AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF DEANS OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Symposium 2026

21-22 October 2026
The University Club of WA, Perth
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PROGRAM OUTLINE

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026	
11.30am – 12noon	*ACDHS General Meeting -Special Resolutions held online 11.30am-12noon. Proxies may be cast via the Chair & Co Sect 48 hours in advance.*
12.00pm – 5.30pm	**Registration desk open** *Banquet Hall Foyer*
12.00pm to 2.00pm	**Optional - Pre-Symposium Workshop** (numbers limited –Registration in advance essential) **Health Advocacy – Build your skills workshop** Facilitated by: **Adjunct Professor Michael Moore AM PhD,** Distinguished Fellow - The George Institute for Global Health *Seminar Room 2 (Workshop includes working lunch)*
2.00pm – 2.30pm	**Afternoon tea** (for all delegates on arrival) - *Banquet Hall Foyer*
2.30pm – 5.00pm	**SESSION 1** *Banquet Hall*
2.30pm – 2.45pm	**Symposium Opening** ACDHS Welcome Chair, Prof Terry Haines AM 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** • **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 • **Mark Petrich**, Acting Chief Allied Health Office - Department of Health WA
4.40pm – 4.55pm	**Presentation** **Jasmina Joldić PSM**, Deputy Secretary - Higher Education, Research and International Group, Commonwealth Government (virtual presentation)
4.55pm – 5.00pm	**Session wrap**
5.00pm – 6.00pm	**Networking Reception** *Terrace or Banquet Hall Foyer*
6.00pm – 9.00pm	**ACDHS Dinner, featuring ACDHS Allied Health Awards)** *Banquet Hall*
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026	
8.30am	**Registration desk open** *Banquet Hall Foyer*
8.30am – 9.00am	**Arrival tea and coffee -** *Banquet Hall Foyer*
9.00am – 10.30am	**SESSION 2** *Banquet Hall*
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** *Banquet Hall*
11.00am – 11.30am	**Presentation** **Sandy Glagovski**, Allied Health Education Officer - Workforce Innovation, Strategy, Education & Research. Monash Health 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	**Early Career Researcher (ECR) Showcase Presentations** (5x 3-minute presentations)
12.30pm – 1.30pm	**Lunch -** *Banquet Hall Foyer*
1.30pm – 3.00pm	**SESSION 4** *Banquet Hall*
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 AM Chair** - Head of School of Primary Allied Health Care - Monash University,
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.