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Thursday 24 September

TRAMSHEDS (4 Invermay Road)

0700	TRAMSHEDS Registration Desk open	
	Trainee Forum	With thanks to our Trainee Forum sponsor  CLIFFORD CRAIG HEALTH FOUNDATION <i>Health . Research . Hope</i>
0800	Forum opening	
	Cultural Considerations around Death and Dying Nina Evason, Mosaica Group, Brisbane	
	Talking to Children about Death and Dying Dr Naomi Katz, Alfred Health and Melbourne Health / Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne Dr Daniel Dorevitch, Children’s Health Queensland, Cairns	
	Morning Refreshments	
	Behavioural and psychological symptoms in advanced dementia Dr Aaron Wong, Eastern Health, Melbourne	
	Trauma-informed care Dr Sharonne Zaks AM, Melbourne Dental Clinic and University of Melbourne, Melbourne	
	Lunch	
	Kintsugi QI: Making broken healthcare better Prof Karl Lorenz, Stanford School of Medicine, USA Michelle DeNatale, Stanford Health Care, USA	
1500	Forum close Afternoon Refreshments & relocate to conference if registered for ANZSPM 2026 conference programme (10-15 min walk)	
	Communication Skills Workshop	
0800	Workshop opening	

1215	Workshop close
1215 - 1300	Lunch & relocate to the conference (Albert Hall Launceston) if registered for the ANZSPM 2026 conference programme (10-15 min walk)

ALBERT HALL LAUNCESTON (47 Tamar Street)

0900	ALBERT HALL FOYER Registration Desk open
0930	ALBERT HALL FOYER Morning Refreshments
1000	Special Interest Workshops (running concurrently):
	JOHN DUNCAN ROOM Kidney Supportive Care
	TAMAR ROOM Neuropalliative Care: Navigating Complex Symptoms and Decisions at the End of Life
	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL Public Health: From TOO-ism to WITH-ism
1200	Lunch
1300	Special Interest Workshops (running concurrently):
	JOHN DUNCAN ROOM Respiratory – Breathing well at home: more than the lungs
	TAMAR ROOM Rural and Remote / GP: Sharing Complexity: Hard Cases, Real Strategies for Palliative Care in Rural, Remote and Primary Practice
	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL Spiritual Dimension of Palliative Care
1500 - 1545	ALBERT HALL FOYER Afternoon Refreshments

1600	GREAT HALL Conference Opening Assoc Prof Odette Spruijt, ANZSPM 2026 Convenor Aunty Delia Summers, Elders Council of Tasmania Aboriginal Corporation Minister Bridget Archer MP, Tasmanian Government Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing / Minister for Ageing Dr Ahmed Nagla, ANZSPM President
1630	GREAT HALL CHAIR: Dr Ahmed Nagla, ANZSPM President Rosalie Shaw Oration Dr Frank Brennan AM
1720	GREAT HALL Plenary 1 CHAIRS: Dr Michelle Gold & A/Prof Carol Douglas The role of creativity in connecting with patients and providing care Dr Sharonne Zaks AM, Melbourne Dental Clinic and University of Melbourne, Melbourne
1805	Close of Day 1
1815 - 2030	ANZSPM 2026 Welcome Reception, Albert Hall Launceston ALBERT HALL FOYER Our entertainment: Christopher "CJ" Jones is a dedicated and accomplished pianist who began playing at the age of six. CJ has developed a versatile and expressive style, reflected in his outstanding success across classical, modern, baroque, contemporary, and modern repertoire. A standout moment in CJ's career was his appearance on the ABC television program "The Piano", where he was selected to perform and voted through to play in the final episode at the Sydney Recital Hall – an achievement that brought his talent to a national audience. CJ has also appeared as a special guest artist in two ABC Classic 100 Concerts at Hamer Hall in Melbourne. He regularly performs at corporate events, festivals, community events, and aged care facilities, connecting with audiences of all ages through his engaging performances. He has had the opportunity to work alongside respected artists including Guy Sebastian, Andrea Lam and Ed Tulsa.

Friday 25 September

ALBERT HALL LAUNCESTON (47 Tamar Street)

0700	ALBERT HALL FOYER Registration Desk
0715	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL, 50 Tamar Street ANZSPM AGM breakfast (members only)
0730	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL, 50 Tamar Street ANZSPM AGM (members only)
0830	GREAT HALL Plenary 2 CHAIRS: Prof Jennifer Philip & A/Prof Davinia Seah What is a good death? An economic research agenda for Palliative Care Prof Eric Finklestein, Duke-MUS Medical School, Singapore
0915	GREAT HALL Plenary 3 CHAIRS: A/Prof Odette Spruijt & Prof Melanie Lovell Advocacy for global change – addressing the abyss of lack of access to palliative care and pain relief Dr Elizabeth Saenz, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Austria (virtual) Prof Karl Lorenz, Stanford School of Medicine, USA Dr Shilpa Khanna, Sangwari, India
1015	Poster Speed Talks 1: - Using the Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (AR-DRG) casemix classification to describe complexity in patients admitted under a specialist palliative care service Dr Estelle White, Chris O'Brien, Lifehouse Hospital - No rest for the weary: Case studies of complexities with restless legs syndrome management in an outpatient supportive and palliative care setting Dr Shalini Ponnampalam, Austin Health - A decades-old winning formula: continuous subcutaneous infusions (CSCI) and drug combinations in palliative care Dr Mary Andhoga, Mary Potter Hospice - A Dose of Grief: Death education for medical students Paris Matthews & Isabelle Ewert, University of Melbourne

	• Diagnosis-associated differences in continuous subcutaneous infusion use and end-of-life decision making: malignant versus non-malignant disease Dr Vivek Narotam, Ipswich Hospital		
1020	Poster Speed Talks 2: • Providing outpatient palliative care for patients with non-malignant diagnoses: a pilot evaluation Dr Clare Browne, Austin Health • Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on palliative care delivery for people living with dementia in residential aged care: Facility Manager perspectives Dr Manoshayini Sooriyakumaran, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre • Rapid Analgesia Without Opioids: Inhaled Methoxyflurane for Acute Pain in Palliative Care — A Prospective Audit Dr Yew Chin Lau, Peel Health Campus • Silencing the persistent cough: speech pathology intervention in palliative care Dr Caroline Xue, Monash Health		
1025	Poster Speed Talks 3: • Australia's medication shortages in palliative care – a call for a multi-agency response Dr Shalini Ponnampalam, Austin Health • Experiences of assisted telehealth for medical review in community palliative care: a retrospective cohort review Dr Fan-en (Annie) Chiu, Mercy Palliative Care • Enabling Home with Grace and Dignity: Early Success of a Reliable Harmonised Compassionate Discharge Model Angie Lim, National University Hospital Singapore • Comfort Over Cure: Lessons from a case of End-Stage Kidney Failure in Systemic Sclerosis Dr Shabana Kalla, NSW Health		
1030	ALBERT HALL FOYER Morning Refreshments		
1100	Concurrent Session 1		
GREAT HALL CHAIRS: Prof Jennifer Philip & A/Prof Natasha Michael Timely referral / improving access		TAMAR ROOM CHAIRS: Prof Karl Lorenz & Dr Christine Drummond International and national advocacy for equity of access to essential medicines and palliative care	JOHN DUNCAN ROOM CHAIRS: A/Prof Fiona Runacres & Dr Michelle Gold Evolving concepts of palliative care practice
Early palliative care – how do we make it happen? Prof Jenny Philip, Palliative Care Nexus, University of Melbourne		A facilitated structured approach to establish a collective purpose statement to advance palliative care in the Asia Pacific region: the Cynthia Goh Fellowship initiative Dr Aaron Bak Ong Wong, Eastern Health	Comparing symptoms and outcomes between non-malignant patients in Australian inpatient palliative care: a multi-site observational study A/Prof Davinia Seah, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Ltd
			Be SMART: Rethinking Methadone Initiation and Rotation for Cancer Pain in Routine Palliative Care Dr Warrick Jones, North Haven Hospice

		Strengthening palliative care in the Indo-Pacific through a cervical cancer elimination program: the EPICC model Prof Melanie Lovell, Hammondcare	Malignant versus non-malignant inpatient palliative care at three Australian metropolitan services: a 10-year observational cohort study (2015–2024) Dr Hisato Kosai, University of Technology Sydney	A simple approach to improve understanding of why Pro re nata opioids and/or benzodiazepines are being administered in hospitalised palliative care patients Dr Sarah Pascoe, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Moving upstream: Identifying newly referred patients to Medical Oncology suitable for early palliative care by utilising the “Royal Marsden Triggers Tool Dr Patrick Daly, Southern Adelaide Palliative Care Service		The Economic Impact of Early Palliative Care in Australia A/Prof Chris Schilling, University of Melbourne	Voluntary Assisted Dying in an Inpatient Palliative Care Unit: A 3-Year Retrospective Audit of Prevalence, Clinical Characteristics, and Outcomes Dr Andrew Young, Specialist Palliative Care Service - North	Concurrent sedative use after phenobarbital initiation in palliative sedation therapy: a descriptive audit and guideline-based analysis Dr Hossein Kasiri, Austin Health
Timeliness and appropriateness of referrals to specialist palliative care from primary care: Perspectives from specialist palliative care services Dr Arjun Poudel, Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration, UOW		Impact of Hydromorphone Slow Release Discontinuation on Opioid Prescribing: A Retrospective Advanced Cancer Cohort Study Dr Aaron K Wong, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Voluntary Assisted Dying in an Institutional Non-Participating Specialist Palliative Care Service – Processes, Outcomes and Learnings Dr Alexander Kochi, Queensland Health	CMV reactivation after Checkpoint Inhibitor Immunotherapy. Thinking outside the box in patients with refractory symptoms Dr Alison Blight, Palliative Care Specialist Private Practice
Care of the most complex- how collaboration is the key Dr Abigail Franklin, Manly Adolescent and Young Adult Hospice		What is a ‘good death’ in Sri Lanka? A/Prof Odette Spruijt, TAS SPCS North	Perceptions of the Effect of Sound, Light and Temperature in a Palliative Care Ward: Survey of Perspectives of Patients and Staff A/Prof Davinia Seah, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Ltd	
1215	ALBERT HALL FOYER Lunch			
1315	Concurrent Session 2			
GREAT HALL CHAIRS: A/Prof Carol Douglas & Dr Florry O’Connell		TAMAR ROOM CHAIRS: Dr Masanori Mori & Dr Carol McAllum	JOHN DUNCAN ROOM CHAIRS: Dr Delamy Keall	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL CHAIRS: Dr Rosemary Ramsay

Palliative care in underserved populations, including low and middle income countries		Psychoexistential dimensions of palliative care practice, including spiritual care	Evolving concepts of palliative care practice	Models to improve access to palliative care
Empowering Sri Lankan healthcare workers to deliver a 'good death' - a strengths-based framework and approach Prof Jennifer Philip, University of Melbourne		The use of rituals to address spiritual needs in palliative care: An Australian cohort study A/Prof Natasha Michael, University of Notre Dame Australia	Proportionality in palliative sedation therapy: bridging the gap between guideline intent and clinical practice Dr Hossein Kasiri, Austin Health	He Whare Korowai – an innovative approach to community inpatient palliative care. West Auckland, New Zealand Dr Celia Palmer, Hospice West Auckland
End of life care for elderly people with chronic, progressive non-cancer illness – a retrospective audit of the quality of dying in a small metropolitan hospital Dr Phyllis Tay, Tasmanian Health Service		Re-conceptualising wellbeing in palliative care Dr Claire Stokes, Mater Hospital Brisbane	Body and Mind - the unique role of a psychiatrist in caring for patients in two very different palliative care units in Sydney, Australia Dr Abigail Franklin, Manly Adolescent and Young Adult Hospice	A social history of Palliative Medicine in Australia and New Zealand Dr Ofra Fried, Queensland Health
Bridging the Gap in Specialized Cancer Pain Management: "CHALLENGE-Canpain," a Remote Expert Consultation Platform Dr Eriko Satomi, National Cancer Center Hospital		Evaluating Psycho-existential Outcome Measures for Psychedelic Trials in Palliative Care: A Scoping Review A/Prof Seunghun Lee, Pusan National University & Prof Phillip Good, SVHA/MATER	Implications of High Risk Pharmacogenomic Variants for Symptom Management Prescribing in Palliative Cancer Care Dr Aaron K Wong, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Projecting Unmet Palliative Care Needs in Australia: A Health Workforce Planning Model for Palliative Care Susannah Annable & A/Prof Chris Schilling, University of Melbourne
The Cost of Informal Cancer Caregiving (CCC) Questionnaire: pilot of a co-designed tool for palliative oncology Prof Jennifer Philip, University of Melbourne		A Prospective Cohort Study Evaluating the Psycho-Existential Concerns and Psychopathology in Advanced Illness A/Prof Natasha Michael, University of Notre Dame Australia	Chinese-Australian Patients and Carers in Palliative Care: A Qualitative Study of Experiences, Cultural Dimensions and Challenges to Person-Centred Care Dr Theresa Nguyen, Blacktown Hospital	Developing a "Last 1000 Days" Framework in Aged Care: Integrating Frailty, Reablement, End-of-Life Care and Voluntary Assisted Dying into Clinical Governance Glen Williams, Onecare Ltd
1415	Concurrent Session 3			
GREAT HALL CHAIRS: Dr Chien-Che Lin & Dr Merlina Sulistio		TAMAR ROOM CHAIRS: Prof Eric Finkelstein & Dr Sara Rendo	JOHN DUNCAN ROOM CHAIRS: Prof Phillip Good & Dr Maxine Glanger	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL CHAIRS: Dr Wendy Pattemore

International and national advocacy for equity of access to essential medicines and palliative care		Models to improve access to palliative care	Respecting Personhood	Palliative care in underserved populations, including low and middle income countries
A national pharmacoepidemiologic study of rapid-onset opioids for advanced cancer in Australia, 2013–2025: rarely used, intensively dosed Dr Aaron K Wong, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre		Going the extra mile: Teletrials in palliative care Dr Claire Stokes, Mater Hospital Brisbane	Reframing Hope Under Time Constraints: A Case of Restoring Patient-Led Decision Making in Hospice Care Misaki Fujiwara, Kin-ikyo Chuo Hospital	How do Sri Lankan newspapers represent palliative care? A discourse analysis Prof Jennifer Philip, University of Melbourne
Improving community-based anticipatory prescribing at end of life: embedding the National Core Community Palliative Care Medicines List Dr Arvind Gunasekaran, Queensland Health		Is palliative care associated with lower terminal hospital costs for people with non-cancer diagnoses? A single site retrospective study A/Prof Davinia Seah, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Ltd	Bespoke virtual carer support: lessons from lived experience and the Specialist Palliative Care Rural Telehealth (SPaRTa) Service Dr Prem Ram, SCHHS Palliative Care	Mapping Home-Based Palliative Care Need in rural Central India Dr Shilpa Khanna, Sangwari Comprehensive Primary Health Care
Dying Gracelessly? Deaths in hospital of RACF Residents: A retrospective mixed-methods analysis of precipitating factors and the quality of end of life care Dr Shampa Sinha, St Vincent's Hospital		Caring for the Carer: A Pilot Telehealth Carer Coaching Model for Carers of People Receiving Palliative Care in Rural and Remote Queensland Kelly Buzza, Sunshine Coast Hospital & Health Service	Respecting Personhood Through Integrative Care: Making Invisible Clinical Work in Palliative Care Visible Dr Carrie Lethborg, St Vincent's Hospital	Pathways to access timely pain management and palliative care for people with pancreatic cancer Prof Jennifer Philip, University of Melbourne
1500 - 1530	ALBERT HALL FOYER Afternoon Refreshments			
1530	GREAT HALL Plenary 4 CHAIRS: Prof Greg Crawford & Dr Sid Vemuri Where science meets the art of caring Dr Masanori Mori, Seirei Mikatahara General Hospital, Japan			
1615	GREAT HALL			

	Plenary 5 CHAIRS: Prof Greg Crawford & Dr Sid Vemuri Exploring prognosis with parents of very sick children Dr Naomi Katz, Alfred Health and Melbourne Health / Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne
1645	Close of Day 2
1830 - 2230	ANZSPM 2026 Conference Dinner St John's Church, 157 St John Street
2200 - 2400	Party on at the Dill Pickle Club! Level 1/78 St John Street

Saturday 26 September

ALBERT HALL LAUNCESTON (47 Tamar Street)

0800	ALBERT HALL FOYER Registration Desk open	
0830	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL, 50 TAMAR STREET AChPM FELLOWS UPDATE	
0900	Concurrent Session 4	
GREAT HALL CHAIRS: Prof Karl Lorenz & A/Prof Davinia Seah		TAMAR ROOM CHAIRS: A/Prof Peter Poon & Dr Sarah Dunlop
Quality improvement in palliative care		Humanities and palliative care
Retrospective observational study of levomepromazine use in end-of-life care in a metropolitan palliative care inpatient unit Dr Luc Farnan, Mater Hospital		Ethical scaffolding and end-of-life care: moral distress and the limits of clinical guidance Aahana Dudani, Monash University
What are the Barriers to Achieving Home Death in Patients Receiving Community Specialist Palliative Care? Dr Danica Pasia, St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane		Bridging Ethics and Innovation: An ethical evaluation of teletriads in patients with advanced cancer receiving palliative care Dr Claire Stokes, Mater Hospital Brisbane
Assessing quality of dying in patients with advanced renal failure in the Australian Capital Territory: a multi-instrument quality care evaluation Dr Lucy Aitken, QLD Health		The Lethal Absence of Hope Dr Sherina Mubiru, Tasmanian Health Service / Royal Hobart Hospital
Palliative Care clinicians' medication recommendations for Intensive Care Unit patients transitioning to ward-based end-of-life care: a descriptive study Dr Amanda Tan, Melbourne Health & Eastern Health		Consumer dissatisfaction in a specialist palliative care service Prof Phillip Good, SVHA/MATER

Describing incidence, outcomes and risk factors of falls with injury in the community palliative care setting: a retrospective cohort study Dr Frances Squires, Royal Melbourne Hospital	Simplifying the highly complex- tailored CMI for adolescent and young adults with palliative care needs Dr Abigail Franklin, Manly Adolescent and Young Adult Hospice	Geographic variation in symptoms at palliative care admission among Australian cancer patients Jared Tang, University of Notre Dame
End-of-life care quality indicators for residential aged care facility residents: a retrospective cohort study of hospital and facility deaths Dr Merlina Sulistio, Cabrini Health	Frailty, Fracture and the Final Chapter, looking at palliative surgery through a Geriatrics Lens Dr Ajuma Ogiji	
1030	ALBERT HALL FOYER Morning Refreshments	
1030 - 1530	Poet-in-residence Cameron Hindrum will join us for the day, writing poetry and his own <i>reflections</i>. You are welcome to sit and write with him or just stop for a chat. Cameron lives, writes and works in Launceston. He has published a novel, <i>The Blue Cathedral</i> (Forty South Books) with his second due for publication in late 2026. That novel, <i>The Sand</i>, won the University of Tasmania Prize for best unpublished manuscript at the 2022 Tasmanian Premier's Literary Awards. He has published three collections of poetry and had two plays professionally produced in Tasmania. He also publishes microfiction, works of around 500 words, on Substack: https://cameronhindrum.substack.com/. His work in the context of this conference focuses on crafting experience, memory or loss into poetry, finding beauty in difficult emotions and using creative writing as it was always intended: to comfort the disturbed, and (when necessary) to disturb the comfortable.	
1100	Poster Speed Talks 4: - Increased collaboration between a hospice and a Māori health and social service provider following joint delirium research Kaye Basire, Te Omanga Hospice - Assessment of Bereavement Risk and the Acceptability and Feasibility of a Bereavement Support Service at an Acute Tertiary Hospital A/Prof Jaclyn Yoong, Northern Health/ Monash Health - Understanding place of death in patients with solid organ malignancies – a retrospective comparison of deaths at an acute hospital and an inpatient palliative care unit Dr Matthew Stanny, Tasmanian Health Service - Advance care planning in end-stage liver disease: A mixed-methods systematic review Dr James Newman, NSW Health - MethoxyFLurane inhaler for single episode cancer-related incident pain in palliative care patients: The FLARE Feasibility Study Protocol Dr Ahmed Nagla, Latrobe Regional Health	

1105	Poster Speed Talks 5: • The impact of embedding pharmacy expertise in a regional specialist palliative care service - bridging gaps in medication management for patients and healthcare professionals Niamh O'Neill • Differences in O₂ related observations in patients who received pleurodesis and patients who received a pleural drain, for the management of malignant pleural effusion Jasmin Juncal, The University of Notre Dame • Going Home on Time (GHOT): A quality improvement project aimed at streamlining workload in a Specialist Palliative Care Consult Team Dr Naomi Gleadle, Tasmanian Health Service • The role of smoking ceremonies in end-of-life care for Aboriginal patients and communities in providing culturally safe, patient-centred care in Western Sydney Jiv Matthews, Western Sydney Local Health District • Examining Advance Care Planning Practices: A Descriptive Study of ACP Tracker Utilisation Dr Prem Ram, SCHHS Palliative Care
1110	Poster Speed Talks 6: • Pilot project: implementation of a structured patient/family experience feedback process to drive quality improvement in a specialist palliative care unit Dr Fan-en (Annie) Chiu, Mercy Palliative Care • End of Life Care for Residential Aged Care Home Residents in a Regional Australian Hospital Dr Lauren Wild, University of Sydney • Ward-Based Palliative High-Flow Nasal Oxygen: Should It Become Standard Practice? Dr Jessica Borbasi, Prince of Wales • An Audit of Sodium Valproate Continuous Subcutaneous Infusion Use in the Inpatient Hospice Setting Dr Sivaraj Rajadorai, Canberra Health Service • Do Nutrition Screening Practices and Dietitian Referrals in a Palliative Care Unit vary by Admission Goals of Care? A Retrospective Audit Alyssa Yap, Monash University • Reframing palliative care conversations: a co designed educational approach to supporting timely integration in cancer care A/Prof Amy Waters, St George Hospital
1115	GREAT HALL Plenary 6 CHAIR: Dr Maxine Glanger FACILITATOR: Heather Kent, CEO Palliative Care Tasmania Creative solutions: food for thought, space to breathe, music to our ears Hanz Lee, JAWS Architect, Hobart Emily Sanzaro, Occupational Therapist and Harpist, Launceston Paul Amourgis & Carly Palmer, Van Diemens Land Creamery, Elizabeth Town Hannah Maloney, Director of Goodlife Permaculture, Author, TV Presenter on ABC's Gardening Australia, Hobart
1230	ALBERT HALL FOYER Lunch
1330	Concurrent Session 5

GREAT HALL CHAIRS: Dr Naomi Katz & Dr Laura Booth Other	TAMAR ROOM CHAIRS: Dr Jennifer Weil & A/Prof Carol Douglas Education and training in palliative care	JOHN DUNCAN ROOM CHAIRS: Dr Aaron K Wong & Michelle DeNatale Quality improvement in palliative care	CONVERGE, VERGE HOTEL WORKSHOP Relational Care
Patient-reported outcome measures for supportive care in heart failure: results from an Australian heart failure clinician survey Dr Laura Bird, Monash Health	From co-design to clinical practice: designing an online education course to support timely palliative care integration in cancer care A/Prof Amy Waters, St George Hospital	Enabling rapid quality improvement in palliative care: implementing the PCOC digital dashboard Sabina Clapham, Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration, UOW	WORKSHOP Grief and Art: Honouring the Grieving Process Through Creative Expression Christina Wilson, University of Maryland
Implementation of integrated palliative care outcome scale (IPOS) into palliative care clinics Dr Kimberly Ming Li Gan, Concord General Hospital	A bi-directional approach to education and learning - The Northern Tasmanian Palliative Care Project ECHO Dr Faline Howes, Tasmanian Health Service	Deprescribing practices for elderly patients admitted to a palliative care unit in Sydney, NSW: A retrospective cohort study Dr Ashleigh Elkins, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse	
The challenges of left ventricular assist device de-activation: when the bridge becomes a destination Dr Shampa Sinha, St Vincent's Hospital	Updating ANZSPM Guidance Statement: Use of Palliative Sedation Therapy (PST) in Australia and New Zealand Dr Chien-che Lin, Eastern Palliative Care	Nutrition Screening Practice and Dietitian Referral Patterns in a Palliative Care Unit: Audit of the Malnutrition Screening Tool Use Alyssa Yap, Monash University	
Patterns of Healthcare utilisation and palliative care in the last 12 months of life Dr Megan Opferkuch, Northern Health	Australian Recommendations for the Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Consensus Statement Dr Maria Cigolini	Home-Based Goals of Care: Enhancing Communication and Decision-Making in the Community Dr Hao Zhuo & A/Prof Barbara Hayes	
Antimicrobial prescribing patterns in the last 2 weeks of life at a single tertiary hospital Dr Merlina Sulistio, Cabrini Health		Development of a statewide Community of Practice (COP) for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Care partnering with people with lived experience Dr Dharshini Kunahlan,	

		Calvary Health Care Bethlehem & Latrobe Regional Health	
The Carbon Footprint of an Australian Palliative Care Unit Dr Scott Bushen, Metro North		Advance care planning in older inpatients being discharged to residential aged care facilities Dr Kevin Danagher, North Metropolitan Hospital Service	
1500	ALBERT HALL FOYER Afternoon Refreshments		
1530	GREAT HALL Plenary 7 CHAIRS: Dr Wendy Pattemore & Dr Florry O’Connell Psychedelics in clinical care Dr Justin Dwyer, Psychiatrist, Melbourne Dr Marg Ross, Clinical Psychologist, Melbourne		
1630 - 1700	GREAT HALL Conference Close - Awards & Reflections Assoc Prof Odette Spruijt, ANZSPM 2026 Convenor Dr Ahmed Nagla, ANZSPM President		
1715 – 1800	ALBERT HALL FOYER Performance: ade ishs, pianist (cash bar open) ade ishs is a Tasmanian-based pianist and composer whose music brings together lyrical melodies, rich harmonies, and an improvisational spirit. A regular performer at festivals and venues, he enjoys creating music that invites listeners to pause, reflect and share in the moment. Away from the piano, ade is a data and technology professional with a PhD and an academic background in computer science and music information retrieval research. These different worlds meet in his music through curiosity, structure and the occasional willingness to ignore algorithms entirely.		
1715 - 1905	GREAT HALL Film: Edge of Life		

'The doorway to death is the last great frontier in human life. Intellectually, we all know our lives will end, and yet - in the Western world at least - we act as if death is a mirage, disappearing the closer we move towards it. Two doctors in Australia are using psilocybin to help ease the anguish of their patients at the end of life, and the results they have seen are truly remarkable. But this visioning tool, like other plant medicines, is not new; it comes from ancient traditions.'

Writers: Lynette Wallworth & Tashka Yawanawa | Director: Lynette Wallworth | Producer: Jo-anne McGowan, Stranger Than Fiction Films

1 hour 50 minutes duration