



# RACS Annual Research Conference (ARC)

14-15 November 2025  
Melbourne, Victoria



Day 1 - Friday 14 November 2025

08:30am	Arrival and Registration
09:00am	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome by Chair of Academic Surgery Committee
09:05am	<b>Session 1: Driving equity in surgical research</b> Health Equity at the Intersections: Addressing the Needs of Marginalised Communities Decolonising academic surgery Aboriginal Voices in Surgical Research Diversity bias in colorectal surgery - where are we and where should we be heading? Panel Discussion - Q & A
11:02am	<b>Morning Break with Faculty</b>
11:35am	<b>Session 2: Jepson Lecture</b> Professor Graeme M Clark - World-renound pioneering inventor of the multi-channel cochlear implant, a breakthrough that restored hearing to over half a million peopleglobally. His landmark research revolutionised deafness treatment and founded the field of medical bionics.
12:00pm	<b>SRS Oral and Quickfire Presentations</b>
12:42pm	<b>Lunch with Faculty</b>
1:30pm	<b>Session 3: Making Meaning: Communicating Research with Purpose and Power</b> From Lived Experience to Investigative Advocacy: What Cancer Taught Me About Research Translation Impact is a Skill: Building Research That Reaches Beyond the Journal Hooked: Why Holding Back the Ending Makes Your Research Memorable Panel Discussion - Q & A
2:40pm	<b>SRS Oral and Quickfire Presentations</b>
3:19pm	<b>Afternoon Break with Faculty</b>
3:22pm	<b>Session 4: Launching trials</b> Learnings from coordinating large-scale multicentres studies - challenges and advantages in ANZ How to promote trainee-led randomised trials - line-of-site vision to progress ANZ collaboratives toward high-impact research What can the ANZ surgical community learn from large-scale ICU trial networks - how to embed trials in routine practice Panel Discussion - Q & A
4.25pm	<b>SRS Oral and Quickfire Presentations</b>
5:09pm	<b>Day 1 Concludes</b>



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Day 2 - Saturday 15 November 2025

07:30am	Arrival
08:00am	<b>Session 5: Breakfast research delphi session – delphi registration required</b> In person and online delphi final round
09:00am	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome by Chair of Academic Surgery Committee
09:08am	<b>Session 4: Innovation, Funding and the Future of Surgical Practice</b> Capitalising on Ideas: Navigating Funding Pathways for Surgical Innovation Beyond Funding: Maximising Value from Industry Collaborations Reducing Healthcare's Footprint: Innovations for Sustainable Practice How Climate Change Is Reshaping Surgical Care: What We Know and What We Must Do Panel Discussion – Q & A
10:26am	<b>SRS Oral and Quickfire Presentations</b>
11:05am	<b>Morning Break with Faculty</b>
11:28am	<b>Session 7: Invited USA presenters from the SUS and AAS</b> Introduction of Association for Academic Surgery Speaker: Dr Alice King, winner of AAS best overall abstract presenter at ACS -USA 2025 Increase in the burden of congenital anomalies in infants following 2021 early pregnancy abortion ban AAS Incoming President Presentation Panel Discussion – Q & A
12:10pm	<b>SRS Oral and Quickfire Presentations</b>
12:49pm	<b>Lunch with Faculty</b>
1:37pm	<b>Session 8: Collaboration in Surgical Research</b> Early collaborative study ideas workshop – presentation 1 Early collaborative study ideas workshop – presentation 2 Early collaborative study ideas workshop – presentation 3 How to generate an impactful global collaboration Panel Discussion – Q & A
2:16pm	<b>SRS Oral and Quickfire Presentations</b>
2:42pm	<b>Afternoon Break with Faculty</b>
3:15pm	<b>Session 8: The Hidden Architecture of Academic Surgery: Thriving, Not Just Surviving</b> Sustaining the Self: Strategies for Thriving in High-Pressure Academic Careers Lifting as We Climb: Creating Scalable Mentorship Programs in Academic Medicine Panel Discussion – Q & A
3:58pm	<b>Session 9: Prize presentations and close</b>
4:28pm	<b>Day 2 Concludes</b>