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Symposium 2026

21-22 October 2026

The University Club of WA, Perth
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PROGRAM OUTLINE

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026	
11.30am – 12.00pm	<i>ACDHS General Meeting - Special Resolutions held online 11.30am-12pm. Proxies may be cast via the Company Secretary 48 hours in advance.</i>
12.00pm – 5.30pm	Registration desk open <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
12.00pm – 2.00pm	Optional (pre-registration): Pre-Symposium Workshop 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 1 (Workshop includes working lunch)</i>
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Afternoon tea (for all delegates on arrival) <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
2.30pm – 5.00pm	SESSION 1 <i>Banquet Hall</i>
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Symposium Opening ACDHS Welcome, Chair, Professor Terry Haines AM Welcome to Country – Noongar Elder Geraldine Hayden
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Presentation followed by audience Q&A Jacqui Lunday OBE , National Chief Allied Health, Scientific and Technical – Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand
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 – Department of Health Victoria Dr Ingrid Lensink, Chief Allied and Scientific Health Officer – SA Health Mark Petrich, Acting Chief Allied Health Officer – WA Department of Health
4.40pm – 4.55pm	Virtual Presentation Dominique Lowe Assistant Secretary , Payments and Engagements Branch - Department of Education
4.55pm – 5.00pm	Session wrap
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Networking Reception <i>Terrace</i> <i>Featuring live music from the WAAPA Alumni Trio</i>
6.00pm – 9.00pm	ACDHS Dinner, featuring ACDHS Allied Health 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 Integrating Artificial Intelligence Integration into Allied Health Education.
	Short presentations, followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A Panelists: • Dr Rebecca Roubin, Lecturer - The University of Sydney • Dr Jack Gilpin, BSc, MBBS, FRACGP, Senior Lecturer & Deputy Head of School (Student Wellbeing & Success) - The University of Queensland • Associate Professor Mark Merolli, Associate Professor of Physiotherapy - The University of Melbourne
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning tea <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
11.00am – 12.30pm	SESSION 3 <i>Banquet Hall</i>
11.00am – 11.30am	Presentation Sandy Glagovski , Allied Health Education Officer, -Monash Health Topic: Building Capability through Connection: Lessons from an Allied Health Community of Practice
11.30am – 12.00pm	Presentation Dr Julia McCartan , Senior Lecturer, Nutrition Dietetics & Food, Monash University Topic: Critical pedagogy and strengthening culturally responsive practice within health professions education.
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Early Career Researcher (ECR) Showcase Presentations: • Dr Jingyi Chen, Lecturer, The University of Western Australia • Ms Jennifer O'Brien, Lecturer, Australian Catholic University • Dr Rebecca Sullivan, Research Fellow, La Trobe University • Ms Han Trinh, Associate Lecturer, Phd Candidate, The University of Western Australia • Dr Grace Zeng, Lecturer, Curtin University
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch <i>Banquet Hall Foyer</i>
1.30pm – 3.00pm	SESSION 4 <i>Banquet Hall</i>
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Presentation Professor Stephen Duckett AM FASSA FAHMS , Honorary Enterprise Professor - The University of Melbourne Topic: ATEC perspective on the health workforce including the AH workforce pipeline Pre-reading paper: Getting planning for the health and social care workforce right
2.30pm – 2.50pm	ACDHS discussion Shaun McDonagh , Executive Director - ACDHS
2.50pm – 3.00pm	Closing remarks Professor Terry Haines AM , Board Chair - ACDHS
3.00pm	Symposium concludes
4.00pm – 6.00pm	Optional (pre-registration): Tour Royal Perth Hospital Innovation Hub, 4-5pm Refreshments provided at conclusion, 5-6pm, Wonil Hotel Terrace.