



# A Critical Care Conference in the Vineyards

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Care Conference in the Vineyards

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort Hunter Valley, NSW

## PROGRAM

(correct at 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, subject to change)

### PROGRAM - Day 1

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

7.30am Registration Desk Opens

#### Session One Opening

8.45am Welcome to Country

8.55am Welcome/Housekeeping

9.00am **Opening Address**  
*Tracey McCosker (PSM), Chief Executive,  
Hunter New England Local Health District*

9.30am **Keynote Speaker**  
*Greg Page OAM, Heart of the Nation*

10.20am Questions

10.30 am Morning Tea & Trade Displays

#### Session Two Free Papers

11.00am **The Hearts of Papua New Guinea (#1)**  
*Megan Ruttley, Dr Lewis McLean and Kassandra Long,  
John Hunter Hospital*

11.10am **The Invisible Patients of Critical Care (#35)**  
*Helen Bell, John Hunter Hospital*

11.20am **Moments of assisting in disasters for rural and remote nurses (#8)**  
*Catherine Brewer, John Hunter Hospital*

- 11.30am **ALS, PALS or somewhere in between? (#11)**  
*Tiffany Poulter, Nepean Hospital*
- 11.40am **Critical Connections: Optimising Retrieval Coordination for Seamless Patient Care (#32)**  
*Elizabeth Relf, John Hunter Hospital*
- 11:50am **A Match Made in ICU: Allocating the Right Patient to the Right Nurse (#33)**  
*Leonie Cavanagh and Dustin Bush, John Hunter Hospital*
- 12.00pm **Neurotrauma in Rural NSW: A Comprehensive Data Analysis (#2)**  
*Jonathan Newman, ACI*
- 12.20pm **Questions**

**12.30pm Lunch & Trade Displays**

**Session Three Free Papers**

- 1.30pm **Pharmacology in Children's Intensive Care: Enhancing Nursing Knowledge and Confidence (#15)**  
*Alexandra Austin, Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick*
- 1.40pm **Is Freeze Dried Plasma the solution to the plasma drought? (#3)**  
*Jonathan Newman, ACI*
- 2.00pm **Biomarkers taking triage to the next level (#28)**  
*Dr Maryam Shojaei, Nepean Hospital*
- 2.10pm **Outreach Paediatric Critical Care Education Roadshows: Up-skilling Rural NSW (#14)**  
*Dr Natasha Mansell, John Hunter Hospital*
- 2.20pm **Speech-Pathology-led Flexible-Endoscopic-Evaluation-of-Swallowing in acute inpatient settings: does a refined model-of-care enhance access and expedite outcomes? (#13)**  
*Eva Norman, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital*
- 2.30pm **Questions**
- 2.40pm **From Rural Roads to Tertiary Teams: A Child's Journey and a Family's Legacy**  
*Ruby Mae's Wish*
- 3.10pm **Questions**

**3.20pm Afternoon Tea & Trade Displays**

**Session Four Invited Speakers**

3.50pm

**From the Emergency Department to Emergency Medical Teams– A Nurses Journey**

*Anthony Cook, NGO disaster*

4.10pm

**Hunter New England Voluntary Assisted Dying Clinical Update**

*Dr Anne Marie Vilain and Janine Thomson, HNELHD VAD Service*

4.30pm

**My Everest Story**

*Dr Finn Ghent, Neurosurgeon HNE LHD*

4.50pm

**TBC**

*Invited Speaker*

5.10pm

**Questions**

**5.30pm to 7.30pm    Networking Reception**

## PROGRAM - Day 2

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**8.30am Registration Desk Opens**

### Session Five Invited Speakers

8.45am **Welcome/Housekeeping**

8.50am **Managing psychosocial risks – A Ministry update**

*Catherine MacKay, Margo Reid and Glenn Fenwick, Safety and Security Improvement MoH*

9.10am **Surviving and Thriving with Bipolar Disorder**

*Craig Hamilton, Mental Health Advocate*

9.40am **Questions**

9.50am **Mental Health Panel Discussion**

*Facilitator: Craig Hamilton*

*Sonia Booker, HNE CAMHS, Clare Madden*

*MH CNC/TNP CMH and Dr Jaelea Skehan OAM, Director of Everymind*

**10.30am Morning Tea & Trade Displays**

### Session Six Free Papers

11.00am **The Third Pathway: A case of Voluntary assisted Dying and Organ Donation (#9)**

*Kelly Lewis, Concord Repatriation Hospital*

11.20am **District Based Education & Training for Nurse Practitioners (#22)**

*Mark Urane, John Hunter Hospital*

11.30am **Emergency nursing care in a patient with a formal blood glucose of 133mmol/L: Case study (#5)**

*Kahlia Liston, Broken Hill Health Service*

11.50am **Airway Management in Australian and New Zealand Emergency Departments: A multicentre descriptive study (#19)**

*Hatem Alkhouri, Agency for Clinical Innovation*

12.00pm **Navigating, negotiating and Networking – leading the Emergency Care assessment and treatment (ECAT) project (#16)**

*Kylie Smith, NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation*

12.20pm **Questions**

**12.30pm Lunch & Trade Displays**

### Session Seven Invited Speakers

- 1.30pm **Pressure injury management**  
*Emma Birrell, Clinical Nurse Educator, POWH*
- 1.50pm **It's time to Crack on: Human Performance in a complex world**  
*Dr Paul Pham and Dr Sam Vidler HNELHD Retrieval Service and Sarah Howell, BDH ED RN*
- 2.20pm **Shark Case Study**  
*Kate King, Trauma CNC JHH*
- 2.30pm **The critical role of collaboration in post-shark attack forensic analysis**  
*Dr Vic Peddemors, Senior Shark Researcher NSW DPIRD*
- 2.50pm **Questions**
- 3.00pm **Prizes and Conference Close**

**3.05pm Afternoon Tea**

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