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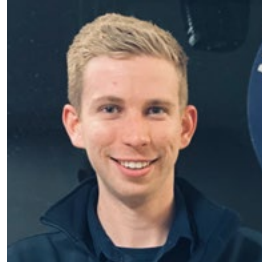
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Liam Bruton
Chair – Student Committee

Dear Attendees,

Welcome to the Australasian College of Paramedicine's STUCON for 2021. This year's conference focuses on four themes: Professionalism, patient-centred care, professional transition and the future. We are also privileged to showcase the best in undergraduate and postgraduate student research and those speaking today have contributed to advancing best practice of Paramedicine in Australasia.

This conference is for students and by students, planned by the College's Student Committee of which all members are current students of an entry-to-practice Paramedicine program in Australasia. It is my privilege to share this conference with you all and I hope everyone takes away something today which betters their practice or themselves.

Yours,

Liam Bruton
Chair – Student Committee
Australasian College of Paramedicine

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday 30 July, 2021







Time AEST	Session
09:00	Conference welcome Liam Bruton, Chair – Student Committee, Australasian College of Paramedicine
09:05	Paramedicine in Higher Education – where can my degree take me? Bill Lord, Adjunct Associate Professor, Monash University; Deputy co-chair, Paramedicine Accreditation Committee and holds a position on the Board of Directors of the Australasian College of Paramedicine
09:35	How we changed international paramedic guidelines over Twitter - the hidden truth about social media and patient privacy Aidan Baron, Paramedic Researcher
10:05	The impact of body worn cameras on incidence of occupational violence toward paramedics: A systematic review Luke Mackey, undergraduate student, Western Sydney University Aaron Farok, undergraduate Paramedicine student, Western Sydney University
10:17	Dual qualifications (and registration) – the future of a twofold role in a multi-disciplinary health care system Bethany Birkett, Postgraduate Diploma of Paramedicine, Federation University (conversion course from nursing)
10:29	Panel Discussion – Learning to make our practice culturally safe Hosted by: Buck Reed, Lecturer in Paramedicine, Western Sydney University Panel: J.D. Heffern, Chief Paramedic, Indigenous Services Canada – First Nation Inuit Health Branch – Government of Canada; Carlton Irving, Chair of Te Kaunihera Manapou (Paramedic Council of NZ) and casual paramedic; Kaitlyn Krahe (she/they), paramedic, St John NT; Kiara Bennett, Indigenous paramedicine student, Western Sydney University
11:09	Break 1
11:29	How the patient experience can improve the quality of paramedic care Dr Belinda Flannigan, Lecturer, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine University of the Sunshine Coast
11:59	An exploration of decision making when accessing emergency healthcare in moderate to severe asthma patients from rural and remote Australia Alannah Stoneley, undergraduate student, Charles Sturt University (Bachelor of Paramedicine (Honours))
12:11	An unusual case study of cardiac chest pain and the challenges of identifying myocardial infarction from ST-elevation only Lily Phillips, third year undergraduate paramedic student, Charles Sturt University
12:23	How to smash your grad year, and which pitfalls to avoid Ryan Parry, Paramedic, Ambulance Victoria
12:53	Main break

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13:33	Panel Discussion – Making the most of your student/preceptor relationship: Managing up to improve your placement experience Hosted by: Buck Reed, Lecturer in Paramedicine, Western Sydney University Panel: Liam Langford, Discipline Lead (Paramedicine); Senior Lecturer; Intensive Care Paramedic; Alisha McFarlane, Lecturer in Paramedicine, Charles Sturt University; Intensive Care Paramedic Mandy Edmonston-Fearn, Registered Paramedic; ACP WA Committee Chair
14:13	The student experience of the peer support program; will your caring profession care for you? Sophia Flanagan-Sjoberg, third year undergraduate paramedic science student, Flinders University
14:25	Management of cardiogenic shock; what can paramedics learn from current literature? Sarah Sawyer, Bachelor of Paramedicine (Honours) final year, Charles Sturt University
14:37	Mental health – positive forms of building emotional support Nicole Sadler AM CSC, Head Policy and Practice, Phoenix Australia – Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health
15:07	Laying the roadmap for your clinical career Dr Alex Cardenas, Healthcare Consultant and paramedic
15:37	Can undergraduate paramedic students deliver community outreach programs? Ali Rengers, second year Bachelor of Paramedicine student, Griffith University
15:49	Toxicology during COVID Alan Eade, Chief Paramedic Officer, Safer Care Victoria; MICA Paramedic, Ambulance Victoria; Intensive Care Paramedic, St John Ambulance Australia; Adjunct Associate Professor, Monash University
16:19	Panel Discussion – Thinking beyond ambulance services: Where your paramedicine education can take you Hosted by: Paul Simpson, Senior Lecturer and Director of Paramedicine, Western Sydney University; Chair, Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans Panel: Whitney Hughes, Manager, Aviation Health Programs, Qantas Group of Airlines; David McLeod, Medical Planning and Response Manager, Crown Sydney; Ben Cant, CEO, State Medical Assistance
17:00	Day close
17:05	Finish







SPEAKER BIOS

	Aaron Farok	Undergraduate Paramedicine student, Western Sydney University	Aaron is currently in the final year of B. Health Sci (Paramedicine). He has a background in Medical Science and Biomedical Engineering (USyd). Aaron decided to change career paths towards Paramedicine due to the extensive opportunities to help people. Initially, drawn to the hands-on application of clinical skills, Aaron now finds it enjoyable meeting patients and listening to their wildest stories!
	Aidan Baron	Paramedic Researcher	Aidan is an Adjunct Lecturer in Paramedicine at Charles Sturt University, and a Visiting Researcher in emergency, cardiovascular, and critical care at Kingston and St George's University London. He practises as a paramedic in Sydney and has a special interest in the use of Point of Care Ultrasound in prehospital care, Digital Health Ethics, and emergency healthcare for LGBTQIA+ patients. Aidan sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Paramedic Practice and is the founder of the Paramedic Myth Busting Facebook group. He was recognised as the Philips Healthcare Young Clinical Pioneer of the year in 2020 and is currently studying medicine at the university of Notre Dame.
	Alan Eade	Chief Paramedic Officer, Safer Care Victoria; MICA Paramedic, Ambulance Victoria; Intensive Care Paramedic, St John Ambulance Australia; Adjunct Associate Professor, Monash University	Whilst he is the senior paramedic professional voice for government, he is also part of the chief clinical officers leading quality and safety activities across the health system. Alan was an active proponent of registration and has a passion for the profession and its advancement across the spectrum of healthcare. His professional interest is around substance use and the provision of person centred out of hospital care. Alan holds an Adjunct Associate Professor appointment at Monash University, is a Fellow of Australasian College of Paramedicine, and received the Ambulance Service Medal (2009) for his work around substance use and education of clinicians about acute management of substance use harms.
	Alannah Stoneley	Undergraduate student, Charles Sturt University (Bachelor of Paramedicine (Honours))	Alannah is a third year Bachelor of Paramedicine (Honours) student who has a deep interest in rural health and providing equity in access to emergency healthcare. After completing her degree, she hopes to gain a job as a paramedic whilst also continuing her research into rural health and being an advocate of those living in rural and remote locations.
	Ali Rengers	Second year Bachelor of Paramedicine student, Griffith University	Ali is a paramedicine student at Griffith University. In collaboration, she achieved First Runner Up with the KJ McPherson Foundation Scientific Poster competition in 2020 and has co-authored several articles within the online publication: Canadian Paramedicine. Post-graduation she aims to pursue critical care studies while continuing to contribute to research in the paramedicine field. Ali enjoys climbing and bouldering in her spare time.
	Alisha McFarlane	Lecturer in Paramedicine at Charles Sturt University; Intensive Care Paramedic	Alisha is an experienced intensive care paramedic and current lecturer in paramedicine at Charles Sturt University. Alisha is passionate about gender equality in the profession with her current research focussing on the sexism experiences of female paramedics in Australia. Alisha is also the current chair of the Australasian College of Paramedicine clinical standards committee and a member of the women in paramedicine committee.







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	Ben Cant	CEO, State Medical Assistance	<p>Ben is a highly motivated, professional senior executive with over 8 years' experience in overseeing the daily operations and high-level management of State Medical Assistance Pty Ltd (SMA), reporting to the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Ben was and still is a registered Paramedic in both Australia and the United Kingdom and works clinically on a regular basis to ensure that his patients and people are at the forefront of his attention.</p> <p>Ben is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and the Ambulance Health Services Working Group on behalf of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care and is currently studying a Master of Business Administration at Swinburne University.</p> <p>Ben is committed to his community, having worked as a Fire Fighter and First Responder with NSW RFS and Fire and Rescue since he was a teenager and continues to work with Fire and Rescue NSW as a retained fire-fighter.</p>
	Bethany Birkett	Postgraduate Diploma of Paramedicine, Federation University (conversion course from nursing)	<p>Bethany is currently a postgraduate paramedicine student at Federation University, completing the conversion course from nursing, and due to graduate at the end of 2021. She has been nursing in the oncology/haematology setting since her graduate year in 2013, having completed postgraduate studies in this area also. She has decided to make the transition into pre-hospital emergency care with nursing as a solid foundation. In addition to her current studies, she is an operational member with St John's Ambulance, gaining valuable experience in the pre-hospital setting.</p>
	Bill Lord	Adjunct Associate Professor, Monash University; Deputy co-chair of the Paramedicine Accreditation Committee and holds a position on the Board of Directors of the Australasian College of Paramedicine	<p>Bill Lord is a registered paramedic who has worked as a paramedic in Sydney, Melbourne, and Queensland until 2018. He has worked in higher education for 25 years including as a Senior Lecturer at Charles Sturt University, Head of Undergraduate Paramedic Programs at Monash University, and more recently as Associate Professor and Discipline Leader for Paramedic Science at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Bill currently has an adjunct Associate Professor position at Monash University, is deputy co-chair of the Paramedicine Accreditation Committee, and holds a position on the Board of Directors of the Australasian College of Paramedicine.</p>
	Buck Reed	Lecturer in Paramedicine, Western Sydney University	<p>Buck Reed is a Lecturer in Paramedicine at the Western Sydney University and a Registered Paramedic practicing in New South Wales. Buck is Chair of the NSW/ACT Committee of the Australasian College of Paramedicine. Buck has a strong interest in paramedic resilience, professionalism and education. He holds a Master of International Health Management and is completing a PhD focusing on paramedic registration and its impact on paramedic identity. Buck was the first rurally-based paramedic to receive a Churchill Fellowship and the first paramedic accepted to the NSW Health Rural Research Capacity Building Program.</p>
	Carlton Irving	Chair of Te Kaunihera Manapou (Paramedic Council of NZ) and casual paramedic	<p>Carlton has been in the paramedic sector since 2003. He began as an off the street person with a first aid certificate and trained vocationally, then went to university. Throughout his career, Carlton has worked everything from patient transfers to rapid response, flight, expedition and offshore work. Carlton has also held educational roles in the vocational and tertiary sector along with educational roles in the vocational and tertiary sector.</p>
	David McLeod	Medical Planning and Response Manager, Crown Sydney	<p>David is a seasoned clinician and health leader with over 19 years of experience in emergency and community services, both within the paid and the voluntary sectors, notably NSW Ambulance. David is passionate in striving to continuously improve patient health outcomes by improving the patients experience in accessing the right health care at the right time. David is currently the Medical Planning and Response Manager at Crown Sydney where he continues his proven track record of investigating, developing and implementing best practice service delivery policies and guidelines to improve patient outcomes. Recently David paved the way for the introduction of community paramedics within the primary health and community settings to elevate pressure on other healthcare practitioners while improving patients healthcare experience.</p>

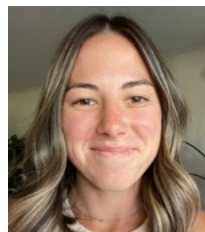
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	Dr Alex Cardenas	Healthcare Consultant and paramedic	Dr Alexander Cardenas has had a broad career across Ambulance and Health and currently holds a PhD in clinical education and change. Alex started as a Paramedic in Sydney, before completing his double masters in Public Health and Health Management to become a paramedic educator. He then transitioned into a management career working as a service planner, program director, and healthcare consultant. Alex is currently consulting for Health Infrastructure, leading a major change and capability portfolio that forms part of a wider \$10B infrastructure program.
	Dr Belinda Flanagan	Lecturer, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine, University of the Sunshine Coast	Dr Belinda Flanagan has been involved in various areas of health since 1990 and over this period has gained extensive experience in healthcare, emergency medical services and education sectors. Prior to her appointment with University of the Sunshine Coast, Belinda was an Advanced Care Paramedic with both the New South Wales and Queensland Ambulance Service and a Registered Nurse/Midwife with New South Wales and Queensland Health. Belinda frequently collaborates with the Queensland Ambulance Service in guideline development and education in the area of obstetrics and neonatal resuscitation. Belinda has completed a PhD exploring the paramedic response to obstetric emergencies, this will provide recommendations for the management of emergency obstetric cases.
	J.D. Heffern	Chief Paramedic, Indigenous Services Canada – First Nation Inuit Health Branch – Government of Canada	J.D. Heffern is a Canadian Advanced Care Paramedic having served as a front-line paramedic and also within the developing community paramedicine scheme. Previously he worked as an Advanced Care Community Paramedic imbedded within a community family health team partnering and developing with other primary care providers. Currently J.D. serves as Chief of Paramedicine and Senior Advisor within Indigenous Services Canada – First Nation and Inuit Health Branch. His role is to research, design, educate, create policy and programming as it pertains to paramedicine and the role of Community Paramedics working in northern Canadian indigenous communities. Connect with J.D. on Twitter: jdheffern
	Kaitlyn Krahe (she/they)	Paramedic, St John NT	Originally from Naarm/Melbourne, Kait (she/they) is a paramedic based in Mparntwe/ Alice Springs. Kait has been fortunate to work across a diverse range of beautiful places across their career including on Larrakia land, Jawoyn land and in Nhulunbuy. Kait is a content creator for Outback Responders and honours student with a strong interest in cultural safety, lifelong learning, critical allyship and gender affirming care.
	Liam Langford	Discipline Lead (Paramedicine); Senior Lecturer; Intensive Care Paramedic	Liam is passionate about unlocking paramedicine's potential to improve individual and community health outcomes. Throughout his paramedicine career, he has had the privilege of enacting this passion through various roles: Intensive Care Paramedic (ACTAS), Lecturer (ACU), Clinical Facilitator, and Chapter Chair for Paramedics Australasia. His interests include developing the paramedicine profession, education, and ambulance service leadership. The latter interest is seeing him pursue a Doctorate at UNSW with the aim to create an Ambulance Service Leadership Framework. He also has a dog named Barney and a cat called Nini-Legs-in-The-Air. Both love making impromptu visits to his Zoom meetings. Connect with Liam on Twitter: @LiamLangford
	Lily Phillips	Third year undergraduate paramedic student, Charles Sturt University	Lily's dream has always been to become a paramedic, ever since she was a little girl. Before starting her Bachelor of Paramedicine, Lily completed a Diploma of Nursing. Whilst Lily studies full-time, she works part-time as an Enrolled Nurse at Bathurst Base Hospital. Lily has loved every part of her degree from placements to pracs. In the near future she would like to continue studying to become and ICP, as she loves to learn and help people.

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	Luke Mackey	Undergraduate student, Western Sydney University	Luke is an undergraduate student studying a Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine). Luke has previously completed a Bachelor of Nursing at ACU. After working in the emergency department in a hospital and talking to the paramedics, he decided to study paramedicine. Whilst studying Paramedicine Luke has had the opportunity to develop clinical skills, meet some of the most interesting patients and work with some of the most amazing people.
	Mandy Edmonston-Fearn	Registered Paramedic; ACP WA Committee Chair	Mandy is a Registered Paramedic practicing in Western Australia. Mandy is Chair of the WA Committee of the Australasian College of Paramedicine. Mandy holds a Bachelor of Paramedical Science and Master of Paramedical Science (Critical Care) from Edith Cowan University. Mandy is passionate about Paramedic education and professional learning. She enjoys mentoring and on-the-job training. Prior to graduating from Edith Cowan University Mandy was President of Western Australian Student Paramedics (WASP), which sparked an interest in student Paramedic education and gave an insight into the challenge's student Paramedics face whilst in University and transitioning to the workforce. Connect with Mandy on Twitter: mandy_edmonston
	Nicole Sadler AM CSC	Head Policy and Practice, Phoenix Australia – Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, University of Melbourne	Nicole Sadler is the Head of Policy and Practice, Phoenix Australia – Centre for Post-traumatic Mental Health, University of Melbourne, and an Enterprise Fellow at the University of Melbourne. She is a Clinical Psychologist with an in-depth understanding of the issues and challenges for individuals, workplaces and communities impacted by trauma. She has led mental health strategic reviews and policy and training development projects for police and first responder agencies, healthcare workers, insurance companies, judiciary agencies and community organisations. Prior to joining Phoenix Australia in 2017, she served in the full-time Army for 23 years and completed her career in the senior Army psychology position at the rank of Colonel.
	Paul Simpson	Senior Lecturer and Director of Paramedicine, Western Sydney University; Chair, Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans	Paul is the Director of Paramedicine at Western Sydney University and a registered paramedic practicing as an Intensive Care Paramedic with NSW Ambulance and in the private sector. He is the Chair of the Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans, and Chair of the Research Advisory Committee for the Australasian College of Paramedicine.
	Ryan Parry	Paramedic, Ambulance Victoria	Ryan is a Clinical Instructor with Ambulance Victoria. Ryan has international experience as an instructor in the UK and Vanuatu, private industry experience as a wilderness medic for Endurance Medical Services, and is also a teaching associate for Monash University.
	Sarah Sawyer	Bachelor of Paramedicine (Honours) final year, Charles Sturt University	Sarah is a final year BParamedicine(Hons) student at Charles Sturt University. Sarah has a wide and varied background that has seen her travel the world, whilst gathering knowledge and skills along the way. She is an ex-neuroscientist/stem cell technician/ midwife, and prides herself on her passion for people. Sarah is an avid advocate for research, which inspired her current Honours thesis into cardiogenic shock management. Sarah's goal is to make an impact on current understanding of cardiac presentations, which may improve protocols, treatment plans and patient outcomes overall.

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**Sophia
Flanagan-Sjoberg**

Third year undergraduate paramedic science student, Flinders University

Sophia is a third year student of the Bachelor of Paramedic Science at Flinders University. She also works at Flinders Medical Centre Community Childcare and volunteers extensively in her local community. Sophia's rural upbringing gave her early insight into the effects of social determinants of health on vulnerable populations. This background, and her experiences on clinical placements, has cemented a focus on improving the delivery of equitable front line health care.



Whitney Hughes

Manager, Aviation Health Programs – Qantas Group of Airlines

Whitney is an experienced aviation medicine and prehospital care paramedic who has over 25 years in working in the aviation industry. She has a Bachelor of Paramedicine and qualifications in Aviation Medicine. She currently serves on the NSW Paramedicine Council Impaired Registrants Panel for AHPRA and previously has been on the board of the Australian Resuscitation Council (NSW Branch).

Whitney has worked for three Australian airlines and is well regarded within the airline industry for her extensive experience in the management of both passenger and crew health issues including drug and alcohol management programs.

Whitney currently works for Qantas Airways as the Manager for Aviation Health programs and leads a team managing the daily operational and strategic issues faced by an airline medical department. During COVID-19, Whitney has been one of the clinical leads for the Qantas Group and is responsible for the repatriation of thousands of Australians from across the globe. She has worked with the Australian Medical Assistance team (ASUMAT) in Howard Springs and led the first two charters to Wuhan in February 2020.

Connect with Whitney on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/whitney-luxford-n%C3%A9e-hughes-69b6ab55/>



Kiara Bennett

Indigenous paramedicine student, Western Sydney University

Kiara is a young and proud Indigenous woman from Wollongong. Kiara is currently studying a bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine) at Western Sydney University. Kiara is in her second year and is really loving her studies!

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