

WA COUNTRY CONFERENCE 2026

Joondalup Health Campus and Rockingham
General Hospital

OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

13–15 November 2026
Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, Bunker Bay

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WELCOME FROM THE CONVENORS

Set against the striking coastline of Bunker Bay, the 2026 WA country conference is proudly hosted by Joondalup Health Campus and Rockingham General Hospital, two large hospitals in WA. As non-tertiary centres, stepping outside comfort zones is part of everyday practice. With exposure to a full range of anaesthesia subspecialties, we cultivate the breadth, flexibility, and confidence of true all-rounders.

Stepping “Out of your comfort zone” reflects not only the diversity of our clinical work, but also the challenges shaping the future of anaesthesia. Through a series of insightful talks, discussions and workshops, we aim to provide you with updates on a range of anaesthesia sub-specialities. We’ll also examine how anaesthetists operate in unfamiliar and often hostile environments, from remote settings to warzones, and how we adapt our skills under pressure.

Additionally, we’ll turn our attention to emerging frontiers that push us beyond traditional boundaries, including the evolving role of artificial intelligence in anaesthesia, an area that may feel as uncertain as it is inevitable.

Whether you’re broadening your scope, refining your generalist skills, or simply looking for fresh perspectives, this conference offers practical updates, thought-provoking ideas, and the chance to connect with your colleagues.

Join us at Bunker Bay and take a step out of your comfort zone.

Dr Louise Dawson, Dr Elizabeth Carr and Dr Rebecca Monaghan
Convenors 2026 ACE WA Country Conference

PROGRAM

Saturday 14 November 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
6.30am	Yoga and sound bath <i>Lower grass amphitheatre, Pullman Resort</i>	
7.45am	Registration and coffee by 1905 - Marquee	
8.30am	Conference opening remarks	Dr Elizabeth Carr, Dr Rebecca Monaghan and Dr Louise Dawson
	Early morning	Chair: Dr Miles Earl
8.35am	Echo for the anaesthetist who'd rather not echo	Dr Vinodhan Vyapury
9.10am	Anaesthesia X Algorithm: GenAI when mistakes matter	Prof Alwin Chuan
9.45am	Discussion	
10am	Morning tea – Marquee	
	Late morning	Chair: Dr Archana Shrivathsa
10.30am	Can't make this ship up!	Dr Erik Anderson
10.55am	Anaesthesia in austere environments	Dr Cat Goddard
11.20am	Trauma management for the rusty anaesthetist	Dr Peter Baumgartner
11.45am	Discussion	
12pm	Lunch – Marquee	
	Early afternoon	Chair: Dr Charlie Ho
1pm	Talking about dying: VAD and palliative care (for those who would rather not discuss death)	Dr Sarah Pickstock
1.25pm	Phrenic nerve sparing blocks	Prof Alwin Chuan
1.50pm	Pain updates and challenges for general anaesthetists	Prof Michael Veltman
2.15pm	Discussion	
2.30pm	Afternoon tea – Marquee	
	Late afternoon	Chair: Dr Sarah O'Brien
3pm	Sustainability	Dr Archana Shrivathsa
3.15pm	Morbidity and mortality	Dr Elaine Clark
4.15pm	Discussion	
4.30pm	Close	
5.45pm	Cocktail evening at Wise Winery	

Sunday 15 November 2026

8.30am	1905 coffee – Marquee		
9am	VAFI/FARSI	Can't intubate can't oxygenate (CICO)	Neonatal resuscitation
	Dr Louisa Corr and Dr Elizabeth Carr	Dr Muhammad Samin, Dr Nicholas Prophet, Dr Nitin Nair and Dr Jan Wong	Dr Beth Hazeldine and Dr Paul Kwei
	<i>Kaartdijinup 1</i>	<i>Kaartdijinup 2</i>	<i>Kaartdijinup 3</i>
	<i>Maximum 10</i>	<i>Maximum 16</i>	<i>Maximum 8</i>
10.30am	Morning tea – Marquee		
11am	Regional anaesthesia	Can't intubate can't oxygenate (CICO)	Neonatal resuscitation
	Dr Michael Connelly, Dr Jyothima Pippalapalli and Dr Jeremy Purdell-Lewis	Dr Muhammad Samin, Dr Nicholas Prophet, Dr Nitin Nair and Dr Jan Wong	Dr Beth Hazeldine and Dr Paul Kwei
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12.30pm	Close		

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome gourmet BBQ cocktail dinner

Friday 13 November 2026 – 6.30pm onwards

Venue: Other Side of the Moon Restaurant and Terrace – Pullman Resort

Style: Cocktail banquet

Dress: Smart casual

Children welcome

Aptly named after nearby Other Side of the Moon surf break – a magical place where you can watch the moon rise and set over the ocean – award-winning Other Side of the Moon Restaurant and Bar specialises in showcasing the Margaret River Region's world-renowned local produce. The welcome evening will commence with a Welcome to Country on the Terrace by Koomal Dreaming.

Guest	\$145
Child	\$50

Gentle yoga and sound bath

Saturday 14 November 2026 – 6.30–7.30am
Lower grass amphitheatre, Pullman Resort

Ease into the conference with a truly unique wellness experience. Local yoga instructor Mandy Lancellas will guide participants through a safe, mindful movement practice designed to gently relax the body and calm the mind. The session concludes with a restorative sound therapy experience, creating the perfect opportunity to unwind, reset and reconnect.

Held on the beautiful grassed area below the pool, this memorable session combines movement and sound healing in a way that is rarely found elsewhere. All equipment is provided—simply arrive ready to relax and enjoy this enriching start to the conference.

Places are limited and booking is essential.

Registration	\$10
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Cocktail evening

Saturday 14 November 2026 – 5.45pm–11pm

Venue: Wise Winery Restaurant

Dress: Cocktail

Transport: Departs from the Pullman Resort at 5.30pm sharp and returns at 10.30pm

Adults only

Enjoy a cocktail evening at Wise Winery situated next to the cellar door and winery. The winery combines rolling vineyards, stunning landscapes, and the turquoise waters of Geographe Bay with prize winning hospitality and food.

Delegates begin the evening with canapés and drinks on arrival, taking in the spectacular sunset from the terrace, overlooking the vineyards and across to Geographe Bay. As dusk falls, the celebration continues indoors, where a generous grazing table, premium beverage selection, and live DJ will create the perfect atmosphere for networking with colleagues, reconnecting with friends, and enjoying a memorable evening.

Delegate	\$150
Guest	\$150

REGISTRATION

Registration fee includes attendance and catering at the Country Conference from 14-15 November 2026, and the Friday evening welcome dinner at the Other Side of the Moon Restaurant.

Fellows and non-members (incl. GST)	\$776
Trainees, retired fellows and allied health (incl. GST)	\$581

Sunday workshops

Select preferred workshop (price incl. GST)	Workshop One	Workshop Two
VAFI/FARSI Dr Louisa Corr	\$132	
Regional anaesthesia Dr Michael Connelly and Dr Jyothima Pippalapalli	\$132	
CICO workshop Dr Muhammad Samin, Dr Nicholas Prophet, Dr Nitin Nair and Dr Jan Wong	\$275	\$275
Neonatal resuscitation Dr Beth Hazeldine	\$308	\$308

Social events

Please list the number of attendees for each category		
Friday, 6.30pm onwards Welcome gourmet BBQ cocktail dinner	Guest \$145	Child \$50
Saturday, 6.30-7.30am Gentle yoga and sound bath - booking is essential	Registration \$10	
Saturday, 5.45pm-11pm Cocktail evening	Delegate \$150	Guest \$150



Please register for this event online by visiting

www.anzca.edu.au/events-and-courses/2026-wa-ace-country-conference

For any questions about the conference, feel free to contact the conference organiser.

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