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11th Australasian Nursing & Allied Health
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Dear friends and colleagues,

Following on from the huge 2012 success, 2015 will bring you the very best platform for all things stroke care related in Australasia. This will be the third time that SMART STROKES and the SSA (Stroke Society of Australasia) join forces to enable this important cross-over of knowledge achieved by holding the two annual events together.

With each of the hosting organisations focusing on slightly different ends of the stroke care spectrum, the Conference seeks to address all aspects of stroke management, from stroke risk and translation through to recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration. The Conferences' broad scientific and multi-professional dimension will attract stroke physicians, surgeons, radiologists, imaging experts, neuroscientists, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, dietitians, social workers, stroke network managers and coordinators, clinical psychologists, basic and advanced researchers, registrars and university lecturers, staff and students. We anticipate over 1,000 attendees this year.

Following the theme "**Stroke 2015 – From Translation to Recovery**" we have put together a vibrant program which we are sure you will find both educating and enjoyable. Please join us in welcoming to Australia our four international keynote speakers:

- **Prof Marian Brady**, Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, UK (Nursing, Allied Health and Rehabilitation)
- **Prof Mindy Levin**, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (Neurophysiology)
- **Prof Eng Lo**, Massachusetts General Hospital, Charlestown, USA (Neurology)
- **Prof Gillian Mead**, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK (Geriatrics, Allied Health)

Alongside their expertise, we are pleased to also showcase national stroke icons. During six continuous concurrent streams we offer twenty workshop / symposium sessions on topical matters such as neuroimaging, acute stroke nursing, fitness training, sexuality post stroke and long-term risk factor management.

Together with more than 250 free paper presentations, a trade exhibition with the latest and greatest products to assist you with your care for stroke patients, pre-conference workshops, a Fun Run, Welcome Reception and themed Gala Dinner this promises to be the must-attend Conference of the year.

We look forward to seeing you at Stroke 2015.

Best wishes,



Alexis McMahon



Prof Chris Bladin

Co-Convenors, for the Stroke 2015 Organising Committee

The Stroke Society of Australasia (SSA)

The Stroke Society of Australasia (SSA) was formed in 1989 by clinicians and researchers endeavouring to tackle the enormous burden of stroke in our community. Membership of the Stroke Society of Australasia is open to professionals working in the field of stroke, or in kindred fields, who have an active interest in the work and aims of the Society. Our current membership includes physicians (e.g. neurologists, geriatricians, rehabilitation specialists), other medical professionals, non-medical clinicians (e.g. nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists), researchers (e.g. basic scientists, epidemiologists), and professionals from government and non-government organisations.



The SSA has strong ties with the National Stroke Foundation, as the two organisations share the common objective of overcoming the problem of stroke. The main activities undertaken by the Stroke Society of Australasia include:

- Conducting an annual scientific meeting.
- Providing awards for New Investigators, and scholarships for members travelling overseas for stroke-related work, and acknowledging people who have championed stroke.
- Providing input into Guidelines on stroke care.
- Contributing to the Australian Stroke Coalition.
- Providing representation on federal, state and other committees as required which formulate government policy on stroke.
- Providing Scientific input and support into clinical trials within the special interest group ASTN.

For membership or other enquiries please contact the SSA Secretariat on ssa@theassociationsofaustralasia.com.au

SMART STROKES

SMART STROKES is a not-for-profit conference organised by clinicians and researchers for clinicians and researchers with a strong focus on improving the clinical care and management of stroke.



Any profit made from the conference goes into the SMART STROKES Scholarship fund, which has also received generous education grants. The fund supports delegates to attend subsequent conferences. To date over 2,300 delegates have attended SMART STROKES and over \$100,000 have been awarded in scholarships to clinicians from across Australia & New Zealand.

Visit www.smartstrokes.com.au to learn more about the conference and to keep up to date with the conference schedule for 2016.

COMMITTEES

Organising Committee

- **Alexis McMahon** (Co-Convenor) – Speech Pathologist, War Memorial Hospital Waverley, NSW
- **Prof Christopher Bladin** (Co-Convenor) – Program Lead, Victorian Stroke Telemedicine Project, Melbourne Brain Centre, The Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Health, and Eastern Health, Monash University, VIC
- **A/Prof Dominique Cadilhac** – Head, Translational Public Health Research Division, Stroke and Ageing Research, School of Clinical Sciences, Monash University, and Stroke Division, The Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Health, VIC
- **Anne Coccetti** – Project Officer, Planning and Development Unit, Logan Hospital, Metro South Hospital and Health Service, QLD
- **Prof Helen Dewey** – Director of Neurosciences, Eastern Health, and Eastern Clinical School, Monash University, VIC
- **Prof David Howells** – Professor of Neuroscience and Brain Plasticity, Faculty of Health, University of Tasmania, TAS
- **Melissa Gill** – Stroke Care Coordinator and Speech Pathologist, Armidale Rural Referral Hospital, HNELHD, NSW
- **Kim Parrey** – Stroke Care Coordinator Hastings Macleay Network, NCAHS, NSW

Scientific Committee

- **Dr Suzanne Kuys** (Co-Chair) – A/Head of School of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Health Sciences, Australian Catholic University, Brisbane, QLD
- **A/Prof Tim Kleinig** (Co-Chair) – Head, Stroke Unit, Dept of Neurology, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Head, Neurology and Stroke Units, Lyell McEwin Hospital and Dept of Medicine, University of Adelaide, SA
- **Dr Nadine Andrew** – Research Fellow, Translational Public Health and Evaluation Division, Stroke and Ageing Research, School of Clinical Sciences, Monash University, VIC
- **Dr Ana Antonic** – Research Assistant, Stroke Division, The Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Health, VIC
- **Kathleen Bagot** – Research Fellow, Public Health, Stroke Division, The Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Health, VIC
- **A/Prof Dominique Cadilhac** – Head, Translational Public Health Research Division, Stroke and Ageing Research, School of Clinical Sciences, Monash University, and Stroke Division, The Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Health, VIC
- **A/Prof Elizabeth Cardell** – Menzies Health Institute Queensland, and Head of Speech Pathology, School of Allied Health Sciences, Griffith University, QLD
- **Dr Erin Godecke** – Senior Research Fellow, School of Psychology and Social Science, Edith Cowan University, WA
- **Dr Katherine Jackmann** – Research Officer, Stroke Basic Science, The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, VIC
- **Dr Sarah McCann** – The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, and University of Melbourne, VIC
- **A/Prof Neil Spratt** – Head of Translational Stroke Research Laboratory, School of Biomedical Sciences, University of Newcastle; and Senior Staff Specialist Neurologist, John Hunter Hospital, NSW
- **Dr Emma Power** – Lecturer, Speech Pathology, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney, NSW
- **Richard White** – Neurologist, The Townsville Hospital, QLD

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Key Dates

Early Bird Registration	Closing date:	26 June 2015
Accommodation	Rate guaranteed to:	31 July 2015 – thereafter all accommodation blocks will be released and new bookings are strictly subject to availability.

Conference Venue

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Melbourne is an exciting, ever-changing city with extraordinary surprises to be discovered in every laneway, rooftop and basement. A city that regularly tops the World's Most Liveable list, there's always something going on with an enviable array of major events and festivals. Set on the banks of the iconic Yarra River, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) is just a 20 minute drive from Melbourne airport and a short stroll to the city centre. There you can explore cafés, eclectic restaurants, lush parklands, incredible fashion and inspiring galleries and museums.

Posters & Trade Exhibition

The trade exhibition and poster displays will be held in the same area as morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea to enable you to view all the posters and visit all exhibitors whose support of the event is much appreciated. All posters will be on display for the duration of the Conference.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We are thrilled to be able to bring together some of the world's best stroke care experts to join us in Melbourne this year.

Prof Eng Lo

Massachusetts General Hospital, USA



Eng received a BS in engineering at Yale, a PhD in biophysics from Berkeley, and completed a neuroscience fellowship at Stanford. In 1991, he joined the Massachusetts General Hospital where he is currently Professor of Radiology and Neuroscience at Harvard. His research interests include neuroprotection and neuroplasticity in stroke and neurodegeneration, and in vivo imaging of brain function. Eng serves on the editorial boards of *Experimental Neurology*, *Metabolic Brain Disease*, *Brain Research*, *Cerebrovascular Disease*, *Translational Stroke Research*, *Journal of Neurotrauma*, *Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism*, and *Stroke*. He has contributed to over 280 publications in peer-reviewed journals. He has chaired study sections for NIH, and serves on the scientific advisory board of the European Stroke Network. In 2009, he was selected as the Jacob Javits Neuroscience Investigator by NIH. In 2013, Eng received the Thomas Willis Award for contributions to stroke research.

Prof Mindy Levin

McGill University, Canada



Mindy is a clinician and professor in the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy at McGill University. She obtained a BSc(PT) in 1976 and specialized in Neurological clinical practice. She obtained her M.Sc. in Clinical Sciences from the University of Montreal (1985) and Ph.D. in Physiology from McGill University (1990). She was a post-doctoral fellow in neurophysiology at the University of Montreal until 1992. Mindy was a researcher and a professor at the School of Physiotherapy at the University of Montreal from 1992, after which she became the Director of the Physical Therapy Program at McGill University until 2008. She held positions as Scientific Director of the Research Centre of the Rehabilitation Institute of Montreal (1997-2001) and President of the International Society for Motor Control (2005-2007). She is a founding member of the Association branch of the WCPT. Mindy is also the Scientific Director of the Physiotherapy Foundation of Canada.

Prof Gillian Mead

The University of Edinburgh, UK



Gillian is a graduate of Clare College, Cambridge. She trained in stroke medicine in Manchester and Edinburgh and was awarded the Palamountain Prize from Research into Ageing for a trial of carotid endarterectomy in acute stroke. She worked in Auckland, New Zealand, as Senior Lecturer and Consultant Physician in 1999, was appointed Senior Lecturer in Geriatric Medicine at University of Edinburgh in 2000, and promoted to a personal Chair in 2012. Gillian has an international reputation for her research into 'Life after Stroke'. She has published extensively on post-stroke fatigue and exercise training after stroke, and is co-editor of a book 'Exercise and fitness training after stroke' (Elsevier 2012). She led the development of the first-ever UK course on stroke for exercise professionals. She is co-principal investigator of a multicentre trial of fluoxetine in stroke (FOCUS) and sits on the editorial boards of two Cochrane Collaboration Groups.

Prof Marian Brady

Glasgow Caledonian University, UK



Marian currently directs a programme of work on stroke rehabilitation which specialises in the development, conduct and delivery of high quality evidence relating to the effectiveness of stroke rehabilitation interventions. Her research interests include basic care issues (e.g. incontinence, oral health care), therapeutic interventions (e.g. speech and language therapy for people with aphasia) and interventions that address the needs of stroke survivors as they adapt to life after stroke (e.g. returning to work, psychosocial issues). Methodologically she has expertise in the design, development and evaluation of complex multidisciplinary interventions, survey, mixed methods, systematic review, meta-analyses and the use of trial archives such as VISTA-Rehab. Her research strives to impact upon stroke care and so she works closely with stroke survivors, their carers, multidisciplinary stroke care teams and NHS and academic partners across the UK and internationally.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Prof Anne Alexandrov



NET SMART Program
Director, Health Outcomes
Institute, and College
of Nursing, University
of Tennessee Health
Science Center, USA and
U.S. Principle Investigator,

International Stroke Nursing Research
Collaboration, ACU, NSW

Anne focuses her research on integrated systemic and intracranial hemodynamics, and has founded the NET SMART (Neurovascular Education and Training in Stroke Management and Acute Reperfusion Therapies) nursing education program in the USA as well as Australia. Her physiologic research includes blood flow augmentation in hyperacute stroke, external counterpulsation and reperfusion therapy, and manipulation of oxygenation/ventilation. Anne is also a visiting lecturer at ACU in Sydney.

Prof Andrei Alexandrov



Semmes-Murphey
Professor and Chairman,
Department of Neurology,
The University of
Tennessee Health Science
Center, USA

Andrei specializes in clinical neurology, stroke and cerebrovascular ultrasound. He serves on a number of neurosonology and neurology boards and is editor-in-chief for the Brain and Behavior and editorial board member for the International Journal of Stroke, the Journal of Neuroimaging and The Stroke Interventionalist. His research focuses on reperfusion therapies, intracranial arterial blood flow augmentation and clinical trials of novel stroke therapies.

Prof Craig Anderson



Senior Director, Neurological
and Mental Health Division,
The George Institute
for Global Health, and
Professor of Stroke
Medicine and Clinical
Neurosciences, Sydney

Medical School, and Head of Neurology
Department, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital,
NSW

Craig holds specialist qualifications in clinical neurology and geriatrics, a PhD in medicine and epidemiology, and a Senior Principal Research Fellowship of the NHMRC. He is currently President of the Asia Pacific Stroke Organisation and either leads or is a member of Steering Committee's for several large-scale investigator-initiated epidemiological and clinical trial projects including the pivotal INTERACT studies, ENCHANTED and HeadPoST.

Prof Julie Bernhardt



NHMRC Fellow, Principal
Research Fellow, Florey
Institute of Neuroscience
and Mental Health, Co-
Head Stroke Division,
Director, AVERT Early
Intervention Research
Program, Melbourne, VIC

Julie leads an interdisciplinary team of researchers working to develop and test new rehabilitation treatments for people affected by stroke at the Stroke Division at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health. She also leads the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Stroke Rehabilitation and Recovery.

Emma Gee



Stroke Survivor and
Inspirational Speaker

Emma has a background in Occupational Therapy and uses this, in combination with her personal experience, to offer her thoughts and solutions on client-centred care and resilience. Through her inspiring presentations, Emma is able to both captivate and challenge her audiences to consider what is possible in their own lives, focusing in particular on post stroke challenges such as fatigue, depression and mood.

Prof Werner Hacke



Senior Professor of Neurology,
University of Heidelberg
Medical School, Germany

Werner was the chair of
Neurology at the University
of Heidelberg for more
than 27 years and is now

Senior Professor of Neurology. He was the founding president of the European Stroke Organisation and has been a frequent guest to the SSA ASM. He was involved with several large successful clinical trials of acute stroke treatment, critical care of stroke, and stroke prevention such as ECASS 1-3, DESTINY 1 and 2, SPACE, CHARISMA and ROCKET AF.

Dr Lauren Sanders



Neurology, St Vincent's
Hospital, VIC

Lauren is a stroke neurologist
at St Vincent's Hospital
and is Sub-Dean of St
Vincent's Clinical School at
the University of Melbourne.

She completed her PhD on "Management of Transient Ischaemic Attack" at Monash University with a research focus on models of care.

Prof Matthew Yau



Professor & Head, Department
of Rehabilitation & Social
Sciences, Tung Wah
College, Hong Kong

Matthew is a registered
Occupational Therapist and
certified Sex Therapist, and
alongside his position at the Tung Wah College holds an adjunct appointment at James Cook University, QLD. He has extensive clinical experience in mental health practice and sex therapy. His academic and research interests include culture and mental illness, and sexuality and disability.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Dr Phil Aitken Geriatrician, Acute Stroke Unit, Princess Alexandra Hospital, QLD

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A/Prof Dominique Cadilhac Head, Translational Public Health Research Division, Stroke and Ageing Research, School of Clinical Sciences, Monash University, and Stroke Division, The Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Health, VIC

Dr Bruce Campbell Consultant Neurologist, Department of Neurology, Royal Melbourne Hospital, VIC

Prof Leonid Churilov Head of the Statistics and Decision Analysis Academic Platform, Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, Melbourne Brain Centre, VIC

Skye Coote
Acute Stroke Nurse, Eastern Health, Melbourne, VIC

Prof Cate D'Este National Centre for Epidemiology & Population Health, Research School of Population Health, ANU College of Medicine, Biology & Environment, ACT

Dr Rohan Grimley Director of Rehabilitation and Geriatrics, Nambour General Hospital, QLD

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Dr Brad Sutherland Acute Stroke Programme, Radcliffe Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK

A/Prof Paul Talman
Director of Neurosciences, Barwon Health, VIC

Prof Mandy Thrift Head of Epidemiology and Prevention Division, Stroke and Ageing Research, School of Clinical Sciences, and NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, Monash University, VIC

Prof Caroline Watkins Professor of Stroke and Older People's Care, and Director of Research, School of Health, University of Central Lancaster, UK

Dr Andrew Wong Director, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, and Snr Neurologist, Neurology and Stroke, The Prince Charles Hospital, QLD

Dr Teddy Wu Research Fellow, Melbourne Brain Centre, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, VIC

Dr Nawaf Yassi Neurologist, Melbourne Brain Centre, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, and University of Melbourne, VIC

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 1 September 2015

Pre-conference meetings and workshops

14:00 – 18:00	ASTN Annual Meeting – 3 hours followed by drinks	ASNEN Stroke 2015 Pre-Conference Workshop – 3 hours followed by drinks
14:30 – 17:30	Pre-Conference Workshop: Matthew Yau – Breaking The Taboo: Intimacy After Stroke (Additional Charges Apply, Afternoon Tea Included)	

WEDNESDAY, 2 September 2015

07:30 – 17:00 REGISTRATION OPEN

07:30 – 08:30 AuSCR Joint Steering and Management Committee meeting – by invitation only

08:45 – 09:00 Opening ceremony / Welcome by convenors

09:00 – 10:30 Keynote 1

09:00 – 09:30 Invited: **Julie Bernhardt** – AVERT: Top level results of the trial

09:30 – 10:30 Keynote: **Mindy Levin** – Redundancy, compensation and recovery of upper limb movement after stroke

10:30 – 11:00 MORNING TEA

Symposium 1	Symposium 2	Symposium 3	Abstract Session 1: ICH / TIA	Abstract Session 2: Mood and cognition	Abstract Session 3: Evidence practice gap
Fitness training and physical activity after stroke: Putting it into practice Gillian Mead Di Marsden	Neuroimaging Nawaf Yassi Teddy Wu Werner Hacke	New insights into stroke biology: A young researcher's perspective Neil Spratt David Howells	Management of unruptured intracranial arteriovenous malformations in pediatric patients with stereotactic radiosurgery Dale Ding Subclinical ischemic lesions in patients with intracranial haemorrhage Shaloo Singhal Impact of haematoma shape and density on 90-day outcome after intracerebral haemorrhage: The INTERACT2 study Candice Delcourt Association between baseline brain atrophy and worse outcome in patients with acute intracerebral haemorrhage: INTERACT 2 Shoichiro Sato	Characterising neurobehavioural disability following stroke Rene Stolwyk Early motivational interviewing on post-stroke depressive symptoms: The Good Mood Intervention Program – Pilot RCT Debra Kerr Effects of the Good Mood Intervention after stroke: A qualitative perspective Debra Kerr 3 year stroke survivors: The long term impact of stroke on cognition and factors associated with recovery Susan Mahon	What are physiotherapists' attitudes and beliefs about the implementation of circuit class therapy and 7 day a week therapy? A qualitative study Coralie English The challenge of changing practice: Learning from the Out-and-About cluster randomised controlled trial involving community teams and stroke survivors Annie McCluskey Understanding evidence-based behaviour change interventions to improve evidence-based clinical practice Deirdre Cooke Improving discharge from hospital after stroke: A focus on prevention medication and discharge planning Dominique Cadilhac

11:00 – 12:30

Symposium 1 <i>continued</i>	Symposium 2 <i>continued</i>	Symposium 3 <i>continued</i>	Abstract Session 1: ICH / TIA <i>continued</i>	Abstract Session 2: Mood and cognition <i>continued</i>	Abstract Session 3: Evidence practice gap <i>continued</i>
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12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH – ALL POSTERS TO BE ON SHOW THROUGHOUT MEETING**

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Symposium: From Evidence to execution: What are we missing? *Sponsored by Medtronic Covidien*

13:30 – 15:00

Symposium 4	Symposium 5	Symposium 6	Symposium 7	Abstract Session 4: Speech and cognition	Abstract Session 5: Hyperacute imaging and intervention
ASNEN: 'CODE STROKE' Skye Coote Anne Alexandrov Bruce Campbell Meaghan Osborne	New frontiers in design and analysis of stroke clinical trials Leonid Churilov Cate D'Este	Love, sex and intimacy after stroke Matthew Yau	Strokeology refresher course Andrew Wong Phil Aitken Rohan Grimley	Establishing large scale therapy fidelity processes in the Very Early Rehabilitation in SpEEch (VERSE) clinical trial: Lessons learned Erin Godecke Very Early Rehabilitation in SpEEch (VERSE) after stroke: On-going trial status Erin Godecke	Reperfusion and clinical outcome in the EXTEND-IA randomized trial Bruce Campbell Endovascular stent-thrombectomy reduces length of stay and treatment costs within 3 months of stroke Bruce Campbell

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15:00 – 15:30 **AFTERNOON TEA**

15:30 – 17:00 **Keynote 2**

15:30 – 16:00 SSA Excellence in stroke care award presentation – **Craig Anderson**

16:00 – 17:00 Keynote: **Marian Brady** – Oral health care after stroke: A deceptively simple or complex intervention?

17:00 – 19:00 **WELCOME RECEPTION**

THURSDAY, 3 September 2015

07:00 – 08:00 **FUN RUN**

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast Symposium: Overcoming the dilemma of thrombosis versus bleeding: Is this achievable with oral factor Xa inhibition? *Sponsored by BMS Pfizer*

07:30 – 17:00 **REGISTRATION OPEN**

09:00 – 10:30 **Keynote 3**

09:00 – 09:30 Invited Speaker: **Emma Gee** – Post-stroke recovery, fatigue and depression

09:30 – 10:30 Keynote Speaker: **Gillian Mead** – Fatigue after stroke: Towards the development of new treatments

10:30 – 11:00 **MORNING TEA**

Symposium 8	Symposium 9	Symposium 10	Abstract Session 6: Life after stroke	Abstract Session 7: Secondary prevention and system change	Abstract Session 8: New Investigators
Motor control and motor learning foundations of therapeutic interventions to improve motor functions Mindy Levin	Evolving stroke therapies: Moving along with the times Bruce Campbell Chris Levi Chris Bladin  Boehringer Ingelheim	Aphasia rehabilitation research: Challenges, opportunities and the developing evidence base Marian Brady Erin Godecke	Exploring community ambulation after stroke: Longitudinal measurement of community ambulation across the first six months after hospital discharge Niru Mahendran Development of strategies to provide longer-term health and social care for stroke survivors and their carers Anne Forster The impact of stroke on female sexuality Sandra Lever	The risk of stroke and death after carotid revascularisation procedures in New South Wales: A state-wide population-based study Melina Gattellari Progress after ten years of stroke awareness campaigns in Australia Mary Orgill 2015 Acute Stroke Services Framework Kelvin Hill	How consistent is reperfusion in predicting good clinical outcome of stroke? Longting Lin Factors impacting Quality of Life in stroke survivors at 3 and 12 months post-stroke: A longitudinal study of an Australian stroke cohort Siti Z Yusoff Patient and system factors associated with the quality of discharge planning from the acute care setting Nadine Andrew

11:00 – 12:30

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12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH – ALL POSTERS TO BE ON SHOW THROUGHOUT MEETING

13:30 – 15:00

Symposium 11	Symposium 12	Symposium 13	Abstract Session 9: Rehabilitation	Abstract Session 10: New Investigators
Beyond thrombolysis Eng Lo David Howells Chris Sobey Brad Sutherland	Telemedicine: Practicalities, pitfalls, and the pursuit of sustainability Chris Bladin Paul Talman and State based representatives	Preventing and managing complications after stroke Sandy Middleton Anne Alexandrov Caroline Watkins	Home-based reach-to-grasp training for people after stroke: A feasibility randomised controlled trial Paulette Van Vliet Implementing the Assessment for Rehabilitation Tool: A mixed methods, cluster randomised implementation trial Elizabeth Lynch "Sit less, move more". A phase II safety and feasibility trial Coralie English Feasibility of using a dynamic orthosis for upper limb retraining with stroke survivors in an ambulatory setting Melanie Carter Implementation of an iteratively developed stroke specific rehabilitation system; perceptions from clinicians and the health service Marie-Louise Bird What 'dose' of mobilisation improves outcome? Dose response analysis of A Very Early Rehabilitation Trial (AVERT) Julie Bernhardt Increasing practice intensity through non-traditional discipline partnerships Elishia Scobie Switching it up: A new service delivery model of interdisciplinary community based rehabilitation for stroke survivors Amanda Baker A Very Early Rehabilitation Trial (AVERT): Three months post stroke primary outcome Julie Bernhardt	Design and development of an internet-delivered self-management course to increase physical activity after acquired brain injury Taryn Jones Influence of mannitol in acute intracerebral haemorrhage: multivariate and propensity score analyses of INTERACT2 Xia Wang A prospective study to determine the factors associated with delayed diagnosis or misdiagnosis of cerebellar infarction Zeljka Calic Causes and factors associated with discharge delays from acute stroke care Tara Purvis Exercise after stroke: The North East Melbourne Stroke Incidence Study (NEMESIS) Dawn Simpson Modulation of attentional networks by physical activity after stroke Michele Veldsman Benefits of mindfulness-based interventions for stroke care: A systematic review Tharshanah Thayabaranathan A distorted body schema is associated with impaired proprioception in adults post stroke Lindy Williams MRI markers of intracerebral haemorrhage in stroke patients with atrial fibrillation Chris Karayiannis

15:00 – 15:30 AFTERNOON TEA

15:30 – 16:30	Symposium 14	Symposium 15	Abstract Session 11: Innovation	Abstract Session 12: New Investigators
	Monitoring and improving quality of stroke care Kate Leonard Dominique Cadilhac	Innovative new directions for acute stroke therapies Andrei Alexandrov Werner Hacke	Developing a Telestroke Network: A national perspective Liz Lightbody The role of personalised virtual reality in education for patients post stroke: A case series Angelica Thompson-Butel Health professionals views on technology in continuous quality improvement Kelvin Hill The use of a tool to detect the presence of vision defects in patients diagnosed with stroke: Phase 1 Validation of the vision screening tool Michelle Courtney-Harris Increasing access to physiotherapy in an ambulatory setting: The impossible challenge? Sarah Fitzhenry The efficacy of a stroke telemedicine program in rural Australia: phase one results from the Victorian Stroke Telemedicine Program Kathleen Bagot	Low ambient temperature triggers intracerebral haemorrhage: The INTERACT2 study Danni Zheng Measuring participation in stroke and aphasia: A crosswalk of ninety instruments to ICF categories Caitlin Brandenburg Current rehabilitation assessment practices do not identify any unmet rehabilitation needs for patients with stroke in Australia Elizabeth Lynch Shared team approach between nurses and doctors for improved risk factor management (STANDFIRM): A cluster RCT in general practice Muideen Olaiya Body composition did not change, but higher sedentary time was associated with glucose intolerance within six months of stroke Karen Borschmann

16:30 – 17:30 SSA Annual General Meeting

19:00 – 23:59 GALA DINNER

FRIDAY, 4 September 2015

08:30 – 15:00 **REGISTRATION OPEN**

09:00 – 10:00 **Keynote 4**

Keynote: **Eng Lo** – Challenges and opportunities for translational stroke research

10:00 – 10:30 **MORNING TEA**

10:30 – 12:00

Symposium 16	Symposium 17	Symposium 18	Symposium 19	Abstract Session 13: Epidemiology	Abstract Session 14: Exercise, activity and discharge planning
Conducting multidisciplinary clinical trials in a rehabilitation setting Marian Brady Julie Bernhardt Natasha Lannin	Identifying patients for endovascular therapy Bruce Campbell Tim Kleinig	Longterm risk factor management Dominique Cadilhac Mandy Thrift	Electronic support tools for health professionals and consumers: Innovations and progress Anna Ranta Erin Lalor	The potential economic impact of improving acute stroke care standards for Australia Joosup Kim Achieving national cross-jurisdictional data linkage for stroke: A substudy of Stroke123 Nadine Andrew Stroke data variations: Implications for incentive based funding payments & data accuracy Sarah Kuhle Survival advantage from stroke unit care: Evidence from the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry Craig Anderson The stroke epidemiology in a rural cohort (SEARCH) study: Lower than expected incidence but high proportions of cardioembolic stroke Jonathon Newbury Stroke prevalence and incidence of post-stroke seizures: Analysis of the Tasmanian epilepsy register Lauren Sanders	An individualised program to increase physical activity in community-dwelling stroke survivors can improve cardiorespiratory fitness and six minute walk test distance: A pilot controlled trial Di Marsden Effects of bilateral-tDCS combined with upper limb rehabilitation on motor function and cortical plasticity in chronic stroke patients Alicia Goodwill Investigating genetic influences on upper-limb rehabilitation responsiveness post-stroke Christine Shiner Clinical measurement of sitting balance after stroke: A systematic review Melissa Birnbaum Regaining or retraining motor function in chronic stroke: What is the capacity for sustained improvements with additional therapy? Penelopy McNulty Increased cortical plasticity in periinfarct tissue at 14 days after stroke Tina Kaffenberger

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Symposium 17 <i>continued</i>	Symposium 18 <i>continued</i>	Symposium 19 <i>continued</i>	Symposium 20 <i>continued</i>	Abstract Session 13: Epidemiology <i>continued</i>	Abstract Session 14: Exercise, activity and discharge planning <i>continued</i>
				Clinical outcomes among younger adults with stroke registered in the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry (AuSCR) Natasha Lannin Does age impact stroke rehabilitation outcomes? Data from AROC, the national rehabilitation clinical registry Frances Simmonds Predictors of health-related quality of life of stroke survivors in Viet Nam Tran Pham	Performance on upper limb subtests of the Motor Assessment Scale for stroke Michelle Dettrick-Janes Modifying ward and Rehabilitation in the Home processes to facilitate the earlier discharge of patients from a Stroke and Rehabilitation unit Rodrigo Mejias Early Supported Discharge: A rapid and intensive community based alternative to the traditional inpatient rehabilitation model for stroke survivors Julie Smith

12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH – ALL POSTERS TO BE ON SHOW THROUGHOUT MEETING

13:00 – 14:30 **Plenary Session**

13:00 – 13:30 Debate: Blood pressure lowering therapy post stroke should be commenced before discharge from hospital
Pro: **Tim Kleinig** Con: **Thanh Phan**

13:30 – 14:00 Invited: **Lauren Sanders** – TIA: An update

14:00 – 14:30 Conference awards + prizes

14:30 CONFERENCE CLOSE

WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

We are excited to again offer workshops and symposia sessions for a more in-depth exploration of stroke care matters. Please note that most of these sessions are strictly limited in numbers and therefore we ask you to include your selection during your online registration to avoid disappointment. Kindly refer to the program table to see which sessions run concurrently – as there are up to 6 concurrent streams at all times, with exception for plenary sessions. You can only register for one session per time slot. Abstract sessions do NOT require pre-registration, you are free to attend them at your leisure and swap between rooms during the session (swapping is not permitted for workshops or symposia). Please note that the Pre-Conference with Matthew Yau is at an additional cost.

Pre-Conference Workshops

ASNEN Stroke 2015 Pre-Conference Workshop

SPEAKER/S:	Liz Mackey, Lizzie Dodd, Patrick Groot, Anne Alexandrov
DATE:	Tuesday, 1 September 2015
TIME:	14:00 – 18:00 hours
MAX:	120 Participants
AIM:	NIHSS – Training and Certification, followed by networking drinks and canapés. Training and certification in The National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) is vitally important to facilitate standardized awareness of severity and location of stroke. The NIHSS is utilized internationally, both in research and clinical care. This session shall potentially be the largest NIHSS group session conducted in Australasia, with attendees split into groups and trained and certified by experts on the day! The NIHSS session shall be followed by a casual networking session. Drinks and canapés provided. Both sessions are free, and for nurses only (you don't have to be an ASNEN Member). RSVP's close 14th August or until booked out. Places are extremely limited so please RSVP early to avoid disappointment: Gabriel.silver@mh.org.au

Breaking the taboo – Intimacy after stroke

SPEAKER/S:	Matthew Yau
DATE:	Tuesday, 1 September 2015
TIME:	14:30 – 17:30 hours (including 30 min afternoon tea)
COST:	Full Delegates \$75, all others \$120
MAX:	50 Participants
AIM:	At the completion of the workshop, participants will be able to: 1. Assess own values and attitude towards sexuality and how they affect clinical practice 2. Discuss sexual and intimate issues with clients at ease 3. Apply strategies for initiating intervention to address client's sexual and intimacy needs

Conference Symposia Sessions

S1: Fitness training and physical activity after stroke: Putting it into practice

SPEAKER/S:	Gillian Mead, Di Marsden
DATE:	Wednesday, 2 September 2015
TIME:	11:00 – 12:30 hours
MAX:	250 Participants
AIM:	This symposium explores the ways physical exercise assists in speeding up stroke recovery. Topics include the proven benefits of fitness and activity training, and implementation options.

S2: Neuroimaging

SPEAKER/S:	Nawaf Yassi, Teddy Wu, Werner Hacke
DATE:	Wednesday, 2 September 2015
TIME:	11:00 – 12:30 hours
MAX:	80 Participants
AIM:	This session will give an overview of: • the cerebrovascular anatomy relevant to neuroimaging in acute stroke; • the key elements of multi-modal CT imaging and MRI in acute ischaemic stroke; • new techniques for imaging haemorrhagic stroke.

S3: New insights into stroke biology: A young researcher's perspective

CHAIRS:	Neil Spratt, David Howells
DATE:	Wednesday, 2 September 2015
TIME:	11:00 – 12:30 hours
MAX:	120 Participants
AIM:	This symposium is aimed at anyone with an interest in basic science of stroke. Six presentations will cover the following topics: Mechanisms of immune suppression after stroke; Progranulin, the blood brain barrier and stroke; Antioxidant actions on human neurons; Novel mechanisms of therapeutic hypothermia; The practicalities of assessing behavioural change after stroke. Speakers include: Connie Wong, Alyson Miller, Katherine Jackman, Ana Antonic, Damien Macleod, Sarah Rewell

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Conference Sessions

Lunch Symposium: From Evidence to execution: What are we missing?

SPEAKER/S: Thought leaders in stroke medicine

DATE: Wednesday, 2 September 2015

TIME: 12:30 – 13:30 hours

MAX: 120 Participants

AIM: Strong evidence exists to support better patient care outcomes in acute stroke patients. The adoption of evidence remains sporadic across Australia and New Zealand. This Panel will discuss the challenges faced and how we may be able to approach resolution to ensure better patient outcomes for all.



S4: “CODE STROKE” – ASNEN

SPEAKER/S: Skye Coote, Anne Alexandrov, Bruce Campbell, Meaghan Osborne

DATE: Wednesday, 2 September 2015

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00 hours

MAX: 250 Participants

AIM: An expert line up of presenters will take you through the processes involved in pre-notification, assessment, and treatment of an acute stroke patient. Presented from both the health professional and patients view, this session is sure to be of value to the novice and experienced clinician alike.

S5: New frontiers in design and analysis of stroke clinical trials

SPEAKER/S: Leonid Churilov, Cate D’Este

DATE: Wednesday, 2 September 2015

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00 hours

MAX: 120 Participants

AIM: To familiarize the participants with the recent advances in the design and analysis of randomized clinical trials in stroke field by providing a conceptual overview and a non-technical discussion of commonly encountered “Why?”, “What?” and “How?” questions that need to be addressed in order to design and run more efficient and effective stroke clinical trials.

S6: Love, sex and intimacy after stroke

SPEAKER/S: Matthew Yau

DATE: Wednesday, 2 September 2015

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00 hours

MAX: 250 Participants

AIM: An interactive presentation including research on sexuality, case studies and a led discussion where participants will have the opportunity to share stories or ask questions.

At the end of the symposium, participants will be able to:

1. Identify challenges and strategies in address the sexuality and intimacy issues with stroke survivors and their partners
2. Exchange stories and experience on the sexuality enabling journeys with clients
3. Apply approaches to create a permissive environment to discuss sexuality topics in clinical practice

S7: Strokology refresher course

SPEAKER/S: Andrew Wong, Phil Aitken, Rohan Grimley

DATE: Wednesday, 2 September 2015

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00 hours

MAX: 250 Participants

AIM: This session is both for those starting out in Stroke and for experienced Stroke specialists looking to align their practice with their peers. Three lectures will cover hyperacute stroke management, acute stroke unit management and neuror rehabilitation after stroke. Ample question time will also be available.

Breakfast Symposium: Overcoming the dilemma of thrombosis versus bleeding: Is this achievable with oral factor Xa inhibition?

SPEAKER/S: TBC

DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015

TIME: 07:30 – 08:30 hours

MAX: 120 Participants

AIM: This symposium is built on and around peer to peer influence, and is designed to provide comprehensive information on primary publications and sub analysis on this HCP segment.



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S8: Motor control and motor learning foundations of therapeutic interventions to improve motor functions

SPEAKER/S: Mindy Levin

DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015

TIME: 11:00 – 12:30 hours

MAX: 250 Participants

AIM: This symposium focuses on rehabilitation of motor control. It will look at measurement of sensorimotor impairment, and determining the effectiveness of new interventions of arm and hand sensorimotor recovery including task-oriented therapy and interventions using virtual reality technology.

S9: Evolving stroke therapies: Moving along with the times

SPEAKER/S: Chris Bladin, Chris Levi, Bruce Campbell

DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015

TIME: 11:00 – 12:30 hours

MAX: 250 Participants

AIM: This sponsored symposium aims to bring to you current developments in stroke therapies. Topics discussed will include new models of care for tPA therapies, post-marketing evidence for SPAF, and cryptogenic stroke and RESPECT-ESUS.



S10: Aphasia rehabilitation research: Challenges, opportunities and the developing evidence base

CHAIRS: Marian Brady, Erin Godecke

DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015

TIME: 11:00 – 12:30 hours

MAX: 250 Participants

AIM: This interactive session will include five individual presentations followed by discussion and Q+A. Marian will provide the 'context' for current aphasia trials and outline the collaborative efforts in aphasia research. Linda will cover intervention, interdisciplinary space, challenges of designing an appropriate attention control, and recruitment and enhancing of participant enrolment. Miranda will discuss embedding health economics questions and service delivery cost maps (COMPARE) and Erin will talk about the importance of measuring standard care in implementation science (VERSE). Speakers will include: Linda Worall, Miranda Rose

S11: Beyond thrombolysis

SPEAKERS: Eng Lo, Chris Sobey, David Howells, Brad Sutherland

DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00 hours

MAX: 120 Participants

AIM: This symposium will look at how to improve translational medicine. A brief introduction by Eng Lo will be followed by short talks from each expert and then a 30 minute panel/audience discussion.

1. Introduction: Strategies to improve stroke translational medicine – Eng Lo
2. Using transgenic animals to probe stroke pathophysiology and discover drugs – Chris Sobey
3. Evidence-based preclinical medicine: Better evidence = better outcomes? – David Howells
4. Panel Discussion

S12: Telemedicine: Practicalities, pitfalls, and the pursuit of sustainability

SPEAKER/S: Chris Bladin, Paul Talman, and State based representatives

DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00 hours

MAX: 100 Participants

AIM: This session will describe the current state of Telestroke programs in Australia. It will elaborate the key clinical and governance issues that underpin a stroke telemedicine service; it will examine the different models of care that may exist in the various states of Australia. Finally, this session will explore the issue of sustainability and how a patient centred focus is the key to long term clinical and financial viability.

S13: Preventing and managing complications after stroke

CHAIRS: Sandy Middleton, Anne Alexandrov, Caroline Watkins

DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00 hours

MAX: 250 Participants

AIM: This educational and interactive workshop is focused on issues relevant to nursing and allied health clinicians in the hospital management of patients with stroke to prevent and manage complications. This session is being presented on behalf of the International Stroke Research Collaborative (ISREC) and the Acute Stroke Nursing Education Network (ASNEN) and aimed at clinicians and researchers.

Speakers/panel members will include: Louise Craig (ISREC overview), Tara Purvis (Complication rates); Liz Lightbody (mood), Liz McInnes (pressure ulcers), Tanya Frost (nutrition and PEG feeding)

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S14: Monitoring and improving quality of stroke care

CHAIRS:	Dominique Cadilhac, Kate Leonard
DATE:	Thursday, 3 September 2015
TIME:	15:30 – 16:30 hours
MAX:	250 Participants
AIM:	This session will focus on the latest technology innovation in harmonising collection of national stroke data in Australia and how it can be used to improve the quality of care and outcomes for patients. This session is being presented on behalf of the Australian Stroke Coalition and is for clinical staff and researchers who are involved in collecting, reviewing and managing stroke data. Speakers/panel members will also include Helen Dewey, Rohan Grimley, Peter Hand, Kelvin Hill, Romesh Markus, Helen Branagan, Mark Mackay, Erin Lalor

S15: Innovative new directions for acute stroke therapies

CHAIR/S:	Andrei Alexandrov, Werner Hacke
DATE:	Thursday, 3 September 2015
TIME:	15:30 – 16:30 hours
MAX:	250 Participants
AIM:	The speakers for this session will review new therapies that are on the horizon for acute stroke treatment, but will also be asked to speculate as to what may lie ahead in the future.

S16: Conducting multidisciplinary clinical trials in a rehabilitation setting

SPEAKER/S:	Marian Brady, Julie Bernhardt, Natasha Lannin
DATE:	Friday, 4 September 2015
TIME:	10:30 – 12:00 hours
MAX:	120 Participants
AIM:	The design, development and delivery of a successful stroke rehabilitation trial is a challenge typically characterised by the need to describe complex interventions that can be tailored to individual needs, resource intensive screening rates for the recruitment of potentially diverse populations, choice of outcome measures and the implementation of a complex intervention across an array of clinical contexts. Such patterns lead to questions relating to for example intervention fidelity, descriptions of usual care and complex interventions and the adequacy of sample size and the statistical power to estimating direction and magnitude of any treatment effect. This research based workshop will consider the methodological procedures used within stroke rehabilitation trials, the efforts undertaken to ensure clinical relevance of research findings and will consider current opportunities to enhance the development and design of clinically relevant stroke rehabilitation trials.

S17: Identifying patients for endovascular therapy

SPEAKERS:	Bruce Campbell, Tim Kleinig
DATE:	Friday, 4 September 2015
TIME:	10:30 – 12:00 hours
MAX:	120 Participants
AIM:	This is a practical case-based workshop to assist clinicians to identify patients who will benefit from referral for endovascular therapy for acute ischaemic stroke.

S18: Longterm risk factor management

CHAIRS:	Dominique Cadilhac, Mandy Thrift
DATE:	Friday, 4 September 2015
TIME:	10:30 – 12:00 hours
MAX:	250 Participants
AIM:	This educational workshop is focussed on current opportunities to manage the prevention of recurrent stroke in the community, ensure improved communication with general practitioners and support greater awareness of stroke risk. Examples of effective interdisciplinary models of care and the importance of effective discharge care planning and patient self-management will be covered. Speakers/panel members will include Joosup Kim, Muideen Olaiya, Mark Nelson, Megan Werner, Monique Kilkenny

S19: Electronic support tools for health professionals and consumers: Innovations and progress

CHAIRS:	Anna Ranta, Erin Lalor
DATE:	Friday, 4 September 2015
TIME:	10:30 – 12:00 hours
MAX:	250 Participants
AIM:	The aim of this session is to showcase new ehealth programs developed to support consumers and health professionals.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS



SSA Fun Run

VENUE: Tan Track, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne
DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015
TIME: 07:00 – 08:00 hours
(coach transfer from/to MCEC departing at 06:45)
COST: No cost for participation

Following a long-standing tradition, the SSA Fun Run is your perfect start to a conference day. Participation can be solo or in teams, and prizes will be awarded at the Gala Dinner.

Full details will be emailed to registered participants. Pre-registration is necessary, as starting positions are limited.



Welcome Reception

VENUE: Exhibition Area, MCEC
DATE: Wednesday, 2 September 2015
TIME: 17:00 – 19:00 hours
COST: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fee
Day Delegate or Guest Tickets: \$75.00 per person
DRESS: Smart Casual

There is no better way to round off the first conference day than to catch up with old friends, meet industry representatives and to make new acquaintances during the Welcome Reception.

Join us for some relaxed mingling, great canapés and drinks and breathtaking views of the Yarra River and Melbourne city at dusk.



Gala Dinner

VENUE: Peninsula, Melbourne Docklands
DATE: Thursday, 3 September 2015
TIME: 19:00 – 23:59 hours
COST: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fee
Day Delegate or Guest Tickets: \$135.00 per person
DRESS: Cowboy Theme – Bring out your inner country gal or boy for a fabulous fun night!

Peninsula is one of Melbourne's most impressive venues with its striking avant-garde décor and luxurious furnishings, featuring nine metre ceilings, floor to ceiling windows and a stunning 66-metre chandelier, the longest in the southern hemisphere.

We invite you to enjoy gourmet dining, excellent networking and a night of dancing to Red Alert's fine tunes. This year's dinner theme is COWBOY – so come along for the ride and dress to impress. A prize will be awarded to be the best dressed participant.

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Accommodation has been reserved at the below hotels and will be available for online delegate booking directly with the accommodation provider following your Conference registration. Prices quoted are room only and include GST, and are only available to Stroke 2015 Conference delegates. Please note: All unsold rooms will be released on Friday, 31 July 2015. Thereafter, room bookings and rates are strictly subject to availability and best rate on the day.



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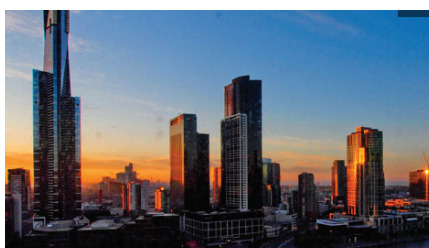
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Following your online conference registration you will be given a link to Crown's GroupMAX booking system to make use of the special conference room rates.



Oaks Apartments – 2 options

Option 1: WRAP on Southbank

133/139 City Road, Southbank VIC 3006
Tel: 1300 726 615 (inside Australia)

www.oakshotelsresorts.com/oaks-wrap-on-southbank

- 1 Bedroom Apartment: \$149
- 2 Bedroom Apartment: \$279

Option 2: Oaks on Market

60 Market Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Tel: +61 3 8631 1111

www.oakshotelsresorts.com/oaks-on-market

- 1 Bedroom Apartment: \$169
- 2 Bedroom Apartment: \$289

Complimentary breakfast for 1 person for the 1 bed apartment and 2 people for the 2 bedroom apartment is included in above mentioned rate. Additional person rate of \$44.00 per person per day for accommodation applies.



Crowne Plaza Melbourne

1-5 Spencer Street, Docklands VIC 3008
Tel: +61 3 9648 2777

www.crowneplaza.com/Melbourne

- Standard Room: \$235 (king or twin bedding)
- Deluxe Room: \$260 (king or twin bedding)

Complimentary wifi is included in the room rate. A credit card surcharge of 1.5% is applied by the hotel.

Following your online conference registration you will be given a link to the hotel's GroupMAX booking system to make use of the special conference room rates.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Your room must be fully pre-paid upon online booking.
- Your account (for additional room costs and incidentals) must be settled directly with the hotel on your departure.
- All alterations and cancellations to accommodation bookings must be made in writing directly with the accommodation provider.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations after 31 July 2015, no-shows and early departures are subject to 100% penalty charges of the total original accommodation value. Cancellations up until 31 July 2015 may be eligible to obtain a partial or full refund subject to the room being resold.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Registration Desk will be located in the Melbourne Room Foyer, Level 2, MCEC. Staff at the Registration Desk will be happy to help with any queries.

Name Badges

All delegates will be given a name badge at registration. This badge will be the official pass to sessions, teas, lunches and all social functions. It is necessary for delegates to wear their name badges at all times when onsite for security reasons.

Smoking Policy

There is a strict “no smoking” policy in all indoor and outdoor public areas, including the Conference Centre – smoking is only permitted in clearly marked smoking areas.

Credit Cards

Credit cards accepted for online registration are MasterCard, AMEX and Visa. Standard merchant fees apply.

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Please note that all prices quoted throughout this document (registration fees, accommodation, social events, etc) are inclusive of GST, and stated in Australian Dollars.

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As you will be incurring considerable expense when attending this event, it is strongly recommended that you take out an insurance policy of your choice when booking your travel arrangements.

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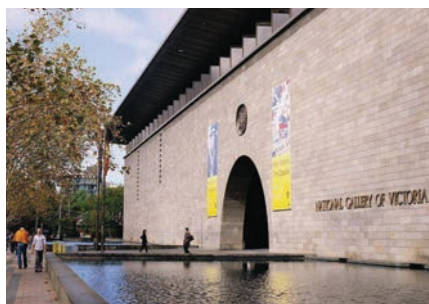
Everywhere you turn there's something special to see and do in Victoria – from sandy beaches and snow-capped mountains, to theme parks, zoos and aquariums, historic sites, bars and cafes, white-water rafting, spas, wildlife and wineries, or drives along Victoria's breathtaking coastline.

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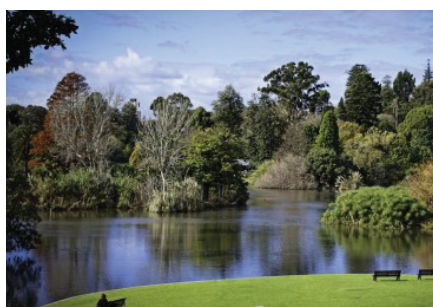
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	Before 26 June 2015	After 26 June 2015
Medical – SSA Members	\$ 940.00	\$ 1,240.00
Medical – SSA Non-Members	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,400.00
Nursing/Allied Health/Basic Scientist/Ambulance – SSA Members	\$ 595.00	\$ 695.00
Nursing/Allied Health/Basic Scientist/Ambulance – SSA Non-Members	\$ 625.00	\$ 725.00
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Pre-Conference Workshop – Full Delegates (includes Afternoon tea)	\$75.00	\$75.00
Pre-Conference Workshop (includes Afternoon tea)	\$120.00	\$120.00

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- Entry to trade exhibition and poster area
- Morning/afternoon teas and lunches during the Conference
- Welcome Reception Ticket
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*One Day Delegates are **not** entitled to the inclusive Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner tickets however they can purchase tickets at the guest rate.

**Student registrations are not entitled to a Gala Dinner ticket.

Acknowledgement

Once you proceed all the way to the end of online registration and complete the process, your registration will be acknowledged via email with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration, together with a tax invoice receipt. **Registrations will only be considered confirmed once payment is received** however not to pay your invoice does not mean that your registration will not automatically be processed.

Method of Payment

- Register online at www.stroke2015.com.au and pay by credit card. Credit cards accepted are **MasterCard, AMEX & Visa** (Please note: Diners is not accepted, and a credit card surcharge of 1.5% for Visa/MC and 3.5% for AMEX applies.)
- If you are unable to pay by credit card, EFT transfers or cheque payment will be acceptable also. Full payment details will be stated on your tax invoice. Payment not received within the indicated time frame will result in late payment surcharges, and subsequently in cancellation of the registration in question.
- All cheques, international bank drafts or money orders must be made payable to **"Stroke 2015 Conference"** and be drawn from a major Australian bank or personal or business cheque account.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations or alterations must be put in writing to the Stroke 2015 Conference Secretariat.

Please note that any accommodation booking cancelled within 30 days of the conference is subject to 100% cancellation fees charged directly by the hotel. See also "cancellation policy" in the accommodation section.

If cancellation is received in writing:

- By 1 June 2015 – \$100.00 cancellation fee will apply
- By 26 June 2015 – 50% of registration monies paid will be refunded
- After 31 July 2015 – no refund on monies paid