

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

# Can you hear me now?

5-7 September 2025

Mantra on Salt Beach, Kingscliff, Northern NSW

#CombiSIG2025



## FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Workshops		
9-10.30am	<b>Workshop 1</b> How to have a difficult conversation <i>Dr Mark Priestley</i>	<b>Workshop 2</b> Acute severe behavioural disturbance (ASBD) <i>Dr Suyin Tan</i>
		<b>Workshop 3 (all morning)</b> Coaching workshop <i>Dr Sancha Robinson and Kristi Mungure</i>
10.30-11am	Morning tea	
11am-12.30pm	<b>Workshop 4</b> How to have a difficult conversation <i>Dr Mark Priestley</i>	<b>Workshop 5</b> Can curiosity be taught? <i>Maurice Hennessy</i>
		<b>Workshop 3 (continued)</b> Coaching workshop <i>Dr Sancha Robinson and Kristi Mungure</i>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30-3pm	<b>Communication in anaesthesia SIG</b>	<b>Dr Andrew Watson (Chair)</b>
	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>
	Q&A	
3-3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30-5pm	<b>Leadership and management SIG session</b>	<b>Chair: Dr Mark Priestley</b>
	Anaesthesia whilst Aboriginal	<i>Dr Gene Slockee</i>
	Coaching for healthcare leaders	<i>Dr Tania Morris</i>
	Building a coaching culture	<i>Dr David Wood</i>
	Q&A	
5-6.30pm	Welcome reception	

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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 – Contemporary wellbeing	Chair: Dr Divya Sharma
	Wellbeing – the good, the bad and the ugly	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	Chair: Dr Jee-Young Kim
	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"> <li>• Stand-up paddle boarding with Watersports Guru.</li> <li>• Kayak tour – Cudgen Creek with Watersports Guru.</li> <li>• Yoga – to be held at the resort.</li> <li>• Ultimate frisbee – to be held at the resort.</li> </ul> <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	Memory is not a tape recorder: How can we help move patients onto a smoother trajectory and brighter future?	Chair: Dr Andrew Watson
	Motivational Interviewing	Dr Kieren Le Plastrier
	Brief interventions why me?	Dr Andrew Watson
	Making magnificent memories when things get messy (a practical approach)	Dr Adel Wesley
	CALM care for paediatric procedures: How can implementation science create a new standard of care	Dr Vanessa Rich
10.30-11am	Morning tea	
11am-12.30pm	"Have I got news for you"	
	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	