



Her Heart

Conference 2026 - Program

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

Monday 12 October - Swissôtel Sydney

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration & Networking	
	Event MC	Sophie Scott OAM <i>Adjunct Professor, Journalist & Author</i>
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Acknowledgement of Country	A/Prof Aunty Vicki Wade <i>Menzies School of Health Research</i>
9:10 - 9:20 AM	Opening Remarks & Welcome	Prof Linda Worrall-Carter <i>Founder & CEO, Her Heart</i>
9:20 - 9:30 AM	Setting the Policy Context	The Hon. Rebecca White MP <i>Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Indigenous Health and Women</i>
9:30 - 10:10 AM	Opening Keynote 1: Evidence, Data & Accountability: "Who Is Missing from the Evidence?"	Prof Clara Chow AM <i>The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre</i>
10:10 - 10:45 AM	Plenary Panel 1: Women's Voices and Inequities Across the Life Course	Prof Bronwyn Graham <i>UNSW Sydney & The George Institute</i> Dr Adele Murdolo <i>CEO, Multicultural Centre for Women's Health (MCWH)</i> Dr Sarena La <i>Adelaide University</i> Prof Johanna Montgomery <i>University of Auckland</i>
10:45 - 11:15 AM	Morning Tea (30 mins)	
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Plenary Speaker 2: AI and the Future of Cardiovascular Care	Prof Derek Chew <i>Chief Scientific and Medical Officer, National Heart Foundation of Australia</i>
11:45 - 12:15 PM	Rapid Fire: Perspectives in Women's Heart Health	Prof John Beltrame AM <i>Director, Her Heart; Michell Prof of Medicine, Adelaide University</i> - Future Directions for the INOCA Syndromes Leigh Bell <i>President, CMANZ</i> - Lived Experience: The Patient Voice in Cardiomyopathy Dr Simone Marschner <i>Senior Research Fellow, University of Sydney</i> - Early menopause and its association with cardiovascular outcomes: the PURE study
12:15 - 12:30 PM	Launch - James Lind Alliance	Prof Rochelle Wynne <i>Chair of Nursing, Western Health-Deakin</i> - 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	Prof Clare Arnott <i>The George Institute / St Vincent's Hospital</i>
1:45 - 2:20 PM	Plenary Panel 2: Creating Better Access: Workforce, Care & System Enablers	Prof Alta Schutte <i>UNSW Sydney / The George Institute</i> Prof Sally Inglis <i>UTS</i> Dr Luke Perry <i>Victorian Heart Hospital / Monash University</i> Carrie Hayter <i>Consumer</i>
2:20 - 2:45 PM	Afternoon Tea (25 mins)	
From Discussion to Action: Facilitated Roundtables - Designing a Fairer Women's Heart Health System		
2:45 - 3:10 PM	Research - Women's Longitudinal Study	Prof Gita Mishra AO <i>The University of Queensland</i> - Presentation and discussion
3:10 - 3:35 PM	Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment	Dr Fiona Foo <i>Sydney Cardiology Group / Macquarie University Health</i> - Presentation and discussion
3:35 - 4:00 PM	Policy & Advocacy	Dr Talia Avrahamzon <i>Head of Policy, Projects & Advocacy, Research Australia</i> - Presentation and discussion
4:00 - 4:25 PM	First Nations Women's Heart Health	A/Prof Aunty Vicki Wade <i>Menzies School of Health Research</i> - Presentation and discussion
4:25 - 4:45 PM	Summary & Call to Action	Prof Patricia Davidson <i>Chair, Her Heart Board / University of New South Wales</i> A/Prof Aunty Vicki Wade <i>Menzies School of Health Research</i>
4:50 - 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Thanks	Prof Linda Worrall-Carter

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