Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for the 47th Provincial Surgeons of Australia Annual Scientific Conference to be held at The Capital Theatre, Bendigo from 20 – 23 July 2011.

Under the theme “Multidisciplinary Care for All Australians” an inspiring and thought-provoking program is being developed that will appeal to all Provincial Surgeons. The quality of the invited faculty is outstanding, and includes esteemed Gastroenterologist Dr Gregor Brown, Professor of Surgery and Upper GI Specialist Professor Michael Cox and respected Medical Oncologist Dr Mark Warren.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their support and continued commitment to the PSA. In particular we would like to thank Silver Sponsor Johnson & Johnson Medical Companies and Bronze Sponsors Covidien and Olympus Australia.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2011 Provincial Surgeons of Australia Annual Scientific Conference.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Graeme Campbell  
Mr Matt Oliver

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Mr Graeme Campbell and Mr Matt Oliver
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PROGRAM THEME
Multidisciplinary Care for All Australians

IMPORTANT DATES
Abstract Submission Closure: Thursday 19 May 2011
Early Bird Registration Closure: Friday 3 June 2011

PSA Annual Scientific Conference: 20 - 23 July 2011

VENUE
The Capital Theatre
50 View Street
Bendigo, Victoria
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INVITED SPEAKERS

Dr Gregor Brown
Dr Gregor Brown is a physician gastroenterologist who combines public practice as Head of Endoscopy at The Alfred Hospital with a private Gastroenterology practice in inner Melbourne.

His main interests are in luminal gastroenterology, and the endoscopic management of these conditions, including interventional gastroscopy and colonoscopy, capsule endoscopy and balloon enteroscopy. He has been on the AGEA Executive Committee for 4 years and is active in colonoscopy training in Australia as one of the instigators and developers of the current NETI program, and is a member of the inaugural NETI Committee.

His current research interests include capsule endoscopy, balloon enteroscopy, familial polyposis syndromes, and new treatments for coeliac disease and inflammatory bowel disease.

Professor Michael Cox
Michael Cox graduated from The University of Melbourne in 1982. He worked as a resident and general surgery registrar at St. Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne. In 1986 he did a Masters of Surgery investigating the mechanisms of gastro-oesophageal reflux. In 1989 he went to Belfast as the senior registrar in the Belfast City Hospital, returning to St Vincent’s, Melbourne in 1990 where he successfully sat the RACS fellowship examination. He returned to the UK in 1991 as senior registrar in general surgery at Colchester General Hospital. In 1992/93 he was the fellow in the HBP Unit at Flinders Medical Centre.

In 1994 he came to Nepean Hospital and along with Professor Chris Martin he established the upper gastro-intestinal unit at Nepean Hospital. During the last 14 years the unit has developed a strong clinical practice in Upper GI Surgery and interventional Upper GI endoscopy. In 2006 the Acute Surgical Unit was developed.

Michael is a past chairman of the Board in General Surgery and in 2004 was elected to the court of examiners in general surgery. After the untimely death of his colleague Chris Martin he was encouraged to apply and was subsequently appointed as Professor of Surgery at Nepean Hospital. Current interests include; Research into biliary stone disease, establishment and improvement of the ASU, training and assessment of surgical trainees, surgical management of morbid obesity and changing the surgical paradigm to encourage new graduates into a career in general surgery.

Dr Mark Warren
Mark Warren graduated from medicine at Melbourne University in 1998 and performed Internship and Basic Physician training through the Austin hospital with several country rotations to Bendigo. He was accepted in the Victorian Medical Oncology training program in 2004 with subsequent placements at Albury Hospital, Box Hill Hospital and the Alfred Hospital. Upon completion of training he then spent 14 months in a Clinical Fellowship position at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, Canada where he learnt to ski (not very well) and survived a Canadian winter.

He has been working as a Medical Oncologist for Bendigo Health Care Group and is enjoying the country life (as much as you can call Bendigo country). He is married with two young children.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All abstracts and presentations must be emailed to psa@surgeons.org by Thursday 19 May 2011.

Please indicate that your abstract is for PSA 2011 and which area you wish your topic to be submitted under. All successful abstracts will be printed in the final program.

All Submissions (excluding the Jim Pryor Begonia Prize) must include:
- a title
- an abstract of 250 words or less
- a short presenter bio (50 words) to facilitate the Chairperson’s introduction

Jim Pryor Begonia Prize rules:
- this prize rewards surgical innovation
- usefulness - how to perform some tricky surgical manoeuvres quickly and easily without fail
- originality - “you heard it first at the PSA”

Categories of submission include:
- Scientific Papers (including major research and audit topics)
  - 15 minute presentation including 5 minutes for questions
  - Abstract required
- Short Papers
  - 10 minute presentation including 3 minutes for questions
  - Abstract required
- Jim Pryor Begonia Prize
  - 3 minute presentation
  - No abstract required (title only)

Audio visual instructions will be sent to all successful authors.

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WORKSHOPS - Wednesday 20 July 2011

Skin Flaps Workshop - Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Skills Lab, 09:00 - 14:00
This is a practical workshop led by Professor Anthony Penington to familiarise surgeons and trainees with simple skin flaps for the closure of skin defects not suitable for direct suture and where skin grafting may not offer the best functional or cosmetic option. Candidates will be able to perform the various techniques on a pig skin preparation under Professor Penington’s guidance. Flaps to be demonstrated will include rotation flaps, advancement flaps, bilobed flaps, rhomboid flaps, island flaps and their variations. The course will include morning tea and lunch and transport will be provided between Melbourne and Bendigo if required.

Minimum 10 participants; Maximum 20 participants
Includes: Transport from Melbourne to Bendigo if required (no return transfer organised), morning tea and lunch

The NOTSS Course - Bendigo, 09:00 - 17:00
NOTSS (Non-technical Skills for Surgeons) is an important new course being piloted for the first time in Australia. It is internationally renowned and has been developed jointly by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the University of Aberdeen and NHS Education of Scotland. Its aim is to improve safety in the theatre through enhanced awareness, training and assessment of identified areas of non-technical skills; communication, teamwork, situational awareness, decision-making and leadership. You are provided with a tool which breaks these competencies down into teachable elements and enables explicit assessment and feedback through the use of a common language and rating scale. NOTSS can give you with a better understanding of the importance of non-technical skills in maintaining high levels of technical performance over time.

Learning Objectives of the course
By the end of this course, participants should be able to:
• Demonstrate an understanding of the relevance of non-technical skills and error management to surgical performance
• Observe and discuss examples of good and poor behaviors in the operating theatre
• Use a taxonomy of non-technical skills (NOTSS)
• Rate behaviors using the NOTSS rating scale
• Provide structured feedback to trainees/other consultant surgeons based on observations
• Discuss how non-technical failures can lead to poor clinical outcomes

Minimum and maximum numbers apply to this course.
Includes: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
Thursday 21 July, 10:00 - 16:00

Walking Tour of Bendigo and Meet the Wine Maker at Balgownie Estate

With a sense of discovery in your step, a stroll through the beautiful, historic streets of Bendigo will feel like you’ve unearthed a precious treasure.

A cosmopolitan atmosphere has set this gracious city on a path that in many ways reflects the excitement of days gone by. One of the world’s most spectacular gold rushes took place here in the mid-1800s, giving rise to this magnificent city with its elaborate architecture and lasting monuments.

Today this intriguing cultural heritage gives Bendigo its character and style; the golden past is seamlessly woven into the contemporary threads of this vibrant city. Learn about this beautiful city with a local historian including a visit to Bendigo’s Chinese Museum before heading to Balgownie Estate Winery & Vineyard. Balgownie Estate was one of the pioneers of commercial winemaking in the Bendigo region, first planting vines in 1969. At the Estate you will enjoy a lunch made from fresh local produce and a glass of Balgownie Estate wine, you will then meet the Wine Maker to hear about the wine making process and end the day tasting a number of their delicious wines.

$99.00 per person

Friday 22 July, 10:00 - 16:00

Flirtatious Foods Cooking Class and Tour of Bendigo Pottery

Spend the morning with one of Bendigo’s leading Chefs, Eddie Basich, while he shares some of his expertise with you to create your own delicious lunch. He will be teaching you about cooking, how to taste and how to use ingredients and local produce.

After lunch head to Australians oldest working Pottery, Bendigo Pottery. You’ll tour the interactive museum featuring a theatre inside a restored wood fired kiln, there are soundscapes, early film footage, a collection of manufacturing equipment and early Bendigo Pottery, timeline of the pottery’s development and views into some of the current production areas. Browse the extensive gallery before you get your hands dirty with a wheel throwing lesson with an experienced potter.

$119.00 per person
**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

**Wednesday 20 July 2011**

09:00 - 17:00  NOTSS  
Bendigo

09:00 - 14:00  Skin Flaps Workshop  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Skills Lab

18:30  Welcome Reception  
The Hotel Shamrock Bendigo

**Thursday 21 July 2011**

07:00  Registration opens

08:00 - 08:30  Welcome and Official Opening

08:30 - 09:00  Guest Lecture:  
Emergency surgery models, implications for rural surgeons  
Michael Cox

09:00 - 10:00  Free papers

10:00 - 10:30  Morning tea with the industry

11:00 - 11:30  Guest Lecture:  
Endoscopic Management of GI Bleeding  
Gregor Brown

11:30 - 12:30  Free papers

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch with the industry

13:30 - 14:00  Guest Lecture:  
Metastatic Colorectal Cancer, New Treatment Options  
Mark Warren

14:00 - 15:00  Free papers

15:00 - 15:30  Afternoon tea with the industry

15:30 - 16:00  Guest Lecture:  
The difficult polyp  
Gregor Brown

16:00 - 17:00  Case presentations - Cancer scenarios

19:00  PSA Dinner  
Bendigo Town Hall

**Friday 22 July 2011**

08:30 - 10:30  Symposium - Post graduate medical education for Rural Australia  
Geoff Solarsch  
Chris Holmes  
Stephen Tobin  
Ian Civil, RACS President

10:30 - 11:00  Morning tea with the industry

11:00 - 11:30  Guest lecture:  
Acute Biliary Pain & Jaundice, What to do?  
Michael Cox

11:30 - 12:30  Free papers

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch with the industry
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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE - The Capital Theatre
All scientific sessions and the industry exhibition will be held at The Capital Theatre, 50 View Street, Bendigo, Victoria. Bendigo is one of Victoria’s key regional centres and is located in the geographic centre of the state, 150 kilometers north of Melbourne.

ACCOMMODATION CONTACT AND BOOKINGS
Bendigo Visitor Information Centre
Free Accommodation Booking Service
Freecall: 1800 813 153
Reference code: SURGEON2011

TRAVELLING TO BENDIGO
Bendigo is situated a comfortable 90 minutes drive from Melbourne and is accessible by either car or rail. From Melbourne Airport the Bendigo Airport Service has regular daily services. Bendigo is serviced by all major hire car companies including Avis, Budget, Hertz and Thrifty.

REGISTRATION DESK
The registration desk will be located in the foyer of The Capital Theatre and will be open as follows:
Thursday 21 July: 07:00 - 17:00
Friday 22 July: 08:00 - 17:00
Saturday 23 July: 08:00 - 12:30

REGISTRATION FEES
Delegate, Trainee, Retired Surgeon and Student registration fees include scientific sessions, morning/afternoon teas, lunch, Welcome Reception, Conference Dinner and PSA Dinner. Associate registration includes both social tours and all evening functions. Associates also have the choice to register for functions individually.

SOCIAL TOURS
Thursday 21 July, 10:00 – 16:00
Walking Tour of Bendigo and Meet the Wine Maker at Balgownie Estate

Friday 22 July, 10:00 – 16:00
Flirtatious Foods Cooking Class and Tour of Bendigo Pottery

EVENING FUNCTIONS
Welcome Reception
The Hotel Shamrock Bendigo
Wednesday 20 July, 18:30
Corner Pall Mall and Williamson Street Bendigo
Guest are to make their own way to the Welcome Reception
Dress: Neat Casual

PSA Dinner
Bendigo Town Hall
Thursday 21 July, 19:00
Hargreaves Street, Bendigo
Guest are to make their own way to the Dinner
Dress: Cocktail

Conference Dinner
Silks Restaurant
Bendigo Jockey Club
Friday 22 July, 19:00
Corner Heinz Street and Roh’s Road, White Hills
Buses will be provided to transport guests to this Dinner from The Capital Theatre
Dress: Smart Casual

INDUSTRY EXHIBITION
All morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas will be held in the industry exhibition. The exhibition is an important component of all PSA Annual Scientific Conferences and delegates are encouraged to participate and view the latest products and information. The exhibition will be open on Thursday morning through to Saturday morning.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
This education activity has been approved in the College’s CPD Program. Fellows who participate can claim one point per hour (maximum 16 points) in Category 4: Maintenance of Clinical Knowledge and Skills towards 2011 CPD totals.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Cancellations must be received in writing by the Conference Organisers. Cancellations received prior to Friday 3 June 2011 will incur a 20% cancellation fee. Cancellation received after this date will not be refunded.

CLIMATE
The average temperature in Bendigo in July is 12 degrees, warm clothes are recommended as some days and especially nights can be very cold. There is a strong chance of rain.
Delegate Registration Form

Completed form should be returned to the Conferences and Events Department, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, College of Surgeons Gardens, 250-290 Spring Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002, Australia. Alternatively fax completed form to +61 3 9276 7431.
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons ABN 29 004 167 766

Contact Details (Please type or print in block letters)

Title: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ Surname: ___________________________

Preferred Name for Name Badge: ___________________________

Mailing Address:

Town/Suburb: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Postcode: ___________________________ Country: ___________________________

Telephone (Professional): ___________________________ Telephone (Private): ___________________________

Mobile: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________ (Confirmation letter and tax invoice will be issued by email)

Associate Name for Name Badge: ___________________________

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Registration (Registration fee is inclusive of evening functions. Associate registration is inclusive of tours and evening functions)

Surgeon/Medical Early Registration $880.00
Surgeon/Medical Registration (after 3 June 2011) $990.00
Trainee/IMG Early Registration $660.00
Trainee/IMG Registration (after 3 June 2011) $720.00
Retired Surgeon Registration $600.00
University Student Registration $550.00
Associate Registration (inclusive of social program and evening functions) $500.00 Sub Total $ [ ]

Additional tickets available

Social Program
Walking Tour and Meet the Wine Maker at Balgownie Estate $99.00 QTY [ ]
Flirtatious Foods Cooking Class and Tour of Bendigo Pottery $119.00 QTY [ ]

Evening Functions
Welcome Reception, The Hotel Shamrock Bendigo $66.00 QTY [ ]
PSA Dinner, Bendigo Town Hall $120.00 QTY [ ]
Conference Dinner, Silks Restaurant - Bendigo Jockey Club $130.00 QTY [ ] Sub Total $ [ ]

Workshops (All prices in $AUD) - Please note that you can attend the all workshops without attending the PSA Annual Scientific Conference.

Skin Flaps Workshop $200.00 QTY [ ]
NOTSS Course $110.00 QTY [ ]

[ ] Please mark X in this box if you do not want your name, state/country circulated to delegates and industry.

Payment Details

1. CHEQUES: Please make all cheques/bank drafts payable to Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (payable in Australian dollars)
2. CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: Please fill in your credit card details below
3. EFT: Please complete and return registration form and a tax invoice will be issued.

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