

TE HERENGA MATUA

The Pursuit of Consciousness

28-30 April 2026

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Program

Tuesday 28 April 2026

Time (NZST)	Activity/session/topic	Speaker/s	Chair/s
9.30am	Bus departs New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC)		
11am	Arrive at Rydges Formosa Auckland		
11.30am	Mihi Whakatau	Dr Jack Hill (Auckland)	
	Welcome session	Dr Saana Taylor (Auckland) and Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)	
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30-2.30pm	Session 1		Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)
	Leadership outside the box	Professor Simon Mitchell (Auckland)	
2.30-3pm	Afternoon tea		
3-5pm	Session 2		Dr Saana Taylor (Auckland)
	Indigenous health	Dr Jane Thomas (Auckland)	
	Pacific health and equity	Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)	
	Panel discussion – Health equity Facilitator: Dr Saana Taylor (Auckland)	Dr Jack Hill (Auckland), Dr Jane Thomas (Auckland) and Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)	
	Panel discussion – Anaesthesia, perioperative medicine and pain medicine at home and abroad Facilitator: Professor Dave Story (Vic)	College leaders	
6pm	Pre-dinner drinks (optional)		
6.30-8.30pm	Welcome dinner		

Wednesday 29 April 2026

Time (NZST)	Activity/session/topic	Speaker/s	Chair/s
7-7.45am	Golf (optional)		
7-8.15am	Breakfast		
8.30-10am	Session 3		Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)
	Navigating hierarchy – Australia vs New Zealand	Dr Vanessa Beavis (Auckland) and Associate Professor Nicole Phillips (NSW)	
10-10.30am	Morning tea		
10.30am-12pm	Session 4		Dr Saana Taylor (Auckland)
	Challenges of leadership	Dr Nigel Robertson (Auckland)	
	TBA	Dr Steven Hocken (Qld)	
12-1pm	Lunch		
1-2.30pm	Session 5		Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)
	Wellbeing	ANT (Auckland)	
2.30-3pm	Afternoon tea		
3-5pm	Session 6		Dr Saana Taylor (Auckland)
	Social media	Dr Morgan Edwards (Auckland)	
	Navigating the media	Professor Dave Story (Vic)	
	TBA	Ms Siobhan Spence (Vic)	
	Panel discussion – Leadership in the modern world – Keeping up appearances	Dr Morgan Edwards (Auckland), Professor Dave Story (Vic) and Ms Siobhan Spence (Vic)	
4.30-5pm	Reflections		
7-10pm	Conference dinner		

Thursday 30 April 2026

Time (NZST)	Activity/session/topic	Speaker/s	Chair/s
7-8am	Breakfast		
8-9.30am	Session 7		Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)
	Leadership styles interactive workshop	Dr Liz Crowe (Qld)	
9.30-10.15am	Morning tea and check out		
10.15am-12.20pm	Session 8		Dr Saana Taylor (Auckland) and Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)
	Journey to presidency	Dr Tanya Selak (NSW)	
	"You can't ask that!" Facilitator: Dr Tanya Selak (NSW)	ANZCA and FPM college leaders	
	Reflections		
	Closing address	Dr Saana Taylor (Auckland) and Dr Vik Singh (Auckland)	
12.45pm	Depart venue by bus for Pine Harbour ferry terminal		
1pm	Ferry cruise and lunch		
2pm	Arrive at Auckland Viaduct and conference concludes		