



Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Abstract Submission

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Please note the guidelines outlined below.

Guidelines for Abstracts

- ✓ The abstracts must not exceed 300 words.
- ✓ All abstracts must be typed, single spaced, with a clear typeface.
- ✓ The title should be in capitals and underlined and placed at the top of the abstract.
- ✓ Author's name should be in capitals, with the name of the presenter indicated by an asterisk (*)
- ✓ Referencing or citation lists within submitted abstract must comply with the Vancouver Style of referencing.
- ✓ Degrees and positions in departments should not be included, but the origin of the work should be stated.
- ✓ The abstract must be clear and brief. Statements should, in general, be impersonal and the first person "I" and "We" avoided.
- ✓ Accepted abstracts will be presented at the Tasmania Papers Day as a PowerPoint Presentation.
- ✓ The abstract should be organised as follows:
 1. purpose of study
 2. a brief statement of methods
 3. a summary of results adequate to support conclusions.
 4. Conclusion

Key dates

- 15 May 2026 – Submissions open
- 20 July 2026 – Abstract Submission deadline
- 15 August 2026– Participants notified of judging decision
- 5 September 2026– Presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting

Awards

- **Joe Shepherd Memorial Prize**
 - This prize has been presented since 2006 in memory of Joe Shepherd, Professor of Surgery at the University of Tasmania, 1978 - 1993. Joe was recognized as a world authority on MEN-1 and vigorously campaigned for public education against cigarette smoking. The Joe Shepherd Memorial Prize is open to all consultants who present a paper at the meeting.

- **Peter Braithwaite Memorial Prize**
 - The Peter Braithwaite Memorial Prize has been awarded since 1988 in honour of Peter Braithwaite who was appointed Surgical Superintendent at the Royal Hobart Hospital in 1948. Peter served as a member of Council from 1967 to 1979, Senior Vice-President between 1977 and 1979 and was also a past Chairman of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand.

- **Peter Hewitt Memorial Prize**
 - The Peter Hewitt Memorial Prize has been presented in memory of Peter Hewitt since 2008. Peter was a highly regarded hepatobiliary surgeon at the Launceston General Hospital and Associate Professor at the Launceston Clinical School of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Tasmania. The prize is open to all final year medical students who present papers at the meeting.

- **Graeme Duffy Memorial Prize**
 - The Graeme Duffy Memorial Prize is awarded for the best paper presented at the Tasmanian Annual Scientific Meeting by a registrar or intern.

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