



# Her Heart

## Conference 2026 - Program

Improving Women's Heart Health  
- Towards a Fairer, More Inclusive and Accessible System

Monday 12 October - Swissôtel Sydney

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| 8:00 - 9:00 AM                                     | Registration & Networking                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9:00 - 9:10 AM                                     | Opening Remarks & Welcome                                                                        | <b>Prof Linda Worrall-Carter</b> , Founder & CEO, Her Heart<br>MC ( <b>Sophie Scott OAM</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:10 - 9:20 AM                                     | Acknowledgement of Country                                                                       | <b>A/Prof Aunty Vicki Wade</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 9:20 - 9:30 AM                                     | Setting the Policy Context                                                                       | Deputy Health Minister, <b>the Hon. Rebecca White</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9:30 - 10:10 AM                                    | Opening Keynote 1: Evidence, Data & Accountability: "Who Is Missing from the Evidence?"          | <b>Prof Clara Chow AM</b> - The University of Sydney                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:10 - 10:45 AM                                   | Plenary Panel 1:<br>Women's Voices and Inequities Across the Life Course                         | Panel: MC - <b>Sophie Scott OAM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof Bronwyn Graham</b> (Centre Director, Centre for Sex and Gender Equity in Health and Medicine, Women's Health, UNSW)</li><li>• <b>Dr Adele Murdolo</b> - CEO, Multicultural Centre for Women's Health</li><li>• <b>Dr Sarena La</b> - Adelaide University</li></ul> |
| 10:45 - 11:15 AM                                   | Morning Tea (30 mins)                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11:15 - 11:45 AM                                   | Plenary Speaker 2: AI and the Future of Cardiovascular Care                                      | <b>Prof Derek Chew</b> - Chief Medical Officer, Heart Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:45 - 12:15 PM                                   | Rapid Fire: Perspectives in Women's Heart Health                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof John Beltrame AM</b> - Future Directions for the NOCA Syndromes</li><li>• <b>Leigh Bell</b> - Lived Experience: The Patient Voice in Cardiomyopathy</li><li>• <b>Dr Simone Marschner</b> - Early menopause and its association with cardiovascular outcomes: the PURE study</li></ul>                  |
| 12:15 - 12:30 PM                                   | Launch - James Lind Alliance                                                                     | <b>Prof Rochelle Wynne</b> - Every Woman's Heart Matters: A James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12:30 - 1:15 PM                                    | Lunch / Networking (45 mins)                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1:15 - 1:45 PM                                     | Midday Keynote: From Strategy to Action: Building Cardiovascular Systems that Work for All Women | <b>Prof Clare Arnott</b> - The George Institute / St Vincent's Hospital                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:45 - 2:20 PM                                     | Plenary Panel 2: Creating Better Access: Workforce, Care & System Enablers                       | Panel: MC - <b>Sophie Scott OAM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof Alta Schutte</b> - George Institute</li><li>• <b>Prof Sally Inglis</b> - University of Technology, Sydney</li><li>• <b>Dr Luke Perry</b> - Victorian Heart Hospital</li><li>• <b>Carrie Hayter</b> - Consumer</li></ul>                                            |
| 2:20 - 2:45 PM                                     | Afternoon Tea (25 mins)                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| From Discussion to Action: Facilitated Roundtables |                                                                                                  | <b>Designing a Fairer Women's Heart Health System</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2:45 - 3:10 PM                                     | Research                                                                                         | <b>Prof Gita Mishra AO</b> (Women's Longitudinal Study)<br>Presentation and discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3:10 - 3:35 PM                                     | Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment                                                              | <b>Dr Fiona Foo</b><br>Presentation and discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3:35 - 4:00 PM                                     | First Nations Women's Heart Health                                                               | <b>A/Prof Aunty Vicki Wade</b><br>Presentation and discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4:00 - 4:25 PM                                     | Policy and advocacy                                                                              | <b>Dr Talia Avrahamzon</b> (Research Australia – Roadmap in Women's Health)<br>Presentation and discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4:25 - 4:45 PM                                     | Summary and Call to Action                                                                       | <b>Prof Patricia Davidson</b> and <b>A/Prof Aunty Vicki Wade</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4:50 - 5:00 PM                                     | Closing Remarks & Thanks                                                                         | <b>Prof Linda Worrall-Carter</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

*\*This program is subject to change closer to the event date. Updates will be provided as needed*