

**VPNG COUNTRY
CONFERENCE 2024**

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Strengthening Perioperative Care



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SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024
9AM - 5PM



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PRESIDENT WELCOME

Dear Delegates

The 2024 VPNG Country Conference program is set to provide an informative and interesting offering of topics. There's a broad selection of talks to pique any perioperative nurses' interest, including anaphylaxis, nurses' self-care, massive transfusion protocol in a small regional facility, use of virtual reality for needle phobic patients, Mercy Ships, professionalism in advanced nursing roles, responding to acute physiological deterioration in PACU and quality systems for patient and staff safety, plus more!

The VPNG Country Conference also provides delegates with the opportunity to make contact with our trade partners showcasing the latest in innovative perioperative products, all in the bustling rural city of Wangaratta.

The Conference and Trade Exhibition is being held at Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre, corner of Ford and Ovens Streets, Wangaratta on Saturday 23rd March 2024 with delegate registration from 0800hrs. Conference presentations commence at 0900hrs and close at 1615hrs. The Trade Exhibition will be open to delegates from 0800-0900hrs, as well as during morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

There are also three workshops/masterclass sessions available after the lunch break from 1315-1445hrs.

Please come and join VPNG in Wangaratta for a fun and enterprising weekend.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Karolin King

| VPNG President

CONFERENCE PROGRAM DETAILS

0800 – 0855	REGISTRATION, WELCOME TEA & COFFEE	
0900 – 0910	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Karolin King President, VPNG	
0910 – 0945	Saving patients, saving staff, saving time: Applying one quality system for both patient and staff safety in Operating Theatres Dr Michael Sinnott Co-Founder & Dr Chamindika Konara Contributor, Education and Advocacy Programs, StaffandPatientSafety.org	
0945 – 1015	Well-being and retention of perioperative nurses Ada Xie RN/CNS, Cabrini Health	
1015 – 1045	MORNING TEA & OPENING OF TRADE EXHIBITION	
	JUDITH BRIDGES SESSION	
1045 – 1115	'Once in a Career Emergency' in a Small Regional Facility Jo Simes Perianaesthesia CNS, West Gippsland Hospital & Sharyn Norris Clinical Specialist, Public & Private Hospitals	
1115 – 1145	Anaphylaxis – an update to risk reduction practices and management in 2024 Michelle Dehaini Lecturer in Nursing, Swinburne Institute	
1145 – 1215	Outcomes of a feasibility study exploring the use of virtual reality to alleviate patient fear of needles during medical treatment Craig Gilbertson ANUM & Masters by Research Candidate, Albury/Wodonga Health & LaTrobe University	
1215 – 1315	LUNCH	
	HELEN BARALLON CONCURRENT SESSION 1 (CONFERENCE ROOM)	SR MARY FELIX CONCURRENT SESSION 2 (MAIN AUDITORIUM)
1315 – 1345	Trade workshop Platinum Sponsor	Mercy Ships: The why, where, how, and what. Amy Skiller CNS & Anaesthetic Research Nurse, Eastern Health & Jenny Adamthwaite ANUM, Dhelkaya Health
1345 – 1415	Trade workshop Gold Sponsor	Shivering sucks Karen Neaton RN, Queensland Health & Tracey Kielying RN, SA Health
1415 – 1445	Trade workshop TBA	How nurses recognise and respond to acute physiological deterioration in patients in the Post Anaesthetic Care Unit: A descriptive-exploratory study Luke Bendle Academic in Nursing
1440 – 1515	AFTERNOON TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION	
	MARY BARRY SESSION	
1515 – 1545	Scholarships & Awards Karolin King President, VPNG & Education Subcommittee Rep	
1545 – 1615	How to Maintain Professionalism and Standards in Advanced Nursing Roles Prudence Simpson Perioperative RN/PNSA, The Bays Hospital & Francene Kavanagh Perioperative RN/NP, Plastic Surgery Victoria & Ramsay Health	
1615 – 1645	Back to Basics: Strategies to Improve Perioperative Practices Rebecca Donald & Anna Hinz Monash Health	
1645 – 1700	Close of day Karolin King President, VPNG	

Draft program only - subject to change.

REGISTRATIONS

Online registration can be completed at <http://thq.fyi/se/22af7b64c20c>

REGISTRATION FEES	MEMBERS		NON MEMBERS	
	EARLY BIRD (prior to midnight 23 February 2024)	From 24th February 2024	EARLY BIRD (prior to midnight 23 February 2024)	After 24th February 2024
	\$150 + GST	\$180 + GST	\$270 + GST Join VPNG and pay member rate*	\$300 + GST Join VPNG and pay member rates*

*Become a member for \$110 via vpng.org.au/about/membership
and then only pay the member registration rate.

Cancellation Policy

All registrants who cancel their registration must do so in writing to VPNG, PO Box 106, East Melbourne, 8002. Registration fees will be refunded as follows:

- On or before 5pm Friday 1st March 2024, 100% of fees less \$50.00 administration costs.
- Refunds for cancellations after 11th March 2024 are possible only under exceptional circumstances and will be at the discretion of the VPNG Committee.

Privacy Act Statement

Your name has been collected for registration purposes. A registration list will be made available at the conference for sponsors and exhibitors. The list will include your name and hospital only. If you DO NOT wish your name to appear on this list, please contact the office on enquiries@vpng.org.au

WANGARATTA TOURISM & ACCOMMODATION



Wangaratta makes a fantastic choice for your stay in High Country Victoria. Sitting on the junction of the Ovens and King Rivers, it offers plenty to see and do within walking distance.

The city offers diverse shops, contemporary cafes, bars, galleries, an arts precinct, parks and gardens, as well as beautiful churches and historic buildings – each marking a piece of its rural history.

Wangaratta offers the chance to experience world-class, award-winning wines from nearby regions such as King Valley, Glenrowan, Milawa Gourmet Region and Beechworth. Regional produce is celebrated both within our modern restaurants and throughout farm gates nestled around the region.

The town itself is a fantastic base for yourself, friends or family, with weeks' worth of activities on your doorstep.

Wangaratta is a rural city located just two and a half hours north of Melbourne along the Hume Freeway. The vibrant CBD has daily rail services between Melbourne and Sydney stopping at the Wangaratta station.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALL CONFERENCE ENQUIRIES

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Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm