



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

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