



Victorian Branch Annual Weekend Conference

13 – 15 November 2026
RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick

Program

Friday 13 November 2026		
1400	Registration opens	
Trainee and Early Career Psychiatrists Town Hall Workshops		
1430 – 1530	Trainee Town Hall Session Facilitators: A/Prof Simon Stafrace and Dr Olivia Harley	Early Career Town Hall Session Facilitators: Dr Jenny Babb and Dr Ajay Vijayakrishnan
1530 – 1545	Afternoon tea	
1545 – 1700	Panel discussion and workshop Leadership and the future of psychiatry Facilitator: A/Prof Simon Stafrace Panelists: Dr Jenny Babb and Professor Dan Siskind	
1900 – 2100	Welcome BBQ	
Saturday 14 November 2026		
0900	Registration opens	
Chair: A/Prof Simon Stafrace		
0930 – 0945	Welcome to Country Welcome A/Prof Simon Stafrace, Victorian Branch Chair	
0945 – 1020	Professor Dan Siskind Management of antipsychotic induced physical health problems including obesity with GLP-1RAs	
1020 – 1030	Questions	
1030 – 1100	Morning tea	
Chair: A/Prof Sophie Adams		
1100 – 1110	A/Prof Sophie Adams Working from within government to create positive change: ADHD	
1110 – 1135	A/Prof Simon Stafrace From problem to partnership: lessons from developing the Victorian Adult ADHD Shared Care Framework with the RACGP	
1135 – 1210	Dr Steven Chau OCD - assessment and management in private practice	

1210 – 1225	Questions
1225 – 1325	Lunch
Chair: A/Prof Lee Allen	
1325 – 1400	Dr Evelyn Bian and Fiona Murray Implementation of Open Dialogue: Ngamai Wilam and RMH Adult Community Mental Health
1400 – 1435	Katie Larsen A catalyst for change: Lived Experience Leadership and Transformation Recipient 2026 Victorian Meritorious Award for non-Fellows
1435 – 1530	Panel Discussion and Questions Power, partnership and purpose: rethinking leadership in mental health Panelists: Dr Jenny Babb, Dr Evelyn Bian, Katie Larsen & Peter Pamouktsis
1530 – 1600	Afternoon tea
1830	Conference dinner Professor Anne Buist AO Tales from the road: the tension between ‘bio’ and ‘psychosocial’ and where it is heading Recipient 2026 Victorian Meritorious Award for Fellows

Sunday 15 November 2026	
Chair: Dr Dominika Baetens	
0930 – 1005	Professor Dan Siskind Quality and safe use of clozapine
1005 – 1040	Professor Bruce Singh Surviving life when death walks around us
1040 – 1055	Questions
1055 – 1125	Morning Tea
Chair: Francesca Valmorbida McSteen	
1125 – 1205	The new Fellowship: trust the process Professor Andrew Teodorczuk, RANZCP Executive Dean of Education <i>Joining virtually</i>
1205 – 1220	Questions
1220 – 1235	A/Prof Simon Stafrace Wrap up – the Victorian Branch in 2027
1235	Lunch