



**ACRRM
AST
Conference
Surgery**

Conference Program

Wednesday 24 June – Thursday 25 June 2026

Hobart, Tasmania



Day 1

Wednesday 24 June 2026

12:30 – 13:30	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>	Registration, Lunch and Networking
13:30 – 14:00	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Opening address Dr Ben Abott
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Skin Surgery Conundrums (when surgical planning changes) Dr Ben Abott
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>	Afternoon Tea
15:30 – 17:00	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Short Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote Surgery Dr Sheri Newman• Space Medicine – the final frontier Dr Gabi Caswell• Special skills value adding in rural areas (ENT/Ortho/ObsGyn/Urology) Dr Zaid Shihab and Dr Coralie Endean
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	New Fellows Forum Dr Zaid Shihab, Dr Sheri Newman and Dr Michelle Chen
18:30 – 20:30	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>	Networking Dinner – Canapes + Drinks

Day 2

Thursday 25 June 2026

07:45	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>	Arrive and grab a coffee/tea
08:00 – 09:30	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Surgical AST Evolution Dr Ben Abott and Dr Richard Stiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and curriculum (including training posts) • College led logbooks and audit • Relationships with other colleges (RACS, RANZCOG, ACEM etc)
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Mouth and oral surgery Dr Ben Abott and Dr Richard Stiles
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>	Morning Tea
10:30 – 11:15	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Nurturing a rural endoscopy service Dr Colin Giorcelli
11:15 – 12:45	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	The “Tunnel of Love”: a potpourri from 30 years of endoscopy practice Dr Richard Stiles
12:45 – 13:30	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>	Lunch and Networking
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Surgical trauma management reminders Dr Muhammad Umer Shehzad, Dr Michael Pitt and Dr Coralie Endean
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Surgical audit of our members Dr Ben Abott
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Rural surgery service provision and succession planning Dr Olga Ward
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>	Afternoon Tea
15:45 – 17:15	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Short discussions: Dr Ben Abbot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult cases reflective discussion • Future directions
17:15	Conference close and thanks	