

AHA Day 2022 Program

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022			
8.30am	Registration and Audio checks		
9am	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, opening comments and housekeeping	Monash Health	Lucy Whelan & Allied Health Assistant Leadership Group
9.06am	Creating, fostering and embracing change as Allied Health Assistants	Monash Health Chief Allied Health Officer	Danielle Ryan
9.17am	Allied Health Assistant State-wide Workforce Project update	Monash Health and the Department of Health	Lucy Whelan, Jessica Huglin, Sharon McLean
9.37am	A consumer's perspective	Consumer representative	Clive Kempson
10.03am	Sponsor address	HESTA	Sue Blair
10.05am	BREAK 1 – Poster Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M Rotherham & C Bulkeley 2. A Rushton 3. B Furphy 4. B Furphy 		
10.15am	The Allied Health Assistant Student Performance Evaluation Tool (PET)	Monash Health	Tony Sheng, Loraine Ng
10.31am	Managing Change	Grieving Well	Samantha Rennie
11.34am	BREAK 2 – Poster Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. B Murray & B Kaur 2. C Fury 3. E Fairlie 4. G DeVincentis & L Britzman 		
11.45am	AHA Classification Review and the Industrial Agreement – key changes	Victorian Hospitals' Industrial Association (VHIA)	Daniel Pullin
12.01pm	Transitioning from Allied Health Assistant student to employee	Monash Health	Adeline Dickson
12.17pm	AHA Innovations Series	Various	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brianna Murray, Baljit Kaur 2. Dale Theron, Melissa Ciardulli 3. Sharon McLean 4. Carolyn Bulkeley, Melanie Rotherham 5. Tanya Fell 6. Selena Earl 7. Kirsten Smith, Belinda Dixon
12.46pm	Growing and Developing the Allied Health Assistants' Association Ltd	The Allied Health Assistants' National Association (AHANA)	Ben Turnbull, Susan Nancarrow
1.05pm	BREAK 3 – Lunch		
1.35pm	Allied Health Assistants working in dementia care	Dementia Training Australia	Elaine Newman
2.26pm	Formalised career pathways for Career AHAs and AHA Interns	NeuroRehab Allied Health Network (NRAH)	Cecilia Anderson
2.47pm	Eating and/or Drinking Support Task – Redefining the AHAs' Scope of Practice in Speech Pathology	Austin Health	Hayley Downes, Alison Hudgson
3.05pm	AHA Innovations Series	Various	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alita Rushton 2. Daniela Veljanovska 3. Carly Fury

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Bridgette Furphy 5. Graham Pages, Corinne Wengrow 6. Greta DeVincentis, Louise Britzman
3.33pm	BREAK 4 – Poster Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. L Britzman 2. S Earl 3. T Fell 4. T Shanal 		
3.45pm	A consumer’s perspective	Penguin Bloom	Samantha Bloom
4.35pm	Closing Comments – awards announced		

Post-Conference Workshops

Allied Health Assistant Day 2022 will feature four 90-minute post-conference interactive virtual workshops aimed at providing practical strategies for AHAs in the topics listed below. If you would like to attend, you will need to register separately to your AHA Day registration. Tickets will be available via Eventbrite and spaces will be limited to ensure interactivity and opportunity to participate.

Workshop 1 – Abstract Writing	
THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022	
	Dr Abby Foster, Louise Britzman, Greta DeVincentis, Melanie Rotherham, Kylie Saccotelli
9.00am – 10.30am	This workshop will focus on assisting participants to develop knowledge on what is an abstract, why they are important and how to write an abstract; to identify strategies to assist, plan and craft your own abstract within your allied health assistant role; and to utilise these strategies in the preparation of abstracts for conferences and professional development opportunities. There will be opportunity to share worked examples and problem solve barriers to abstract development and submission.

Workshop 2 – Implementing change using an evidence-based approach	
THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022	
	Simone Munro
9.00am – 10.30am	This workshop will focus on assisting participants to better understand the tools used for quality improvement. We can use quality improvement to make changes in our workplace in order to make changes to systems and clinical care. Quality Improvement can seem overwhelming, and it is hard to know where to start. This workshop will arm you with resources to help develop your skills in understanding your problem, measurement, engagement and evaluation with the aim that these skills are then utilised in the future in subsequent projects that you initiate.

Workshop 3 – Optimal utilisation of Allied Health Assistants	
THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022	
	Jessica Huglin, Sharon McLean, Lucy Whelan
9.00 – 10.30am	This workshop will take participants on the journey that has resulted in the Victorian AHA Workforce recommendations and resources. The Victorian Allied Health Assistant Workforce Recommendations project team will be hosting a 90 min interactive session covering an overview of the Allied Health Assistant Workforce Recommendations and resources. Participants will be orientated to the recommendations and resources that are available and how they have the potential to support workplaces with the optimal utilisation of allied health assistants.

Workshop 4 – Approaching a difficult conversation	
THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022	
	Loraine Ng
9.00 – 10.30am	This workshop will focus on arming participants with tools and strategies to address difficult conversations in the workplace. When driving or embracing change, we are regularly faced with conversations that are difficult and uncomfortable. This workshop will address how we can approach these conversations and provide an opportunity to work through different scenarios.

Connecting

Please ensure prior to the day that you have good access to a device, speakers or headphones, and stable internet, ensuring you can see and hear proceedings.

Ensure you are in a quiet place without distractions.

Interaction

There will be the functionality to ask questions via WebEx Events.

Please direct questions to specific individuals via this function.

There will also be various polls via WebEx Events.

Accessing Content

AHA Day posters will be available for viewing prior to, during and after the event.

AHA Day recorded content will be available and accessible to only registered attendees after the event.

Thank You

The AHA Day Committee would like to thank you for your ongoing support. All fees contribute towards making AHA Day better each year, as well as continuing to advance professional development initiatives and opportunities for Allied Health Assistants.