



AUSTRALASIAN COGNITIVE NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATION

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

3rd Annual Scientific Meeting | 2026

4 September 2026 · Training Day

5-6 September 2026 · Annual Scientific Meeting  
Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Darlinghurst, Sydney





This Training Day is designed for Advanced Trainees and allied health specialists across all disciplines of Cognitive Health and Dementia. Leading practitioners will present a clinically focused day of learnings and updates on new and emerging areas of practice.

## 9:00–11:00 Morning Sessions

- Neuropsych 101 – A Case-Based Approach
- FTD vs AD Biomarkers – Practical Interpretation
- Neuroradiology for Cognitive Neurologists
- Primary Progressive Aphasia – A Practical Clinical Approach

## 11:00 – 11:30 Morning Coffee

## 11:30–12:30 Late Morning Sessions

- Genetic Dementias including Huntington's Disease
- Rapidly Progressive & Reversible Dementias
- Leukodystrophies in Adult Practice

## 12:30 – 1:15 Lunch (45 minutes)

## 1:15–3:15 Afternoon Sessions

- Parkinson's Disease Dementia & DLB – Clinical Approach
- Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)
- Neuropsychiatric Symptoms of Dementia – Management Strategies
- FTD Therapeutics – What's Emerging?

## 3:15 – 3:40 Afternoon Tea

## 3:40–4:45 Late Afternoon Sessions

- Biomarkers Masterclass
- Neuropsychology Session: MCI Assessment and Testing

## 4:45 PM Feedback & Close



Venue: St. Vincent's Clinic, 438 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010  
*Programme subject to change. Some speakers to be confirmed.*



# Day 1 – Annual Scientific Meeting

Saturday 5 September 2026 | Garvan Institute of Medical Research

The Annual Scientific Meeting features emerging and hot topics across the spectrum of cognitive neurology, dementia and memory disorders, with expert plenary lectures, case-based presentations, and interactive debate. **The current program is provisional and subject to change**

9:00 AM Introduction & Welcome

9:05–9:45 Keynote: Neuropathology & Co-pathologies in Dementia

Co-pathologies across neurodegenerative dementias

9:45–10:45 Theme: From Risk to Resilience

Updates on Dementia Prevention

Resilience and Super-Agers

Viruses and Dementia – HSV, VZV, HIV and beyond

10:45 – 11:15 Morning Coffee

11:15–12:45 Theme: Cardiometabolic Health and Dementia

Vascular Cognitive Impairment: Disease mechanisms and diagnosis

VCI: An update on biomarkers

Metabolic Dysfunction & Potential Therapeutic Targets across the Dementias

12:45 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30–3:00 Theme: Clinical Case Conference

Complex case presentations with interactive audience participation

3:00 – 3:30 Afternoon Coffee

3:30–4:30 Theme: The Next Decade of Alzheimer's Disease

Emerging themes and controversies – a round-up from ADPD and AAIC

Alzheimer's Disease Therapeutics – Trial Updates and future directions

4:30–5:30 Theme: Practical Solutions to Problems in the Clinic

Driving assessment: Who needs it and how to do it?

Speech and language disorders: An update on clinical assessment

5:30 PM Close

Conference Dinner

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# Day 2 – Annual Scientific Meeting

Sunday 6 September 2026 | Garvan Institute of Medical Research

8:30–9:00 ACNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Members Only

9:00–10:00 Theme: Genes and Synuclein – At the Cross-roads of Dementia

Lewy Body Disorders: Biomarkers, New Criteria & Staging Controversies

The Changing Genetic Landscape of Dementia

10:00–11:00 Rapid Fire Research & Clinical Presentations (Judged)

Trainee research rapid fire presentations – competitive, peer-reviewed

*Multiple presenters | Prizes awarded for best submissions*

11:00 – 11:30 Morning Coffee

11:30–12:30 Theme: Integrating Brain, Mind and Behaviour across Cognitive Health

Neuropsychiatry Interface

Old Age Psychiatry Perspective

12:30–1:00 Debate Session (Closing)

“Preclinical Alzheimer’s Disease – is it real and does it matter?”

“Is it all about amyloid?”

1:00 PM Closing Remarks & Awards



## Conference Venue

Garvan Institute of Medical Research  
384 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010

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## Key Dates

4 September 2026 – Training Day  
5–6 September 2026 – Annual Scientific Meeting

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