



Thursday 18th September

07:45 – 08:45	Arrival tea/coffee registration
08:45 – 09:05	Welcome to Country Merinda Sainty
09:05 – 09:30	Conference opening Professor Brett McDermott & Leanne McLean, former Commissioner for Children & young people

Session 1: Keynote presentation: Session chair: Professor Brett McDermott

09:30 – 10:30	Childhood adversity, allostatic load and mental health Professor Zoltán Sarnyai
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10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea
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11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Symposia
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Session chair: Professor Brett McDermott Symposium 1 Growing child and adolescent mental health international relations: An update		Session chair: Associate Professor Mat Coleman Symposium 2 A journey of growth and renewal. Integrated pathways for children, youth and families in rural Australia	
11:00 – 11:20	Building a Bridge for CAP Internationally Dr Nick Kowalenko	A journey of growth and renewal of the Goulburn Valley Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service, Victoria Dr Vibhay Raykar	
11:20 – 11:40	Training and capacity building resources in child and adolescent psychiatry: From the manual “Where There Is No Child Psychiatrist” to IACAPAP Textbook 2.0 Professor Valsamma Eapen	An integrated pathway for a better outcome for children, youth, families and the service providers in the North of Tasmania Dr Apeksha Hewageegana	







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11:40 – 12:00	Supporting colleagues during crises: FCAP members collaborate with Ukrainian CAPs to assist their response to children’s trauma during war Dr Tanya Dus	Regional community child and youth mental health service treatment outcomes in children with and without ASD diagnosis Dr Donna Dowling
12:00 – 12:20	Evaluating child and adolescent psychiatry introductory training (CAPIT) in Cambodia Dr Daniel Issa	Practical aspects of multiaxial classification: A clinically useful biopsychosocial framework for child and adolescent psychiatry Dr Mark Mayall
12:20 – 12:30	Questions	Questions

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Session 3: Keynote presentation: Session chair: Dr Damian Fong		
13:30 – 14:30	A sabbatical with international Red Cross Red Crescent – consulting on children, disasters and war Professor Brett McDermott	

14:30 – 15:00

Afternoon tea

Session 4		
15:00 – 17:00	Session 4a – Free papers Session chair: Dr Damian Fong	Session 4b – Free papers Session chair: Dr Reagan O’Neill
15:00 – 15:30	Can a residential house be a home? Providing family systems interventions for children living in residential out-of-home care Dr James Lawler	AI-based retinal image analysis for the risk of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Global Developmental Delay (GDD) for children Aged 2-6 Professor Benny CY Zee
15:30 – 16:00	Varying styles of lived experience working alongside clinicians Sammy Walker	Parental experiences of a digital developmental screening tool to navigate healthcare pathways in New South Wales and Queensland Dr Christa Lam-Cassettari, Isabella Andersen & Cathy Bradford

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The establishment and evaluation of the Sydney Children's Hospital
Mental Health in Intellectual Disability Hub (SCHN MHID Hub)

Dr David Dossetor

16:30 – 17:00

Experiences of domestic violence and other adversities in Australian
children

Dr Julie Blake

The adult exploration of attachment interview: Training,
implementation and clinical application across a tertiary CAMHS service

Dr Callum Deakin, Dr Liz Coventry & Dr Maddison Cavauiolo

Using a three-phase iterative co-design process for developing a
transdiagnostic neurodevelopmental assessment scale for children

Syeda Ishra Azim

17:30 – 19:30

Welcome reception
Centurian Sky
Level 4



Friday 19th September

08:00 – 09:00 Arrival tea/coffee registration

Session 5: Julian Katz Oration: Session chair: Dr Amaryah Paul

09:00 – 10:00

Associate Professor Denise Riordan

10:00 – 10:20

Morning tea

10:20 – 12:30

Session 6

Session chair: Dr Anagha Jayakar Symposium 3 The Tasmanian Kids Care Clinics Model: A collaborative approach to managing complex needs of children experiencing adversity		Session chair: A / Professor Paul Robertson Connell Werry Advanced Trainee Prize	
10:20 - 10:40	An overview of TCPS and KCCs Dr Anagha Jayakar	10:20 - 10:40	Adverse childhood experiences and autism in young people attending a mental health service in regional Queensland, Australia Dr Reagan O'Neill
10:40 - 11:00	Infant mental health in focus: Embedding relationship-based care in the early years Dr Victoria Carter	10:40 - 11:00	To be “within and without” – A trainee’s perspective of an intellectual and developmental disability consultation service Dr Yoon Kwon Choi
11:00 - 11:20	From silos to support: Building youth-focused services through co-location Dr Jessica Paine	11:00 - 11:20	Exploring child and adolescent eating disorder presentations to an Australian inner regional emergency department 2018-2022 Dr Anna Elliston
11:20 - 11:40	The Introduction of nurse-led clinics (NLCs) within the Tasmanian community paediatric service Susan Finn	11:20 - 11:40	CSF positive, seronegative NMDA encephalitis: Pooled analysis based on cases through systematic Review Dr Nicole Tregoning






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11:40 -12:00	Collaborative and Child–Centred Clinical Care: Using a flexible fit for TCPS families Dr Ali Morse	11:40 - 12:00	Questions
12:00 - 12:20	Multidisciplinary team meetings as a mechanism for integrated care in vulnerable paediatric populations Dr Tom Clemens		
12:20 - 12:30	Questions		

12:30 – 13:25

Lunch – Core Restaurant

Session 7: Keynote presentation: Session chair: Professor Brett McDermott			
13:25 – 14:25	Most of our consumers have a complex trauma history” But are we ready to treat PTSD, complex or otherwise? Professor Vanessa Cobham		

14:25-14:50

Afternoon tea

14:50 - 16:20		Session 8: Symposia	
Session chair: Associate Professor Scott Harden Symposium 4: Threatening adolescents: A field in flux		Session chair: Dr Rebecca Grant Symposium 5: Health worker wellness symposium	
14:50 - 15:10	Research paper on Adolescent Threateners and significance of ASD and Depression Associate Professor Scott Harden	The emotional wellbeing of health care workers: How are we travelling? Professor Brett McDermott	
15:10 - 15:30	Study on adolescent threateners out of Victorian FTAC (Fixated Threat Assessment Team) and FARIS Dr Meredith Gray	10 years of health impairment reports to AHPRA Professor Marie Bismark	
15:30 - 15:50	The functioning of Tasmanian FTAC Dr Mike Jordan	Improving healthcare worker mental health: suggestions from the coalface Dr Tahnee Bridson	



15:50 – 16:10	Qld FTAC and embedded child and youth mental health staff Dr Michael Tunbridge	Questions
16:10 – 16:20	Questions	

16:20 – 17:35

Session 9: Free papers

	Session 9a- Free papers Session chair: Dr Mark Mayall	Session 9b – Free papers Session chair: Dr Nilanja Jayanetti
16:20 – 16:45	The paediatric bipolar disorder epidemic: Lessons for psychiatric nosology and medical ethics Associate Professor Peter Parry	Incorporating creative arts therapies in community child and youth mental health services to improve satisfaction and engagement with treatment: A mixed-methods feasibility study Dr Kate Aitchison
16:45 – 17:10	Consumers with bipolar disorder presenting to an Australian child and youth mental health service. Dr Raja Sadhu	The growing popularity of animal assisted psychotherapy – An overview. Dr Anja Kriegeskotten
17:10 – 17:35	Luna Pakana rrala - Strong Aboriginal Women Heidi Lethbridge & Merinda Sainty	Association of adverse childhood events (ACEs) with school refusal: An exploration of the connection Dr Monica Mongia

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Day 2 concludes

18:15 – Boarding the Ferry
 18:30 – Ferry departs
 19:30 – Ferry arrives at Peppermint Bay Hotel
 22:45 – Boarding return bus
 23:00 – Coach departs Peppermint Bay Hotel
 23:30 – Bus arrives at Crown Plaza

Conference dinner
Peppermint Bay Hotel



Saturday 20th September

08:30 – 09:00 **Arrival tea/coffee registration**

Session 10 – Keynote presentation: Session Chair: Dr Tahnee Bridson

09:00 – 10:00 Effective advocacy for change
Professor Marie Bismark

10:00 – 10:30 Session Chair: Professor Valsa Eapen

Session 11 2026 conference launch
Dr Ken Hooper

10:10 – 10:30 Faculty update for Faculty members
Professor Valsamma Eapen

10:30 – 11:00 **Morning tea**

11:00 – 12:30 Session 12: Symposia

Session chair: Dr Michael Bowden Symposium 6: Using service navigation and place-based integrated care models in the community and in school settings		Session chair: Dr Rebecca Grant Symposium 7: Planetary Health – what do Child Psychiatrists need to know in 2025?	
11:00 – 11:20	Navigating new and expectant parents to mental health care support: The national ForWhen service Professor Valsamma Eapen	11:00 – 11:30	Evidence and systems modelling to improve responses to child and adolescent psychiatric presentations and outcomes linked to planetary ill-health (climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss) Dr Cybele Dey
11:20 – 11:40	Understanding and addressing unmet social needs among multicultural and regional/rural families in Australia: Determinants and the impact of a digital screening and navigation model in a randomised controlled trial Dr James John	11:30 – 11:50	An exploration of distress about planetary ill-health with a lived experience lens and a framework for management Dr Anna Elliston



11:40 – 12:00	Implementation of a digital developmental surveillance tool for identification of child developmental concerns and parental mental health needs among multicultural families attending Mirrung, a preschool-based Hub Dr Christa Lam-Cassettari	11:50 – 12:10	Community-based responses to distress about planetary ill-health Dr Anna Seth
12:00 – 12:20	A school-based integrated health hub servicing the NSW South Coast Antonio Mendoza Diaz		
12:20 – 12:30	Questions	12:10 – 12:30	Questions

12:30 – 13:15 **Lunch – Core Restaurant**

Session chair: Valsa Eapen	
Session 13 13:15 -14:00	The Foundation’s Impact on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
	Introduction to the Foundation Professor Valsamma Eapen Project overview, research update, and the impact of Foundation funding Dr James Lawler and Dr Yoon Kwon Choi Upcoming grants, how to apply & key dates Professor Valsamma Eapen Questions

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Concluding comments and conference closes