

# Victorian Branch Annual Weekend Conference

21–23 November 2025  
Mercure Hotel Ballarat



## Preliminary Program

### Friday 21 November 2025

1830	Registration open
1900 – 2100	Welcome BBQ

### Saturday 22 November 2025

0900	Registration open
0930 – 0945	Welcome to Country <b>Traditional owner Shannen Mennen</b>  Welcome <b>A/Prof Simon Stafrace, Victorian Branch Chair</b>
0945 – 1020	<b>Professor Margaret Hamilton AO</b> Comments on the effort to reconcile the intent and expectations of legislative review/changes  <b>Recipient of the 2025 Victorian Meritorious Award for non-Fellows</b>
1020 – 1030	Questions
1030 – 1100	Morning tea
Integrating Care	
1100 – 1135	<b>A/Prof Shalini Arunogiri</b> Treating PTSD and addiction: integrated care, integration and the role of psychedelic assisted therapies
1135 – 1210	<b>A/Prof Paul Cammell</b> Psychotherapy and the psychiatrist - perspectives and reflections for training and service provision in the public and private sectors
1210 – 1225	Questions
1225 – 1325	Lunch

New treatments in psychiatry	
1325 – 1400	<b>Professor Suresh Sundram</b> Psychedelic medicines
1400 – 1435	<b>Professor Malcolm Hopwood</b> Ketamine update – prescribing and setting up clinics
1435 – 1450	<b>Questions</b>
<b>1450 – 1520</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
2025 Travelling Scholar	
1520 – 1555	<b>Professor Tracy Smart AO</b> Doctors in war and peacekeeping: moral injury and ethical dilemmas faced in treating and protecting civilians
1555 – 1605	<b>Questions</b>
<b>1830</b>	<b>Conference dinner</b>  <b>A/Prof Campbell Paul</b> How may a psychiatrist see the world through the eyes of the distressed infant, child and their family? Four and a half decades in a paediatric hospital  <b>Recipient of the 2025 Victorian Meritorious Award for Fellows</b>

Sunday 23 November 2025	
The breadth of psychiatry – Session 1	
0930 – 1005	<b>Professor Tracy Smart AO</b> Leading in volatile times: being resilient and leading resilient teams  <b>2025 Travelling Scholar</b>
1005 – 1015	<b>Questions</b>
1015 – 1045	<b>A/Prof Sophie Adams</b> Neuropsychiatry of yoga
1045 – 1050	<b>Questions</b>
<b>1050 – 1120</b>	<b>Yoga in action - practical session</b>  <b>Morning Tea</b>

<b>The breadth of psychiatry – Session 2</b>	
1120 – 1150	<b>Dr Paul Denborough</b> Eliminating fear based practice
1150 – 1155	<b>Questions</b>
1155 – 1225	<b>Dr Anoop Raveendran Nair Lalitha and Maggie Clark</b> Taking it forward- story of regional health network alliance
1225 – 1230	<b>Questions</b>
1230 – 1300	<b>Stigma and media - panel discussion</b> Panel to be advised
1300	<b>Lunch and Close</b>