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AUSTRALIAN OPHTHALMIC NURSES ASSOCIATION  
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SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2025



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**SEE THE FUTURE OF EYE CARE  
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**SESSION 1      EMERGENCY – Chair: Roseanna Zoe Knowles**

<b>08:30 – 08:40</b>	Welcome address	Lesley McDowell – President
<b>08:40 – 09:10</b>	Expanding Our Field of View – Keynote Address	Julia Costello
<b>09:10 – 09:40</b>	Vision for Learning: Eye Education eModules for NT Health	Anna Huigen
<b>09:40– 09:45</b>	Sponsor talk	Johnson & Johnson
<b>09:45 – 10:05</b>	Empowering Your Look with Corneal Tattooing: A Case Presentation	Amy Chumkasian & Dr Prakshi Chopra
<b>10:05–10:25</b>	Emergency Department Improvement Activities	Rajith Thotijar
<b>10:25 – 10:30</b>	Sponsor talk	Roche
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Questions/Discussion	
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	Morning Tea	

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**SESSION 2      MEDICAL - Chair: Elizabeth Okely**

**11:15 - 11:35**      Me and PCV      Lyn Scott

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**11:35 - 11:50**      The Griffith Ophthalmology Project      Kerrie Legg

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**11:50 - 12:20**      Diabetes - pre operative GLP1 mgmt      Helen Cossill

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**12:20 - 12:40**      Ocular Oncology service at RVEEH      Rhea Ortega

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**12:40 - 12:45**      Sponsor talk      Alcon

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**12:45 - 13:45**      Lunch      Main Exhibition Hall

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**SESSION 3      SURGICAL - Chair: Lesley McDowell**

**13:45 - 14:15**      Annual General Meeting

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**14:15 - 14:35**      Thyroid Eye Disease      Dr Krishna Tumuluri

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**14:35 - 14:55**      Introducing CAIRS for Keratoconus in Australia      Dr Tess Hunyh

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**14:55 - 15:15**      Glaucoma Stents and Tubes - when and why do we use them?      Dr Jason Cheng

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**15:15 - 15:25**      Questions/Discussion

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**15:25 - 15:30**      Reading from Grandad's Last Wish      Heather Machin

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**15:30 - 15:35**      Sponsor talk      Zeiss

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**15:35 - 16:00**      Afternoon Tea

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**SESSION 4      EDUCATION - Chair: Rhea Ortega**

<b>16:00-16:30</b>	Collaborative Eye Care: In Action – Meeting Patient Needs, Improving Compliance & Empowering Engagement Through Podcast Education	Rosanna Zoe Knowles
<b>16:30 - 16:40</b>	Gold Sponsor talk	Bausch & Lomb
<b>16:40 - 16:50</b>	Diabetes Eye Care Training in Fiji	Ranjeeta Devi
<b>16:50 - 17:00</b>	Training of Eye Nurses at Pacific Eye Institute/Fiji National University	Ashreeta Lingam
<b>17:00 - 17:15</b>	Panel Discussion - Education Opportunities in Australia	Joanna McCulloch Amanda Wyllie Carmen Newman
<b>17:15 - 17:20</b>	Wrap-Up & Group Photo	Lesley McDowell