

Draft Program



ANCE 2025: Day 1 - Thursday 1 May 2025		Proposed Speaker	Room
8:15am - 8:45am	Registration Neuro Expo Poster Gallery Neuro Nouveau: The Art Behind the Science Networking		Foyer / River Room
8.45am	Master of Ceremonies	Karen Tighe, Encephalitis Advocate & Media Commentator	Plenary
8.50am	Welcome to Country	Whadjuk Noongar Traditional Owner	Plenary
8.55am	Neurological Council of WA Chairman's Address	Emeritus Professor Charles Watson, Chair, Neurological Council of WA	Plenary
9.00am	Official Opening Address	Minister, WA Labour Party	Plenary
9.10am	Keynote Address - Neurological Alliance UK Advoacy, IGAP & EU Brain Health Plans	Georgina Carr - CEO, Neurological Alliance UK	Plenary
9.35am	Keynote Address - Neurological disease in Australia: Under-counted, under-valued, under-funded	Roland Greenland, Chair Neurological Alliance Australia, CEO MS Australia	Plenary
10.00am	Neurological Disability and the Impact of NDIS Reforms	Ms Mhairi Cowden, Deputy Director General Disability, Department of Communities	Plenary
10.25am	<i>Sponsor Acknowledgement - Perron Insitute for Neurological and Translational Sciences</i>	<i>Perron Insitute for Neurological and Translational Sciences</i>	Plenary
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea Neuro Expo Poster Gallery Neuro Nouveau: The Art Behind the Science Networking		Foyer / River Room
11.00am	The Loneliest Seat in the Senate - Navigating Parliament with a Disability	Senator Jordon Steele-John, Australian Greens Senator for WA, Disability Rights Advocate	Plenary
11.25am	Practical Programs for Parkinsons: Clinics, Boxing & Yoga	Prof David Blacker AM, Neurologist and Researcher living with Parkinsons	Plenary
11.50am	Risk Prediction Models in Dementia Prevention: From Clinical Practice to Public Health Policy	Prof Blossom Stephan (PhD), Chair of Dementia (Curtin University & Dementia Australia)	Plenary
12.15pm	What Do Patients Really Want?	Dr Bruce Powell, Honorary Research Fellow, Monash University, Author & Brain Injury Survivor	Plenary
12.40pm	<i>Sponsor Acknowledgement - Carers WA</i>	<i>Richard Newman, CEO Carers WA</i>	Plenary
12:50pm - 1:50pm	Lunch Neuro Expo Poster Gallery Neuro Nouveau: The Art Behind the Science Networking	Room Reconfiguration	Foyer / River Room
2.00pm	1. Brightwater – Finding Solutions with People Experiencing Neuro Disability	Catherine Stoddart, CEO and Janet Wagland, GM Disability Services, Brightwater	Breakout 1
2.00pm	2. Innovative Pathways to Personalised Mental Health Treatments Neurological Disorders	Perron Institute Panel Discussion led by Professor Jennifer Rodger with Dr Aleksandra Miljevic and Brad Roberts	Breakout 2
2.25pm	1. Disability: Some equations for Change!	Bruce Langoulant AM, D-Dads, Meningitis Centre Australia	Breakout 1
2.25pm	2. Facilitators and Barriers to Providing Neurological Care on Country. Lessons from the Far North Huntington's Clinic.	Melanie Clark (MPH), Department of Health WA & Monica Cazzolli (BBehSc), Huntingtons Australia	Breakout 2
2.50pm	1. Improving the wellbeing and service utilisation of people with Functional Neurological Disorder: A brief telehealth group program	Katie K Martin, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Health WA	Breakout 1
2.50pm	2. Navigating Care: The Power of Community & Health Systems in Whole-of-Life Support	Panel discussion led by Hayley Lethlean, CEO Neuromuscular WA	Breakout 2
3.15pm	1. Beyond the Waiting List: Nurse-Led and Community-Based Workforce Solutions & Peer Support	Ms Etta Palumbo, CEO Neurological Council of WA	Breakout 1
3.15pm	2. Joint Solutions - Developing a system of care for people with young onset dementia in Australia	Dr Bronwyn Morkham, National Director and Ms Vicky Barry, Young People In Nursing Homes National Alliance	Breakout 2
3.40pm	Day 1 Wrap up and Afternoon Tea / Dinner Details	Room 1 Karen Tighe & Room 2 Dr Linda Friedland	Breakout
3:45pm - 4:30pm	Afternoon Tea Neuro Expo Poster Gallery Neuro Nouveau: The Art Behind the Science Networking		Foyer / River Room
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Social Program - Australasian Neurological Conference Dinner	Frasers Restaurant Kings Park	

ANCE 2025: Day 2 - Friday 2 May 2025		Speaker	Room
8:15am - 8:45am	Registration Neuro Expo Poster Gallery Neuro Nouveau: The Art Behind the Science Networking		Foyer / River Room
8.45am	Greeting & Acknowledgement of Country	Karen Tighe and CNN RC	Plenary
8.55am	Day 2 Welcome	Dr Linda Friedland, Deputy Chair, Neurological Council of WA	Plenary
9.00am	Keynote Address	Dr Shirley Bowen, Director General WA Health	Plenary
9.35am	Exploring the Impact and Needs of Patients with Neuromuscular Disorders	Professor Merrilee Needham, Neurologist & Head of Myositis Research, Perron Institute	Plenary
10.00am	Burden, Treatment and Prevention of Stroke and other Brain Disorders - A Public Health Imperative	Dr Darshan Ghia, Neurologist, Director of Stroke, Fiona Stanley Hospital	Plenary
10.25am	<i>Sponsor Acknowledgement - Brightwater Care Group</i>	<i>Janet Wagland, GM Disability, Brightwater</i>	Plenary
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea Neuro Expo Poster Gallery Neuro Nouveau: The Art Behind the Science Networking		Foyer / River Room
11.00am	Brain Health, Prevention & Early Intervention	HMSW / AW	Plenary
11.25am	TBA	Distinguished Professor John Mamo, Perron Institute	Plenary
11.50am	Fight MND - 10 years of Impact & Still Fighting	Dr Min-Yin Yap , Fight MND	Plenary
12.15pm	Recognising the Volunteer Workforce's Critical Contribution to Neurological Health & Disability Care	Tina Williams, CEO, Volunteering WA	Plenary
12.40pm	<i>Silver Sponsor Acknowledgement - Epilepsy WA</i>	<i>Emma Buitendag, CEO, Epilepsy WA</i>	Plenary
12:50pm - 1:50pm	Lunch Neuro Expo Poster Gallery Neuro Nouveau: The Art Behind the Science Networking	Room Reconfiguration	Foyer / River Room
2.00pm	1. Alzheimer's Disease: Balancing Care and Self Care - A Carers Story	Professor Emeritus Kateryna Longley	Breakout 1
2.00pm	2. Epilepsy - An Australian Perspective: The role of Epilepsy & Other Neurological Disorders Alliance - Australia (ENDA)	Carol Ireland, CEO and MD of Epilepsy Action Australia, Chair ENDA	Breakout 2
2.00pm	3. The State of Childhood Dementia in Australia	Dr. Kristina Elvidge, Head of Research, Childhood Dementia Initiative	Breakout 3
2.25pm	1. Caring for Carers through their Labour of Love	Community Engagement Officer, Carers WA	Breakout 1
2.25pm	2. Carer Conversations – “Creating resilience by increasing self-efficacy” - Frontotemporal Dementia Carer Support Groups	Sarah Fox, HammondCare DSAWA and Gail Humpries from Dementia Support Australia WA	Breakout 2
2.25pm	3. Music in Health & in Therapy	Emeritus Professor Alan Harvey, Neuroscientist & Musician	Breakout 3
2.50pm	1. My Future Care: Are you Good to Go? Part 1	Sabena Lund, Palliative Care WA	Breakout 1
2.50pm	2. The role of Exercise Medicine in the Management of ADHD	Katie Stewart BHMS, Accredited Exercise Physiologist, Chronic Care Australia	Breakout 2
2.50pm	3. Promoting healthy brain ageing with non-invasive brain stimulation	Dr Alexander Tang, Neuroscientist, Healthy Brain Aging and Repair Group at UWA and the Perron Institute.	Breakout 3
3.15pm	1. My Future Care: Are you Good to Go? Part 2	Sabena Lund, Palliative Care WA	Breakout 1
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3.15pm	3. Neuroscience Research Translation - Multisector Partnerships	Panel discussion led by Melanie Kiely, CEO, MSWA	Breakout 3
3.40pm	<i>Day 2 Wrap up and Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Room 1 - MC Etta Palumbo, Room 2 - MC Karen Tighe, Room 3 - MC Dr Linda Friedland</i>	Breakout Rooms
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