoscopy & Video-Assisted Flexible Bronchoscopic Intubation (VAFI)

THURSDAY 8/10/2026	MC2 - 0900-1030
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Cost	\$A400
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FACILITATORS: Dr Nicholas Chrimes, Dr Chad Oughton & Dr Matthew James

Hyperangulated videolaryngoscopy is now considered a core skill in which all anaesthetists should be proficient. Video-Assisted Flexible Bronchoscopic Intubation (VAFI) is an advanced technique which may be incorporated into the airway strategy of skilled airway teams. This two-part airway workshop provides expert instruction in these techniques.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

MASTERCLASS

MC5 - Enhancing learners' communication skills in the context of patient care

THURSDAY 8/10/2026	MC5 - 1100-1230
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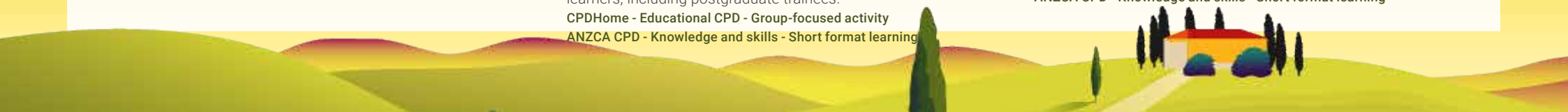
Cost	\$A60
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FACILITATOR: Prof Marcy E. Rosenbaum

Effective communication sits at the heart of safe, compassionate patient care — yet it is also one of the most challenging skills for learners to develop with confidence. This masterclass offers clinicians a structured, practical exploration of how to teach, model, and support communication skills in real clinical environments.

Through expert-led discussion and applied strategies, we will unpack how to help learners communicate clearly, empathetically, and professionally, even when the clinical context is complex or emotionally charged.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning



MASTERCLASS PROGRAM, PRACTICE EVALUATION & SOCIAL

MASTERCLASS

MC7 - Using simulation for systems improvement: A practical approach to research and quality improvement

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 MC7 - 1330-1700

Cost \$A60

FACILITATOR: A/Prof Cate McIntosh

Simulation is widely used in healthcare for education and training, yet its potential to support research and quality improvement remains under-utilised and often overlooked. This workshop introduces a practical approach to the application of Human Factors principles, using simulation to support system design and improvement. Participants will explore how simulation can be used to understand work as done, identify system risks, and refine interventions before implementation. Using practical frameworks and approaches, participants will learn how to analyse clinical workflows and test solutions, including tools such as cognitive aids. The workshop provides a practical starting point for applying Human Factors methods to real clinical challenges.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

PRACTICE EVALUATION

PE1 - M&M session

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 PE1 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A60

FACILITATOR: Dr Gregory Dale

This M&M session provides a structured, supportive forum for clinicians to examine recent cases, explore contributing factors, and identify opportunities to strengthen patient care. The focus is on learning rather than blame – using real events to deepen insight, improve systems, and enhance clinical decision-making.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Practice evaluation
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Practice evaluation

MASTERCLASS

MC8 - Anaesthesia for the occasional paediatric anaesthetist

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 MC8 - 1330-1500

Cost \$A60

FACILITATOR: Dr Nilru Vitharana

Step into a focused, confidence building session designed for clinicians who don't regularly provide paediatric anaesthesia but want to stay sharp, safe, and up to date. This practical and highly relevant masterclass demystifies the unique physiological, pharmacological, and perioperative considerations that make children different—not just smaller adults. Focus areas will include vascular access tricks, and resuscitation and management of the critically unwell child that presents to a non-paediatric hospital. Participants will walk away with refreshed knowledge, actionable frameworks, and renewed assurance in managing paediatric cases when they arise. Whether it's preparing for the unexpected emergency or strengthening your everyday practice, this session equips you with the essential tools to deliver calm, competent, and child centred care.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

SOCIAL

S1 & S2 - Wine Tasting

OFFSITE WORKSHOP: Usher Tinkler Winery

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 S1 - 1330-1500 FULL
S2 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A75

Discover how Usher Tinkler has reshaped the art of wine tasting in the Hunter Valley. In this workshop, they will explore their distinctive approach, where premium salumi and artisan cheeses are thoughtfully paired with their wines to create a richer, more immersive tasting journey. **BUS TRANSPORT PROVIDED**

MASTERCLASS

MC9 - Xtreme Everest

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 MC9 - 1330-1500

Cost \$A60

FACILITATOR: Prof Denny Levett

Why take critical care research to one of the most hostile environments on Earth? As research lead and expedition doctor for the Xtreme Everest studies, Prof Levett will describe the scientific rationale for investigating human adaptation to hypoxia at extreme altitude and how these insights translate from mountainside to bedside. The lecture will explore why the expedition was undertaken, how risks were assessed and mitigated, and the extraordinary preparation and logistics required to conduct high-quality research in the "death zone." Drawing on first-hand experience, Prof Levett will examine individual variability in physiological responses to hypoxia, the effects of low oxygen on physical and cognitive performance, and the challenges of maintaining safety and sound decision-making in an environment where deterioration can be rapid and rescue limited. The session will also highlight lessons in leadership, teamwork, and operational planning when uncertainty and risk are ever-present.

Ultimately, the extreme environment provides a unique laboratory for understanding human limits and resilience, offering practical insights for clinicians tasked with delivering safe, high-quality care under pressure.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning



WORKSHOP PROGRAM

WORKSHOP

WS1 & WS6 - RA: Plan A blocks for the novice regional anaesthetist

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS1 - 900-1030
WS6 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A150

Facilitators: Dr Angus Hardy & Dr Francoise Naeyaert

Enhance your skills and confidence in regional nerve blocks with this focused training opportunity designed for anaesthetists looking to upskill in ultrasound-guided techniques. This session covers key blocks for the upper limb, trunk, and lower limb, including the interscalene and axillary brachial plexus, erector spinae plane (ESP) rectus sheath, and femoral nerve, adductor canal, and popliteal sciatic blocks. Gain practical insights, refine your technique, and build confidence in performing commonly used regional blocks to improve perioperative analgesia and patient outcomes.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

WORKSHOP

WS4, WS9, WS13, WS17 Vantari VR - Cric scalpel bougie, chest drain traumatic, gastric US, CVC

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS4 - 900-1030
WS9 - 1100-1230
WS13 - 1330-1500
WS17 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A150

Facilitator: Tina van Weelderden

Vantari is an Australian health technology company delivering Virtual Reality training that allows doctors and nurses to practise procedures in a safe, scalable environment before treating real patients. Founded in 2017, Vantari partners with hospitals, universities and medical device companies globally. Its research-backed VR platform improves clinical performance and safety compared with traditional training methods. This workshop features four key modules designed to build confidence and competence in critical clinical procedures through immersive VR simulation.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

WORKSHOP

WS2 & WS7 - RA: Upper limb, above the clavicle, below the clavicle

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS2 - 900-1030
WS7 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A150

Facilitators: Dr Vivian Ho, Dr Steve Bruce, Dr Michelle Chong & Dr Alexander Bradfield

Unlock the precision and confidence that define exceptional regional anaesthesia practice. This immersive session zeroes in on upper-limb blocks above the clavicle and below the clavicle, giving you a streamlined, high-yield learning experience guided by experts in the field.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

WORKSHOP

WS5 & WS14 - AFOI workshop

OFFSITE WORKSHOP: GOSFORD HOSPITAL

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS5 - 830-1315
WS14 - 1215-1700

Cost \$A600

Facilitator: Dr Denise Keavey

Refresh your awake fiberoptic intubation skills in a highly practical, small group setting designed to give you real world confidence. Over four immersive hours, you will gain firsthand experience in topical airway anaesthesia, endoscopy, and even the patient perspective — equipping you with the language and insight to expertly consent and guide patients through the procedure. **BUS TRANSPORT PROVIDED**

PARTICIPANTS WILL INTUBATE MANNEQUINS ONLY; PEER PRACTICE INVOLVES ENDOSCOPY ONLY. FOR SAFETY, ALL ATTENDEES MUST SIGN A CONSENT FORM AND ARRIVE FASTED FOR 4 HOURS. PLEASE NOTE: PREGNANCY OR ALLERGY TO GLYCOPYRROLATE OR LIGNOCAINE EXCLUDES PARTICIPATION

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

WORKSHOP

WS3 & WS8 - Gastric POCUS

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS3 - 900-1030
WS8 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A150

Facilitators: Dr Phil Holz, Dr Joanne Tan, Dr Wan Yee Tey & Dr Nav Sidhu

Enhance your skills and confidence in regional nerve blocks. Discover how gastric ultrasound can transform your perioperative assessment and enhance patient safety. This targeted session dives into the essentials of Gastric POCUS, giving you the clarity and confidence to interpret gastric contents with precision.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

WORKSHOP

WS10 & WS15 - RA: Trunk/chest

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS10 - 1330-1500
WS15 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A150

Facilitators: Dr Mark Davies, Dr Joel Parrey & Dr Ashok Dharmalingam

Regional anaesthesia of the trunk and chest has transformed perioperative and chest wall trauma care — improving analgesia, reducing opioid use, and supporting smoother recovery. This workshop gives clinicians the chance to refine their technique, deepen their anatomical understanding, and gain confidence with the blocks that matter most in thoracic and upper-abdominal surgery and for analgesic management in chest wall trauma.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning



WORKSHOP PROGRAM & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

WORKSHOP

WS11 & WS16 - RA: Lower limb, hip, knee & below

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS11 - 1330-1500
WS16 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A150

Facilitators: Dr Lee Zimmer, Dr Natalie Purcell & Dr Joanne Tan

Lower-limb regional anaesthesia offers powerful analgesia, faster recovery, and reduced opioid use – but only when the anatomy, sono-landmarks, and block selection are crystal clear. This workshop gives clinicians the chance to refine their scanning, sharpen their needle skills, and build confidence across the blocks that matter most for hip, knee, and below-knee surgery.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

WORKSHOP

WS12 - Eye blocks

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 WS12 - 1330-1500

Cost \$A150

Facilitators: Dr David Scott & Dr Tom Curtis

Ophthalmic regional anaesthesia demands precision, anatomical clarity, and a calm, methodical technique. This workshop is designed specifically for anaesthetists who want to refine their skills in delivering safe, effective eye blocks for a wide range of ophthalmic procedures. Through expert guidance and practical, model-based practice, participants will deepen their understanding of orbital anatomy, sharpen their technical skills, and build confidence in managing both routine and challenging cases.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD1, SGD4 & SGD6 - To TEG, or not to TEG, that is the question

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD1 - 0900-1030
SGD4 - 1100-1230
SGD6 - 1330-1500

Cost \$A60

Facilitator: Dr Ben Piper

Join a practical hands-on session exploring the real-world value of thromboelastography in perioperative care. Designed for a small group of anaesthetists, this discussion goes beyond the basics to unpack when TEG genuinely informs decision-making – and when traditional testing or clinical judgement may serve you just as well.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD2 - Perioperative management of cardiac devices

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD2 - 0900-1030

Cost \$A60

Facilitator: Mr Andrew Screech

Cardiac implantable electronic devices add a layer of complexity to perioperative care that demands clarity, confidence, and up-to-date understanding. This small-group masterclass offers anaesthetists a focused, expert-led exploration of how to navigate pacemakers, ICDs, CRT devices, and loop recorders safely and effectively throughout the surgical journey.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD3 - Peri-operative management of cardiac conundrums

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD3 - 1100-1230

Cost \$A60

Facilitator: Dr Andrew Emanuel

Cardiac complexity doesn't wait for the perfect moment, and even the most seasoned anaesthetist encounters cases that challenge assumptions and stretch clinical reasoning. This small-group discussion creates space for thoughtful exploration of the tricky, nuanced, and occasionally perplexing cardiac issues that arise in the peri-operative setting.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD5 - Approach to potentially futile surgery

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD5 - 1330-1500

Cost \$A60

Facilitator: Dr Shriram Swaminathan

This workshop provides a clear, hands-on refresher in core anaesthetic principles, contemporary practice, and safe perioperative management. Designed for clinicians at all levels, the session blends practical skills with applied physiology and real-world decision-making.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

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SGD7 - Enhancing learners' communication skills in the context of patient care

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD7 - 1330-1500

Cost \$A60

Facilitator: Prof Marcy E. Rosenbaum

Effective communication sits at the heart of safe, compassionate patient care – yet it's also one of the most challenging skills for learners to develop with confidence. This masterclass offers clinicians a structured, practical exploration of how to teach, model, and support communication skills in real clinical environments.

Through expert-led discussion and applied strategies, we'll unpack how to help learners communicate clearly, empathetically, and professionally, even when the clinical context is complex or emotionally charged.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD11 - Neuromonitoring

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD11 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A60

Facilitators: Prof Basil Matta & Dr Matt Young

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
ANZCA CPD - Knowledge and skills - Short format learning

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD8 - Coaching workshop

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD8 - 1330-1700

Cost \$A60

Facilitators: Dr Sancha Robinson, Dr Sangeeta Resch & Dr Anne Frankl

Coaching is one of the most powerful tools clinicians and educators can use to support growth, reflection and performance. This workshop introduces a clear, practical approach to coaching – helping participants build the skills to guide learners, colleagues and teams with confidence.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD12 - General paediatric ENT anaesthesia

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD12 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A60

Facilitators: Dr Nilru Vitharana & Dr Melissa Chin

This session provides a focused, clinically grounded update on paediatric sedation, with a particular emphasis on the evolving role of dexmedetomidine and recent changes to sedation formularies. Designed for clinicians involved in procedural sedation or perioperative care, the workshop blends pharmacology, practical guidance and real-world application.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD10 - Ethics - historical aspects and autonomy / informed consent

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD10 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A60

Facilitator: Dr Robert Buckland

Modern clinical ethics didn't emerge overnight – it was shaped by centuries of medical tradition, pivotal historical events, and the gradual recognition of patient autonomy as a cornerstone of safe, respectful care. This small-group discussion invites participants to explore how history informs contemporary ethical practice, and how autonomy and informed consent continue to evolve in the context of modern medicine.

CPDHome - Educational CPD - Group-focused activity
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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SGD13 - Perioperative management of diabetes

THURSDAY 8/10/2026 SGD13 - 1530-1700

Cost \$A60

Facilitator: Dr Sharon Tivey

Diabetes remains one of the most challenging comorbidities in surgical care. This focused anaesthetic session simplifies the complexity, giving clinicians clear, practical strategies to optimise diabetic patients from pre-op through recovery.

We will cover evidence-informed glycaemic control, medication and insulin adjustments, risk reduction, and real-world pitfalls—equipping you with streamlined approaches that enhance safety and improve perioperative outcomes.

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TRAINEE PROGRAM

The CSC26 Trainee Program offers a lecture series as well as two dedicated trainee places across selected workshops, giving emerging clinicians the chance to learn directly from experts, collaborate with peers, and gain hands-on experience in a supportive environment. Trainees will be immersed in real-world clinical discussions, exposed to current best practice, and encouraged to develop the confidence and capability needed to contribute meaningfully to perioperative care.

900-
1030

LECTURE

T1 - Demystifying cardiac anaesthesia for Trainees
Dr Girish Palnitkar

WORKSHOPS

WS1 - RA: Plan A blocks for the novice regional anaesthetist
WS2 - RA: Upper limb, above the clavicle, below the clavicle
WS3 - Gastric POCUS

1030-1100 - Morning tea

1100-
1230

LECTURE

T2 - Xtreme Everest
Prof Denny Levett

WORKSHOPS

WS6 - RA: Plan A blocks for the novice regional anaesthetist
WS7 - RA: Upper limb, above the clavicle, below the clavicle
WS8 - Gastric POCUS

1230-1330 - Lunch

1330-
1500

LECTURE

T3 - Publish or perish?
A/Prof Andy Lumb

WORKSHOPS

WS10 - RA: Trunk/chest
WS11 - RA: Lower limb, hip, knee & below

1500-1530 - Afternoon tea

1530-
1700

TRAINEE ONLY WORKSHOP

T4 - Eye Blocks
Dr David Scott
Dr Tom Curtis

WORKSHOPS

WS15 - RA: Trunk/chest
WS16 - RA: Lower limb, hip, knee & below



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