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Symposium 2026

21-22 October 2026

The University Club of WA, Perth

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DRAFT PROGRAM OUTLINE

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026	
12.00pm – 5.30pm	Registration desk open <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i> <i>ACDHS General Meeting -Special Resolutions held online 11.30am-12 online. Meeting notice sent to members 21+ days in advance. Proxies may be cast via the Chair & Co Sect in advance.</i> <i>Voting allowed via a supplied code/scan code or other electronic means from 11.30am-12pm, result to be known before Symposium opening.</i>
12.00pm to 2.00pm	Optional - Pre-Symposium Workshop (numbers limited – max. 40 pax) Health Advocacy – Build your skills workshop Facilitated by: Adjunct Professor Michael Moore AM PhD, Distinguished Fellow - The George Institute for Global Health <i>Seminar Room 2 (Workshop includes working lunch)</i>
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Afternoon tea (for all delegates on arrival) - <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
2.30pm – 4.30pm	SESSION 1 <i>Banquet Hall</i>
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Symposium Opening ACDHS Welcome Welcome to Country
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Presentation followed by audience Q&A Jacqui Lunday OBE , National Chief Allied Health, Scientific and Technical - Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora
3.45pm – 4.40pm	Chief Allied Health Officer panel Confirmed panellists: • Adjunct Associate Professor Sue Fitzpatrick, Chief Allied Health Officer - ACT Health • Rachel Elliott, Chief Allied Health Officer - Safer Care Victoria • Dr Ingrid Lensink, Chief Allied and Scientific Health Officer - SA Health • Jennifer Campbell, Chief Allied Health Office - Department of Health WA
4.40pm – 4.55pm	Virtual presentation Jasmina Joldić PSM , Deputy Secretary - Higher Education, Research and International Group, Commonwealth Government
4.55pm – 5.00pm	Session wrap
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Networking Reception <i>Terrace or Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
6.00pm – 9.00pm	Dinner (including ACDHS Awards) <i>Banquet Hall</i>
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026	
8.30am	Registration desk open <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival tea and coffee - <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
9.00am – 10.30am	SESSION 2 <i>Banquet Hall</i>
9.00am – 10.30am	Exploring the Impact of Artificial Intelligence Integration in Allied Health Education

**Program is subject to change*

	Short presentations, followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A Panellists: • Dr Rebecca Roubin, BSc (Hons) (UNSW), PhD, Faculty of Medicine and Health School of Pharmacy - University of Sydney • Dr Jack Gilpin, BSc, MBBS, FRACGP, Senior Lecturer & Deputy Head of School (Student Wellbeing & Success) Medical School - The University of Queensland • Associate Professor Mark Merolli, PhD, FAIDH, CHIA, Department of Physiotherapy Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences - The University of Melbourne
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning tea - Banquet Hall Foyer
11.00am – 12.30pm	SESSION 3 <i>Banquet Hall</i>
11.00am – 11.30am	Presentation Sandy Glagovski, Allied Health Education Officer - Workforce Innovation, Strategy, Education & Research. Topic: Practical insights into engagement, challenges, and building a sustainable Community of Practice.
11.30am – 12.00pm	Presentation Dr Julia McCartan, Accredited Practising Dietitian and Fellow of the Higher Education Academy - Monash University Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food. Topic: Critical pedagogy and strengthening culturally responsive practice within health professions education.
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Invited ECR Showcase Presentations (5x 3-minute presentations)
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch - Banquet Hall Foyer
1.30pm – 3.00pm	SESSION 4 <i>Banquet Hall</i>
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Presentation Prof Stephen Duckett AM PhD DSc FASSA FAHMS, Honorary Enterprise Professor - The University of Melbourne Topic: ATEC perspective on the health workforce including the AH workforce pipeline
2.30pm – 2.50pm	ACDHS priorities discussion Shaun McDonagh, Executive Director - Australian Council of Deans of Health Sciences
2.50pm – 3.00pm	Closing remarks Prof Terry Haines Chair - Head of School of Primary Allied Health Care - Monash University, Victoria
3.00pm	Symposium concludes at The University Club of WA, Perth
4.00pm – 6pm	Optional: Tour Royal Perth Hospital Innovation Hub, 4-5pm Refreshments provided at conclusion, 5-6pm.