

# From Neurons to Narratives: The integrated science of brain and mind

12-15 November 2026 • QT, Gold Coast, Queensland

In collaboration with the Section of Psychiatry of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities & Global Neuropsychiatry Group



## Thursday 12 November 2026

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| 08:00–17:00                              | Registration open            |
| <b>Functional neurological disorders</b> |                              |
| 09:00–17:00                              | (Program TBC)                |
| 17:00–19:00                              | Conference welcome reception |

## Friday 13 November 2026

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| 07:30– 17:00                                                | Registration open                                                                                                                  |
| 08:15–08:30                                                 | Conference opening & Welcome to Country                                                                                            |
| <b>Young-onset neurodegenerative disorders and dementia</b> |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08:30–09:00                                                 | <b>YOND – biological markers and clinical phenotypes</b><br><i>Professor Peter Nestor</i>                                          |
| 09:00–09:30                                                 | <b>Huntington's disease phenotypes</b><br><i>Associate Professor Samantha Loi</i>                                                  |
| 09:30–10:10                                                 | <b>Gene therapy for Huntington's disease: landmark AMT-130 study</b><br><i>Professor Anne Rosser</i>                               |
| 10:10–10:20                                                 | <b>Lived experience/Carers' experience</b>                                                                                         |
| 10:20–10:50                                                 | <b>Panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b><br><i>Professor Peter Nestor, Associate Professor Samantha Loi and Professor Anne Rosser</i> |
| 10:50–11:15                                                 | Morning tea                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Clinical skills workshops</b>                            |                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:15–12:00                                                 | <b>Neuropsychology for non-neuropsychologists</b><br><i>Associate Professor Samantha Loi &amp; Dr Wendy Kelso</i>                  |
| 12:00–12:45                                                 | <b>Neurology exam and neuropsychiatric assessment</b><br><i>Professor Peter Nestor &amp; Professor Dennis Velakoulis</i>           |
| 12:45–13:45                                                 | Lunch                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Traumatic brain injury</b>                               |                                                                                                                                    |
| 13:45–14:25                                                 | <b>Longitudinal trajectory and prognosis in sports-related injury</b><br><i>Professor Karen Barlow</i>                             |
| 14:25–15:05                                                 | <b>Science and prognosis of TBI – blood and neuroimaging biomarkers</b><br><i>Professor Fatima Nasrallah</i>                       |
| 15:05–15:35                                                 | Afternoon tea                                                                                                                      |
| 15:35–16:15                                                 | <b>Chronic traumatic encephalopathy</b><br><i>Dr Rowena Mobbs</i>                                                                  |
| 16:15–16:25                                                 | Carers' experience                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>16:25–16:55</b>                      | <b>Panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b><br><i>Professor Karen Barlow, Professor Fatima Nasrallah, Dr Rowena Mobbs and Sarah</i> |
| <b>Traumatic brain injury workshops</b> |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>16:55–17:30</b>                      | <b>Neuropsychiatry of mTBI</b><br><i>Dr Jasvinder Singh &amp; Dr Omer Shareef</i>                                             |
| <b>17:30–18:00</b>                      | <b>Neurological aspects of mTBI</b><br><i>Dr Rowena Mobbs and Professor Karen Barlow</i>                                      |
| <b>19:30–10:30</b>                      | <b>Conference dinner</b>                                                                                                      |

## Saturday 14 November 2026

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| <b>08:00–17:30</b>                                    | <b>Registration open</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Sleep and circadian neuropsychiatry</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>08:30–09:00</b>                                    | <b>Sleep physiology, chronobiology and OSA</b><br><i>Associate Professor Eli Dabscheck</i>                                                                                                  |
| <b>09:00–09:30</b>                                    | <b>Narcolepsy and hypersomnia disorders</b><br><i>Dr Meryl Dahlitz</i>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>09:30–10:00</b>                                    | <b>Dreams and parasomnias, including REMBD and forensic considerations</b><br><i>Dr Hetalkumar Mehta</i>                                                                                    |
| <b>10:00–10:30</b>                                    | <b>Panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b><br><i>Associate Professor Eli Dabscheck, Dr Meryl Dahlitz and Dr Hetalkumar Mehta</i>                                                                 |
| <b>10:30–11:00</b>                                    | <b>Morning tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sleep workshops</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>11:00–11:45</b>                                    | <b>Insomnia and circadian rhythm</b><br><i>Dr Curtis Gray</i>                                                                                                                               |
| <b>11:45–12:30</b>                                    | <b>Hickam's dictum: the psychiatric evaluation of excessive daytime sleepiness</b><br><i>Dr Meryl Dahlitz</i>                                                                               |
| <b>Neuromodulation and neuro-assistive technology</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>12:30–13:30</b>                                    | <b>Lunch</b><br><br><b>Lunch &amp; learn session: Vestibulocortical Stimulation (VCS) Therapy for Physical &amp; Mental Pain</b> <i>Trung Thành Ngô</i>                                     |
| <b>13:30–14:00</b>                                    | <b>Deep brain stimulation</b><br><i>Dr Philip Mosley</i>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>14:00–14:30</b>                                    | <b>TMS in neurodegenerative disorders</b><br><i>Professor Kate Hoy</i>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>14:30–15:00</b>                                    | <b>tDCS for mTBI</b><br><i>Professor Karen Barlow</i>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>15:00–15:30</b>                                    | <b>Panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>15:30–16:00</b>                                    | <b>Afternoon tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>16:00–17:30</b>                                    | <b>TMS, tDCS &amp; taVNS practical workshop: Foundations &amp; Advances in Therapeutic Neurostimulation Technologies</b><br><br><i>Dr Grace Ng, Dr Alvin Goh &amp; Dr João Pedro Chagas</i> |

Sunday 15 November 2026

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| 08:00–17:00                                                                                                     | Registration open                                                                                                                                     |
| Intellectual disability across the lifespan                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 08:30–09:30                                                                                                     | <b>Application of genomic technologies in intellectual and developmental disability</b><br><i>Professor John Christodoulou</i>                        |
| 09:30–10:00                                                                                                     | <b>Assessment of dementia in individuals with intellectual and developmental disability</b><br><i>Dr Madeleine Healy</i>                              |
| 10:00–10:30                                                                                                     | Morning tea                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:30–11:00                                                                                                     | <b>Chronic catatonia in intellectual and developmental disability: clinical update</b><br><i>Professor Jay Splanker</i>                               |
| 11:00–11:30                                                                                                     | <b>Down syndrome regression disorder: current understanding and clinical management</b><br><i>Dr Cathy Franklin and Dr Jon Santoro</i>                |
| Intellectual and developmental disability workshops                                                             |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:30–12:30                                                                                                     | <b>Diagnostic overlap between autism spectrum disorder and mental illness</b><br><i>Dr Solomon Shatananda, Dr Grace Min and Dr Andrew Livingstone</i> |
| 11:30–12:30                                                                                                     | <b>Understanding and managing challenging behaviour in intellectual and developmental disability</b><br><i>Dr Tamara Smith</i>                        |
| 12:30–13:30                                                                                                     | Lunch                                                                                                                                                 |
| Neuropsychiatry in epilepsy                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       |
| Chair – <i>Dr Emily Watson</i> , Mater Epilepsy team; Co-chair – <i>Dr Sarah Thomas</i> , Mater Neuropsychiatry |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 13:30–14:00                                                                                                     | <b>What every neuropsychiatrist should know about drug-resistant epilepsy</b><br><i>Dr Stephen Malone</i>                                             |
| 14:00–14:30                                                                                                     | <b>Epilepsy and neurodiversity</b><br><i>Dr Melanie Johnston</i>                                                                                      |
| 14:30–15:00                                                                                                     | <b>Prescribing challenges in patients with epilepsy and psychiatric comorbidities</b><br><i>Dr Emily Watson</i>                                       |
| 15:00–15:30                                                                                                     | <b>Panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b><br><i>Dr Emily Watson, Dr Sarah Thomas, Dr Stephen Malone and Dr Melanie Johnston</i>                           |
| 15:30–16:00                                                                                                     | Afternoon tea                                                                                                                                         |
| 16:00–17:00                                                                                                     | Posters and awards presentation                                                                                                                       |
| 17:00                                                                                                           | Closing remarks                                                                                                                                       |