

SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

29 April – 1 May 2025

Thala Beach Nature Reserve, Port Douglas

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Program

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Time (AEST)	Activity/session/topic	Speakers/Chairs
9.30am	Bus departs Cairns Convention Centre	
11am	Arrive at venue	
11.15am–12.15pm	Welcome session	Dr Monica Diczbalis (Qld) and Dr Steve Durrant (Qld)
	Words of welcome	Mr Gavin Singleton (Qld)
12.15–1.15pm	Lunch	
1.15–2.45pm	Session 1	Chairs: Dr Monica Diczbalis (Qld) and Dr Steve Durrant (Qld)
	If you're not sure..... think yes. Be adventurous in your leadership	Dr Brian Spain (NT)
	How to create positive change and tackle leadership early in your career	Dr Archana Shrivathsa (WA)
2.45–3.15pm	Afternoon tea	
3.15–5pm	Session 2	Chair: Dr Steve Durrant (Qld)
	Advocating for Indigenous health and how can we do better	Dr Angus McNally (NSW)
	Panel discussion	Panellists: Dr Angus McNally (NSW), Dr Brian Spain (NT), Dr Saana Taylor (NZ), Dr Arvin Karu (PNG) and Dr Emma Clow (Qld)
	Topic 1: Health equity and planetary health	Facilitator: Dr Monica Diczbalis (Qld)
	Topic 2: International perspectives in anaesthesia and pain medicine	Panellists: Dr Vanessa Beavis (NZ), Dr Hing Yu So (Hong Kong), Professor Dr Ina Ismiarti Shariffuddin (Malaysia), Professor Donal Buggy (Ireland) and Dr Dilip Kapur (SA)
		Facilitator: Professor David Story (Vic)
	Reflections session	
6–8.30pm	Welcome dinner – Oak Beach (weather dependant)	
8.30–10pm	Stargazing tour (optional)	



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6.15–7.15am	Yoga (optional)	
7–8.15am	Breakfast	
8.30–10am	Session 3	Chair: Dr Monica Diczbalis (Qld)
	Navigating hierarchy	Associate Professor Nicole Phillips (NSW)
10–10.30am	Morning tea	
10.30am–12pm	Session 4	Chair: Dr Monica Diczbalis (Qld) and Dr Steve Durrant (Qld)
	Leadership through innovation, opportunities and mentorship	Dr Tracey Tay (Qld)
	Supporting colleagues through medicolegal issues: What you should know as a leader in your workplace	Ms Claire Bassingthwaighe (Qld)
12–1pm	Lunch	
1–2.30pm	Session 5	Chair: Dr Tracey Tay (NSW)
	Getting back on the horse: A return to work journey	Dr Emile Kurukchi (Qld)
	Back on my feet: Leading with resilience and self-compassion – A doctor's journey through adversity	Dr Olivia Ong (Vic)
	Panel discussion	Panellists: Dr Emile Kurukchi (Qld), Dr Olivia Ong (Vic), Associate Professor Nicole Phillips (NSW) and Ms Claire Bassingthwaighe (Qld) Facilitator: Dr Tracey Tay (NSW)
2.30–3pm	Afternoon tea	
3–5pm	Session 6	Chair: Dr Steve Durrant (Qld)
	Failing well: Success following setback	Dr Chris Wilde (Tas)
	Reflections	
7–10pm	Conference dinner	



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Thursday 1 May 2025

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6.15–7.45am	Guided nature walk (optional)	
7–8.15am	Breakfast	
8.30–10am	Session 7	Chair: Dr Steve Durrant (Qld)
	Self awareness and habits workshop	Dr Liz Crowe (Qld)
10–10.45am	Morning tea and check out	
10.45am–12.20pm	Session 8	Chair: Dr Vanessa Beavis (NZ)
	You can't ask that!	Professor David Story (Vic), Professor David Sturges (Qld), Dr Adam Levin (Vic), Dr Dilip Kapur (SA), Dr Leinani Aiono-Le Tagaloa (NZ) and Dr Amrita Prasad (Qld)
	Reflections	
	Closing address	Dr Monica Diczbalis (Qld) and Dr Steve Durrant (Qld)
12.20pm–1.10pm	Lunch	
1.15pm	Depart venue for Cairns Convention Centre	
2.45pm	Arrive at Cairns Convention Centre	