

35th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Cardiovascular Health and Rehabilitation Association (ACRA)

Schedule

Sunday, 2 August, 2026

12:30-13:00 Banquet Hall

[Pre-Conference Registration](#)

13:00-17:00 Banquet Hall

[Pre-Conference Workshop: Lipids - Modern Innovations and Practical Mythbusting](#)

Workshop
Clinical Skills

17:00-18:00 Banquet Hall

[ACRA Members' Forum \(Members ONLY\)](#)

Members only

All current ACRA members are welcome to join us to hear about what ACRA has been up to and raise any issues for discussion.

18:00-20:30 Composite

[SOCIAL: Welcome Reception](#)

Social

The Welcome Reception officially commences the 2026 ACRA ASM. This event will be a fantastic opportunity to get to know fellow delegates over canapes and drinks.

Additional tickets \$100 per person

For students and day-only registration see registration desk

Dress: Smart Casual

Monday, 3 August, 2026

08:00-08:30 Banquet Hall

[ASM Registration](#)

08:30-08:35 Banquet Hall

[ASM Official Opening - Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome from the Organising Committee](#)

General
Plenary

Mr Robert Zecchin, Ms Dawn McIvor, Dr Dion Candelaria (ACRA ASM 2026 Convenors)

08:35-08:50 Banquet Hall

[Patient Story](#)

Invited Speaker
Plenary

08:50-09:30 Banquet Hall

[International Plenary: Dr Lilian Mbau - Scaling Cardiac Rehabilitation in Africa: Pragmatic Approaches for Resource-Limited Health Systems](#)

Invited Speaker
Plenary

Dr Lilian Mbau

09:30-10:00 Banquet Hall

[The Alan Goble Oration: Professor Nicole Freene - Learning from the past to move to the future of cardiac rehabilitation](#)

Invited Speaker
Plenary

Professor Nicole Freene

10:00-10:10 Banquet Hall

The Alan Goble Distinguished Service Award 2026 Presentation

General

Plenary

ACRA President Joanna Clark will announce the winner of the prestigious Alan Goble Award for 2026

10:10-10:35 Banquet Hall

Poster Display

Abstracts

10:10-10:35 Marble Foyer

Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition

Catering Breaks

10:35-10:50 Banquet Hall

Research Prize Session

Abstract

Prize Session

Presenter 1

10:50-11:05 Banquet Hall

Research Prize Session

Abstract

Prize Session

Presenter 2

11:05-11:20 Banquet Hall

Research Prize Session

Abstract

Prize Session

Presenter 3

11:20-12:30 Banquet Hall

Concurrent Session - Clinical Skills Stream

Workshop

Clinical Skills

11:20-12:30 Corinthian

Concurrent Session - Models of Care Stream

Workshop

Models of Care

11:20-12:30 Composite

Concurrent Session - Oral Abstract Presentations

Abstracts

12:30-12:45 Banquet Hall

Poster Display

Abstracts

12:30-13:25 Marble Foyer

Lunch and Trade Exhibition

Catering Breaks

12:45-13:25 Banquet Hall

Lunch Session - TBC

Clinical Skills

12:45-13:25

ACRA NSW/ACT Annual General Meeting (NSW/ACT Members ONLY)

Members only

12:45-13:25 Composite

Lunch Session - Rapid Fire Abstract Presentations

Abstracts

13:25-14:40 Banquet Hall

Concurrent Session - Clinical Skills Stream

Workshop
Clinical Skills

13:25-14:40 Corinthian

Concurrent Session - Models of Care Stream

Workshop
Models of Care

13:25-14:40 Composite

Concurrent Session - Oral Abstract Presentations

Abstracts

14:40-15:10 Banquet Hall

Poster Display

Abstracts

14:40-15:10 Marble Foyer

Afternoon Tea, Posters and Trade Exhibition

Catering Breaks

15:10-16:25 Banquet Hall

Concurrent Session - Clinical Skills Stream

Workshop
Clinical Skills

15:10-16:25 Corinthian

Concurrent Session - Models of Care Stream

Workshop
Models of Care

15:10-16:25 Composite

Concurrent Session - Oral Abstract Presentations

Abstracts

19:00-22:00 Dockside

SOCIAL: Gala Dinner

Social
Join us and our invited speakers at the ACRA 2026 Gala Dinner. Always a conference highlight!

Tuesday, 4 August, 2026

08:30-08:35 Banquet Hall

Welcome from the Scientific Committee

General
Plenary

Dr Matthew Hollings, Ms Shihoko Pearson (ACRA ASM 2026 Scientific Committee Co-Chairs)

08:35-09:15 Banquet Hall

International Plenary: Professor Cathie Biga

Invited Speaker
Plenary

Professor Cathie Biga

09:15-09:30 Banquet Hall

Clinical Prize Session

Abstract
Prize Session

Presenter 1

09:30-09:45 Banquet Hall

Clinical Prize Session

Abstract
Prize Session

Presenter 2

09:45-10:00 Banquet Hall

Clinical Prize Session

Abstract
Prize Session

Presenter 3

10:00-10:25 Banquet Hall

Poster Display

Abstracts

10:00-10:25 Marble Foyer

Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition

Catering Breaks

10:25-10:55 Banquet Hall

Heart, Lung and Circulation Special Issue: Cardiac Rehabilitation

Invited Speaker
Plenary

Dr Dion Candelaria, Dr Susie Cartledge

10:55-11:05 Banquet Hall

ACRA Excellence Awards

General
Clinical Skills

Prof Robyn Gallagher, Prof Julie Redfern, Ms Joanna Clark

11:05-12:15 Banquet Hall

Concurrent Session - Clinical Skills Stream

Workshop
Clinical Skills

11:05-12:15 Corinthian

Concurrent Session - Models of Care Stream

Workshop
Models of Care

11:05-12:15 Composite

Concurrent Session - Oral Abstract Presentations

Abstracts

12:15-13:30 Marble Foyer

Lunch and Trade Exhibition

Catering Breaks

12:30-13:30 Banquet Hall

ACRA National Annual General Meeting (ACRA Members ONLY)

Members only

13:30-14:40 Banquet Hall

Concurrent Session - Clinical Skills Stream

Workshop
Clinical Skills

13:30-14:40 Corinthian

Concurrent Session - Models of Care Stream

Workshop
Models of Care

13:30-14:40 Composite

Concurrent Session - Oral Abstract Presentations

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14:40-15:25 Banquet Hall

International Plenary: Professor Randall Thomas

Invited Speaker
Plenary
Professor Randall Thomas

15:25-15:45 Banquet Hall

Announcement of Prize Winners (including lucky door prizes)

General
Prize Session
Presentation of Conference Awards

15:45-15:55 Banquet Hall

ACRA 2027 Announcement

General
Plenary
Ms Joanna Clark, Ms Shihoko Pearson

15:55-16:00 Banquet Hall

Conference Close

Closing remarks

16:00-16:30 Marble Foyer

Afternoon Tea and Networking

Catering Breaks