

MELBOURNE WINTER ANAESTHETIC MEETING

8-9 August 2026
Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

#ACE26MEL

PROGRAM

SCIENTIFIC MEETING SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2026

8.30-8.40am Welcome and introduction

Co-convenors: Dr Genna Verbeek and
Dr Michelle Horne
Deputy convenor: Dr Grace Gunasagaram

SESSION 1

Chair: Genna Verbeek

8.40-10am

Anaesthesia for major abdominal cancer surgery

Dr Jonathan Hillier

Eclampsia prediction in pre-eclamptic patients:
Who might be best for magnesium?

Associate Professor Roxanne Hastie

Using an interpreter – tips and tricks

Associate Professor Georgie Paxton

Q&A panel

10-10.30

MORNING TEA

SESSION 2

Chair: Dr Grace Gunasagaram

10.30am-12.20pm

Introduction

Dr Grace Gunasagaram

ASA President's update

Dr Vida Viliunas, OAM (ASA President)

ANZCA President's update

Dr Tanya Selak (ANZCA President)

Safer Care Victoria Obstetric report: A legal perspective

TBC

Emergency Laparotomy Clinical Care Standard and the
ANZELA database: What it means for anaesthetists

Professor David Story

Ideas for publishing: Anaesthesia journal

Dr Zhengjie Lim

Q&A panel

ANZCA Foundation – AMEARA/AMERS awards

Professor David Story and Dr Peter Lowe

12.20-1.20pm

LUNCH

SESSION 3		Chair: Dr Lucky De Silva
1.20-3pm	Introduction	Dr Lucky De Silva
	Gas induction without nitrous oxide	Dr Carmen Brown
	Methadone 101	Dr Sarah Lee
	Voluntary assisted dying and organ donation	Ms Jess Amsden
	Sevoflurane anaphylaxis case study	Dr Andrew Woolley
	Q&A panel	

Close of plenary sessions

3-3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA

SESSION 4 Practice evaluation: small group M&M **Chair: Dr Michelle Horne**

3.30-5pm	Introduction	Dr Genna Verbeek and Dr Adam Morrow (WebAIRS)
	Practice evaluation: small group M&M*	
	Specifically opt-in on registration *Must come prepared to discuss a case	
	Small group discussion	

5-5.30pm END OF MEETING DRINKS

Saturday night dinner – option to join for dinner at Sofitel No35 restaurant for an extra charge.

WORKSHOPS SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026

SESSION 1		
9-10.30am	Acute severe behavioral disturbance (ER) East Tower Suite (Level 35 Boardroom)	Dr Vida Viliunas, OAM
9-10.30am	Haemodynamic masterclass Victoria Suites	Professor Laurence Weinberg
9-10.30am	Obstetric Haemorrhage (ER) West Tower Suites (Level 35)	Dr Jennifer Dixon (lead facilitator), and Dr Nicole Sheridan

10.30-11am MORNING TEA

SESSION 2		
11am-12.30pm	Advanced life support (ER) Latrobe Ballroom (Level 1)	Dr Amanda Baric (lead facilitator), Dr Suzy Cook, Dr Candy Edwards, Dr Janette Haq, Dr Michelle Horne and Dr Tim McIver
11am-12.30pm	Ultrasound guided chest wall blocks - A hands-on workshop West Tower Suites (Level 35)	Dr Pooja Agrawal, Dr Ali Zwain, Dr Matthias Beckmann and Dr Caroline Bate
11am-12.30pm	Can't intubate, can't oxygenate (ER) Victoria Suites	Dr Josh Lun (lead facilitator), Ms Jess Dowling, Ms Helen Garmaz and Dr Genna Verbeek
11am-12pm	Supervision in theatre - planning and in-theatre education tips Eastern Tower Suite (Level 35 Boardroom)	Dr Ibrahim Yacoub

12.30/1-1.30pm LUNCH

SESSION 3

1.30-3pm	Practical paediatrics Eastern Tower Suite (Level 35 Boardroom)	Dr Eamonn Upperton (lead facilitator) and Dr Mari Kawamata
1.30-3pm	Anaphylaxis (ER) West Tower Suites (Level 35)	Dr Tim McIver (lead facilitator), Dr Libia Machado Munoz and Dr Kelly Jones
1.30-3pm	Therapeutic Relaxation and Enhanced Awareness Training (TREAT) Latrobe Ballroom (Level 1)	Ms Jo Gibbs

For more information visit the event website here:

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*The convenors would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we hold this meeting: the Wurundjeri people. We wish to acknowledge their continual connection to land that now houses the City of Melbourne and whose broader area is traditionally known as Naarm**. We acknowledge all traditional custodians of lands throughout our nation and their unceded sovereignty to lands and waters.*

***Naarm encompasses the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation. The Kulin Nation is a collection of five Aboriginal nations: the Wurundjeri, Boonwurrung, Wathaurung, Taungurung and Dja Dja Wurrung.*

As the name Naarm is being translated from verbal language, Naarm can be spelled several ways (including Nairm or Narm) and is used by the Woiwurrung and Boonwurrung language groups of the Central Kulin Nation.