

# NSW BRANCH CONFERENCE 2023

Rydges Resort Hunter Valley  
3 – 5 November 2023



## Conference Program 2023

### Friday 3 November 2023

5.00PM Registration open  
6.00PM Welcome Reception

### Saturday 4 November 2023

8.30AM Registration open

8.50AM ***Sunshine on Pokolbin: an introduction to psychiatry in the Hunter and New England - Chair Lisa Lampe***

9.00AM **Alan Weiss** – ECT: What every psychiatrist needs to know

9.30AM **Greg Carter** – Consultation-Liaison Research in the Hunter: Clinical trials, Predictive instruments, Systematic Reviews and Scholarly Projects

10.00AM **Nick Bendit** – The (not so) wonderful world of dissociation

10.30AM Morning tea


11.00AM **Eliza Milliken** - Everything you ever wanted to know about psilocybin but were afraid to ask

11.30AM **Jacqueline Coupland** and **Henry Casserly** - Reflecting on Reflections; 4 years of a JMO Reflective Group

12.00PM **Matthew Elton** - The Hunter FND Clinic: progress to date

12.30PM **Jayson Jeganathan** - Negative symptoms in psychosis: research findings

1.00PM Lunch

- 2.00PM ***The Gathering Storm - challenges and controversies in psychiatry - Chair Angelo Virgona***
- 2.10PM **Kate Gillman** (head, medicolegal advisory service, Avant) - Medicolegal aspects of prescribing emerging therapies, and other good tips for psychiatrists
- 2.40PM **Jacqueline Curtis, Rosie Forster and Daniel Pellen** - Expanding headspace – possible future directions
- 3.10PM Afternoon tea
- 3.40PM **Gin Malhi** - What if everything we thought we knew about depression was wrong?
- 4.10PM **Wade Stedman** - Voluntary assisted dying – what NSW psychiatrists need to know
- 5.00PM Finish
- 6.45PM Conference Dinner, presentations, speaker, music and dancing with band 

## Sunday 5 November 2023

- 8.30AM Registration open
- 9.00AM ***A New Dawn – innovation and creativity in psychiatric care - Chair Ralf Ilchef***
- 9.10AM **Pramudie Gunaratne and Nick O'Connor** – improving the experience of training in psychiatry
- 9.40AM **Sylvia Lim-Gibson** – The mother-baby mental health unit at RPAH: the first 18 months
- 10.10AM Morning tea
- 10.30AM **Karen Williams** – A trauma unit for women: Ramsay Clinic Thirroul, an update
- 11.00AM **Jackie Huber and Maryssa Portelli** – rethinking emergency psychiatry
- 11.30AM ‘Young Talent Time’ – NSW trainees present their passion projects
- 12.30PM **Elizabeth Moore** (RANZCP President) on “Innovation and AI in psychiatry”
- 1.00PM Lunch – Conference close