

Combined Communication in Anaesthesia,
Leadership and Management, Medical
Education and Wellbeing SIG meeting

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5-7 September 2025

Mantra on Salt Beach, Kingscliff, Northern NSW

#CombiSIG2025



FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Workshops			
9-10.30am	Workshop 1 How to have a difficult conversation <i>Dr Mark Priestly</i>	Workshop 2 Acute severe behavioural disturbance (ASBD) <i>Dr Suyin Tan</i>	Workshop 3 (all morning) Coaching workshop <i>Dr Sancha Robinson and Kristi Mungure</i>
10.30-11am	Morning tea		
11am-12.30pm	Workshop 4 How to have a difficult conversation <i>Dr Mark Priestly</i>	Workshop 5 Can curiosity be taught? <i>Maurice Hennessy</i>	Workshop 3 (continued) Coaching workshop <i>Dr Sancha Robinson and Kristi Mungure</i>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30-3pm	Communication in anaesthesia SIG		
	Welcome to Country and welcome from the convenors		
	Coaching: It's all ears!		<i>Dr Sancha Robinson</i>
	How to work with (almost) anyone		<i>Michael Bungay Stanier</i>
3-3.30pm	Afternoon tea		
	Leadership and management SIG session		
	Anaesthesia whilst Aboriginal		<i>Dr Gene Slockee</i>
	Coaching for healthcare leaders		<i>Dr Tania Morris</i>
3.30-5pm	Building a coaching culture		<i>Dr David Wood</i>
	Q&A		
	Welcome reception		
5-6.30pm			

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SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Workshop		
9-10.30am	Michael Bungay Stanier – Coaching workshop with all delegates The five question leader workshop	
10.30-11am	Morning tea	
11am-12.30pm	Wellbeing SIG session – Intergenerational needs in wellbeing	
	Wellbeing presentation	Dr Liz Crowe
	WELLBEING GONE AWRY – a mental health journey, the recovery and negotiating the return to work process	Dr Marion Funke
	Q&A	
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30-3pm	Medical education SIG session	
	What questions are we not asking?	Maurice Hennessy
	How can a needs assessment promote partnership between clinical educator and learner?	Kristi Mungure and Dr Scott Fortey
	Podcasting: An untapped education tool	Dr Anirudh Bhardwaj
	Q&A	
3-3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30-5pm	Wellbeing events	
	<p>Optional social activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand-up paddle boarding with Watersports Guru. • Kayak tour – Cudgen Creek with Watersports Guru. • Yoga – to be held at the resort. • Ultimate frisbee – to be held at the resort. <p><i>If you wish to attend a wellbeing event, please select your preferred option when registering for the meeting. Please note that there are additional costs for stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, and yoga.</i></p>	

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

9-10.30am	This session includes motivational interviewing and positive psychology	Speakers include Dr Kieran Le Plastrier and Dr Andrew Watson
	CALM Care for Paediatric Procedures: How can implementation science create a new standard of care?	Dr Vanessa Rich
	Q&A	
10.30-11am	Morning tea	
11am-12.30pm	Reinforcing activity	
	This will include an interactive quiz with conference delegates exploring and reinforcing key topics of the meeting, with the goal of people feeling confident introducing these key skills into their practice or teaching. This is a session not to be missed!	
12.30pm	Meeting concludes	