

Program 2025



**Allied Health
Assistant Day**

Stronger Together: The Power of Collaboration

WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2025

Time	Title	Organisation	Speaker and Role
0830 - 0900	Registration and Audio checks		
Morning MCs: Diva Grazzini, Rebecca Casiano			
0900 - 0907	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, opening comments and housekeeping	Monash Health	Kylie Saccotelli Allied Health Assistant and support Workforce Advisor Monash Health Leadership Group
0907 - 0915	The Power of Collaboration	Monash Health	Danielle Ryan Chief Allied Health Officer
0915 - 0935	Consumer Presentation	Consumer Presentation	Sharon Harris Catherine Rampant
0935 – 1020	Keynote Speaker From ICU to I See You: The Power of Safe Spaces in Healthcare	Genyus Network	Caleb Rixon Chief Vision Officer
1020 – 1030	Q&A Panel	Various	
1030 - 1050 (20 mins)	Morning Tea and Poster Presentations Part 1		
INDUSTRY UPDATES & Collaboration series			
1050 – 1100	Allied Health Assistants' National Association (AHANA) update	The Allied Health Assistants' National Association (AHANA) Ltd	Andrew Richardson AHANA Chair
1100 – 1110	Aged Care Sector update	Plena Healthcare	Alan Mak State Operations Manager
1110 – 1125	Embedding an integrated transdisciplinary model of allied health into residential aged care	University of Canberra Centre for Ageing Research and Translation	Fiona Poole Supriya Gogate Hana McCarthy Stephen Isbel
1125 – 1140	Disability Sector update and the Allied Health Assistant (AHA) Skills Passport to support optimal utilisation of the AHA Workforce	Scope Australia	Annette Davis Sharon McLean Robyn McDonald Rana Scott
1140 – 1145	Q&A Panel	Various	
1145 – 1200 (15min)	Movement Break and Poster Presentations Part 2		
Afternoon MCs: Stephanie Missos, Jamieson Sebire			
1200 – 1210	Expanding Career Pathways for Allied Health Assistants: Exploring Traineeships and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Allied Health	Monash Health	Kylie Saccotelli Allied Health Assistant Workforce Advisor

	Assistant Cadetships		
1210 – 1220	Shared decisions, stronger teams: Empowering Speech Pathology Allied Health Assistants in quality improvement	Austin Health	Hayley Downes
1220 – 1235	A seven-year journey to AHA service sustainability	Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospital Group	Sue Alexander
1235 – 1247	Placement ready: A centralised solution for streamlining allied health student pre-placement requirements	Monash Health	Tony Sheng Allied Health Assistant Student Coordinator
1247 – 1255	Q&A Panel	Various	Various
1255 - 1340 (45 mins)	Lunch Break		
1340 – 1400	Allied Health Assistant Collaboration Series Part 1	Lightning Presentations via abstract submission	Andrea Hurtis University of Canberra (UCH) Hospital Anthea Taylor Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group Deidre Southam Mater Mothers' Hospital Ebony Anderson Royal Rehab Ryde, Brain Injury Unit (BIU) Katherine Edgar-Truong Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group Kelly Stephens Mater Hospital Brisbane
1400 – 1420	Matt's Journey	Consumer Presentation	Matthew Descalco
1420 – 1435	AI Meets Healthcare: A New Era of Collaborative Care	Monash Health	Monash Health Informatics Mahesh Paramasivan Todd Heynen Lucy Whitelaw
1435 – 1450	People Styles and collaboration in allied health	Monash Health	Samantha Bradley Mahesh Paramasivan
1450 – 1508	Allied Health Assistant Collaboration Series Part 2	Lightning talks via abstract submission	Avetta Malcolm Western Health Leah LaFranchi, Rhiannon Beggs Barwon Health Cameron Stewart, Jack Brogden Barwon Health Sally Davison AHAs Connected Estelle McCann Monash Health
1508 – 1510	Q&A Panel	Various	

1510 – 1520 (10 mins)	Afternoon Tea and Movement Break		
1520-1600	Keynote Speaker In the Arena	designCEO	Cameron Schwab Founder & CEO
1600-1615	Q&A Panel		
1610 – 1630	Closing Comments		

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're in a quiet place without distractions.

Two attendee test sessions will run on Tuesday the 11th of November between 9am-11am AEDT and 3pm – 4pm AEDT. Details on how to join the test and live events will be available via your Eventbrite online event page.

Interaction

There will be the functionality to ask questions via Microsoft Teams Q&A.
Please direct questions to specific individuals via this function.

Accessing Content

AHA Day pre-recorded and live content will be available and accessible to only registered attendees after the event for a limited time.

Thank You

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