



**PERIPHERAL HOSPITALS
EMERGENCY MEDICINE CONFERENCE**

**29, 30 Sept. & 1 Oct. 2004
Shoal Bay Resort & Spa,
Port Stephens, NSW**



Introduction

The plans for the 2004 conference promise some exciting new developments. For the first time, we are calling for free papers. Also, in response to feedback after the 2003 conference, we have workshops available on the first day. We have moved to a waterside venue for the first time.

The general format has been preserved. We feel that the Horizon lecture is an important feature. This is a topic of relevance to medicine, but also of interest to partners of delegates and intended to broaden the outlook of the audience.

The strong focus on plenary sessions remains. Topics have once more been chosen from feedback supplied by previous attendees, and requested of presenters with known expertise in the relevant fields. As usual, the

conference is deliberately placed in the NSW school holidays, leading up to the long weekend, so that families can accompany delegates. Social functions are designed to let the broader medical community get together.

There was discussion over a possible name change since many delegates come from tertiary referral hospitals as well as peripheral ones. But we have kept with the formula that has been warmly supported in the past. And, of course, everyone with an interest in emergency medicine is most welcome.

Dr Peter Roberts
Chair

Conference Location

Shoal Bay, is located within the blue water paradise of Port Stephens, only 2 ½ hours north of Sydney. The area boasts exceptional diversity and a huge range of nature based activities.

These include aquatic activities, such as

- Dolphin & whale watching
- Snorkelling & diving
- Surfing
- Sea kayaking, canoeing, jet skiing, wind surfing
- Deep sea fishing, and much more

Land based activities:

- Spectacular bushwalking
- 4WD sand tours
- Horse riding
- Sand dune quad biking
- Golf
- Bike Riding

Conference & Accommodation Venue

The venue is the newly refurbished Shoal Bay Resort & Spa, located beachside at Shoal Bay. It caters for a large range of accommodation options & budgets.

Features are:

- Multi-million dollar Aqua Spa & Health Club
- Three restaurants & four bars
- Two swimming pools
- Room service
- **"Occies Kids Klub" – Free for 5 – 14 year olds. Three sessions daily - from 10.00am.**



Optional Activities

Golf

Enjoy the challenge of playing at Horizons Golf on New South Wales's No. 1 ranked Resort Course. The tradition of the annual Conference Golf Tournament continues in this great afternoon and includes lunch, transfers and the usual fantastic prizes!

Walking Tour

Walking tour with National Parks & Wildlife guide to Point Stephens via the sand spit of Fingal Bay. Lunch is included.

Duck Dive Amphibious Adventure

Combine all the action of Port Stephens in this exciting amphibious adventure. Cross the bay to Jimmy's Beach where your amphibious vehicle transforms into a 4WD. Crash through the surf at Hawkes Nest beach, snorkel at Winda Woppa, then ride the boom net back across to Shoal Bay. Afternoon tea provided.

Conference Programme

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2004

1030-1600 Workshop Sessions. (*Morning & Afternoon Teas, and Lunch included.*)

Medical Digital Photography – Manipulating Medical Images Dr Drew Richardson
The Wireless Emergency Department Dr Michael Hession
Advanced Suturing Techniques Stephanie O'Mahony RN

Each workshop will be presented in both morning and afternoon sessions, giving delegates the opportunity to attend two workshops.

1630-1800 Conference Registration and Welcome Reception

1800-1845 Horizon Speech

Dr Jon Currie Pot & Potions: Poisoning Our People?

1900 Informal Family Dinner (*Additional Cost, not included in programme*)

DAY 2 THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

0800 -1310 Conference Sessions (*Morning Tea included*)

<i>Paediatric Trauma</i>	Dr Nicholas Cheng
<i>EM-New stuff from the Journals</i>	Dr Richard Paoloni
<i>Burns</i>	Dr Peter Kennedy
<i>Medico-Legal Issues</i>	Ms Megan Keaney UMP
<i>Funny ECG's</i>	Dr Duncan Guy
<i>Envenomation Update</i>	Dr Andis Graudins

1315 Conference concludes for the day

Afternoon Leisure Time - Optional Sporting & Social Activities

1700-1800 Meetings - ASCMO and others as required.

1900-2300 Conference Dinner - "Good Vibrations" - *Sponsored by*



The Point Restaurant - Soldiers Point
Theme: Back to the Beach/ 60's Retro

DAY 3 FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2004

0900-1545 Conference Sessions (*Morning Tea and Lunch included.*)

<i>ID Vignettes</i>	Dr David Mitchell
<i>ICU - What's New?</i>	Dr Sean Kelly
<i>Neonatal Resuscitation</i>	Dr Paul Craven
<i>Presentation of Delegates Free Papers</i>	
<i>Ultrasound in Emergency</i>	Dr Peter Smith
<i>Cervical Spine</i>	Dr Michelle Atkinson
<i>Drug and Alcohol Detox - What comes next?</i>	Dr Ross White

In collaboration with the NSW Faculty of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine, there will be a session for free papers, and we are calling for abstracts from fellows, trainees and other interested health professionals. For further information, and applications, please contact the conference organiser.

Organising Committee

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