

Conference Program

MONDAY 1ST DEC —
WEDNESDAY 3RD DEC
— **ICC SYDNEY**



About the Conference

In 2025, in the beautiful city of Sydney NSW, we are embracing the theme of **'Evolution, Insights, Into Impacts'**. A concept at the heart of our profession as occupational hygienists.

Our themes since AIOH21 - Challenge for Change, Simple Sustainable Solutions, Future Ready, and Scientific Storytelling - have all pointed to one word: **Evolution**. AIOH25 explores the ongoing evolution of occupational hygiene and the challenges shaping our industry.

Post 2020, changes have placed occupational hygienists in greater demand than ever. Driven by legislative updates, technological advances, rising workplace expectations, and a world-class commitment to progress, it's an exciting time for our profession.

But key questions remain: Have we done enough? Are we truly future-ready? Are we guiding the next generation? What insights can we provide to make meaningful impacts?

AIOH25 will explore:

- The next generation of occupational hygienists - how we promote, train, and inspire
- Insights, the changes in legislation and what impact it is having
- New sampling methodologies and cutting-edge technologies
- How we continue to anticipate, recognise, evaluate, and control
- And most importantly: Are we there yet, or is there still more to do?

Join us at AIOH25 as we define the next stage in the evolution of our profession.

2025 Organising Committee

AIOH sincerely thanks the conference committee for their invaluable support and assistance in 2025.

Conference Chair:

Kerry McDougall, Principal Occupational Hygienist, Occupational Hygiene Consulting Pty Ltd

Scientific Program Chair:

Mark Rawlings, Inspector, SafeWork NSW

Committee Members:

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Themed Night

Networking Drinks +
Presidents Cup Virtual Golf

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**Platinum &
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Speaker**



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If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities for the conference please contact [Kelly Phypers](#), Senior Events Manager, AIOH.

Event Details

Date:

Monday 1st December -
Wednesday 3rd December

Location:

International Convention
Centre (ICC), Sydney

Continuing Education Sessions:

Saturday 29th November -
Sunday 30th November

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Continuing Education Sessions

The CES program will run on Saturday 29th November – Sunday 30th November at the International Convention Centre in Sydney.

Full day:
8.30am - 5.00 pm

\$630 Member
\$780 Non-Member

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

[DOWNLOAD CES PROGRAM](#)

Half day:
8.30am - 12.30 pm
and 1.00pm - 5.00pm

\$330 Member
\$390 Non-Member

Keep an eye out on our
socials as more information
gets released!



Ticket Pricing

(includes GST)

Full conference ticket

Includes a ticket to all social events

Early Bird pricing ends
Friday 3rd October

Early Bird Member
\$1,860

Early Bird Non-Member
\$2,255

Standard Member
\$2,547

Standard Non-Member
\$2,877

Technical conference ticket

Additional social event tickets need to be purchased

Scientific Program
Member \$1,595

Scientific Program
Non-Member \$1,925

Day pass conference ticket

Additional social event tickets need to be purchased

Day Pass Member
\$1,111

Day Pass Non-Member
\$1,243

Ticket includes; exhibition hall entry, conference satchel morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea.

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Student and Retired Members

Technical conference registration is complimentary for full-time and part-time student members with less than three years of industry experience. Please note that student registrations do not include tickets to social events; these can be purchased separately during the registration process.

Retired members are also eligible for complimentary registration, which includes tickets to the Networking Drinks and Welcome Dinner. Additional social event tickets can be purchased during the registration process.

Social Ticket Pricing (includes GST)

Sunday 30th November

Presidents Cup
Virtual Golf \$154

Opening Night
Networking Drinks \$99

Welcome Dinner \$165

Monday 1st December

Themed Night \$187

Tuesday 2nd December

AIOH Gala Dinner \$198

Accommodation

Looking for accommodation in Sydney or a city escape in Darling Harbour? We have secured discounted rates for the following hotels available via the links provided below:

- [Sofitel](#) Sydney Darling Harbour - 5 star hotel
- [W Sydney](#) - 5 star hotel
- [Novotel](#) Sydney Darling Harbour - 4 star hotel
- [Ibis](#) Sydney Darling Harbour - 4 star hotel



Optional Conference Activities

Presidents Cup Virtual Golf

Gear up for an exciting virtual golf tournament at GolfSpace! Enjoy friendly competition with colleagues and peers, and see who comes out on top. Your ticket includes transfers to and from the venue, unlimited beer, wine, soft drinks and lunch.

Date:

Sunday 30th November

Time:

11:00am - 3:00pm

Venue:

[GolfSpace](#)

Pick up location:

[ICC Sydney](#)

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Oz Jet Boating

Enjoy 30% off the iconic Red Shark Thrill Ride with Oz Jet Boating. Feel the speed, the spray, and the Sydney Harbour like never before.

Offer details:

- Use promo code OJAIOH25 at checkout
- 30% off if you book and pay by 31st October
- 20% off for bookings from 1st of November
- Valid for rides until 14th December (not valid with other offers).

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BridgeClimb Sydney

Climb the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge with BridgeClimb Sydney. As a conference delegate, enjoy 20% off selected climbs – your special rate will appear at checkout after clicking 'Book Now'.

Offer details:

- Valid for climbs between 24 November – 10 December 2025 (Book by 10 December 2025)
- Delegates must show conference registration or lanyard at check-in (full price applies if not provided)
- Friends & family may access the discount when accompanied by a delegate
- Special conference offer applies to climbs over \$350; no discount for climbs \$350 or under.

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Big Bus Tours

Soak up the sights of Sydney on our Hop-on, Hop-off Sydney Big Bus Tour.

Offer details:

- 15% off the Discover Ticket – 24hr Hop-On Hop-Off Bus
- 10% off the Night Tour – Sydney's only panoramic night experience
- **Booking Period:** Until 31st October 2025
- **Travel Dates:** 20th November – 10 December 2025

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Professional Development Awards will be presented at the AIOH Gala Dinner on Tuesday 2nd December. Contact [AIOH Events](#) if you would like to purchase a ticket only to the Gala Dinner.

AIOH Professional Advancement Award

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AIOH Post-Graduate Scholarship

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AIOH Innovation Award

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AIOH Young Hygienist Award

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AIOH Conference Package Award

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AIOH Best Conference Poster

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AIOH Best Conference Paper Award

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SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

TIME	SESSION AND SPEAKER	OUTLINE
11:00am - 3:00pm	Presidents Cup Virtual Golf Sponsored by: 	Join us for the Presidents Golf Cup, a fun and social virtual golf session designed to bring together golf enthusiasts of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, this event promises an enjoyable and engaging experience for everyone. Tickets can be purchased during registration.
4:15pm - 5:00pm	EHG Presents - The Big Fat (Hygiene) Quiz of the Year 2025	Come and test your knowledge, both hygiene and general, with the Emerging Hygienists Group to kick off the 2025 AIOH Conference! Join us for this interactive quiz, where you play along on your phone! Play either individually or as teams to compete for bragging rights (and maybe a prize or two). We would love to see new and familiar faces, so come and join us for an icebreaker before the Newcomers Speed Networking kicks off. Head to meeting room C2.4, level 2 at the ICC.
5:00pm - 5:45pm	Newcomers Speed Networking Event MC: Linda Apthorpe (FAIOH, COH), Senior Occupational Hygienist, Hibbs	This is a fantastic opportunity to meet peers, expand your professional network, and build supportive relationships to guide your journey in occupational hygiene. All conference newcomers are warmly invited to connect in a welcoming and relaxed setting — plus, there are lucky door prizes to be won! Head to the Parkside Pre-Function Area, Level 2, ICC.
5:45pm - 6:45pm	Opening Night Networking Drinks Sponsored by: 	Kick off the conference with your colleagues and industry peers for drinks, canapés and networking at the North East Foyer (Outside the Exhibition Hall), Level 2, ICC.
7:00pm - 10:30pm	Welcome Dinner Sponsored by: 	Join us at the Welcome Dinner to continue the networking with great food, music, and plenty of fun. Head to the Parkside Ballroom on Level 2 at the ICC. Dress code: smart casual.

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TIME	SESSION AND SPEAKER	OUTLINE
7:15am - 8:15am	AIOH Mentoring Program Workshop Jason Green , AIOH Mentoring Committee Chair	All AIOH members are invited to this interactive session to learn more about the Mentoring Program. Whether you're a potential or current mentor or mentee, you'll gain practical tools, insights, and strategies to build effective mentoring relationships in occupational hygiene - plus, there are lucky door prizes to be won!
7:30am - 8:30am	Conference Registration	The Gallery. Visit our coffee carts in The Gallery, thanks to Rio Tinto and AIOH

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8:45am - 8:55am	Acknowledgement of Country and Conference Opening Kerry McDougall (FAIOH COH), AIOH 2025 Conference Chair	
8:55am - 9:00am	AIOH President Address Aleks Todorović (MAIOH), AIOH 2025 President	
9:00am - 10:00am	Keynote Address 1: AI Advantage – The Success Booster Dr. Florian Ilgen , CSP – Keynote Speaker & Change Catalyst Sponsored by: 	Opening the conference Dr Florian Ilgen will present on 'AI Advantage – The Success Booster'. This keynote, demonstrates how AI can move beyond headlines to deliver real-world impacts — driving efficiency, opening new opportunities, and transforming how we work. Through inspiring storytelling and practical strategies, delegates will gain insights into harnessing AI not just as technology, but as a catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and lasting advantage.
10:00am - 11:00am	Morning Tea & Trade Exhibition	The Gallery
10:00am - 11:00am	Headshot Booth Supporting the Sue Davies Foundation	Refresh your professional portfolio with a new headshot at the AIOH Headshot Booth in the exhibition hall — all while supporting the Sue Davies Foundation. To donate and book your session, please visit the conference webpage.
11:00am - 11:45am	Plenary Address 1: The Structured Deterministic Model (SDM): An Evolutionary Tool for Practicing Occupational Hygienists Dr Susan Arnold (PhD, CIH, FAIHA), Associate Professor of Occupational Hygiene, University of Minnesota School of Public Health	Traditional exposure assessments often rely on non-systematic approaches that can underestimate true risks, leaving workers vulnerable. This session introduces the SDM 2.0 — a user-friendly, Excel-based tool that represents a major evolution in exposure assessment, offering a systematic and accurate method for judging exposures. Through real-world case studies, participants will gain insights into how SDM 2.0 is transforming practice and driving stronger impacts in workplace health protection.
11:45am - 12:30pm	Plenary Address 2: How AI Can Evolve the Occupational Hygiene Practice Mwangi Ndonga , Senior Manager, Regional EHS, Ball Corporation	Artificial intelligence continues to make headlines especially with the recent explosion of generative AI tools such as ChatGPT. However, such tools alone will not accelerate the occupational hygiene profession towards artificial intelligence maturity. This plenary session will describe currently available AI-related technologies, demonstrate examples of AI being used to mitigate risks, and provide steps that Occupational Hygienists can take to begin integrating AI into their work. AI adoption by the profession should free practitioners from burdensome tasks so that they can spend more time engaging with workers and collaborating with stakeholders.
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch & Trade Exhibition	The Gallery
12:40pm - 1:25pm	The Pitch!	Join us in the networking area of The Gallery to hear exhibitors present their Pitch!
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Session 1A: The Revised Guide to Managing Heat Stress: Developed for Use in the Australian Environment Dr Ross Di Corleto (PhD, FAIOH, COH), Principal Consultant, Monitor Consulting Services	
	Session 1B: Exposure Evolution: Insights from a Decade of Mining Hygiene Data in Western Australia Dr Adelle Liebenberg (PhD, FAIOH, COH)	
	Session 1C: Validation of a Portable Dust Generation and Sample Collection System Dr David Tetley Noi , PhD, Lecturer, OHS Discipline, School of Social Science, University of Wollongong	
	Session 1D: Real Time Occupational Monitoring of Nurses and Midwives for Nitrous Oxide Exposure Dr Michael Taylor (MAIOH), Technical Executive, Occupational Hygiene & Hazmat/Adjunct Academic, WSP Australia and Flinders University	

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2:00pm - 2:30pm	Session 2A: AS/NZS ISO 23875:2023. Cabin Performance – Practical Field Testing Beyond the Smoke Bomb Mark Solomons (MAIOH, COH), Senior Occupational Hygienist, GCG Health Safety and Hygiene	
	Session 2B: Modernising Industrial Hygiene Reporting Through Integrated Power BI Dashboards Lucas Pettit , HSE Advisor, Industrial Hygiene/Health, Rio Tinto & Andrew Bennett (FAIOH, COH), Principal Advisor Industrial Hygiene, Rio Tinto	
	Session 2C: Myth-Busting Exposure Statistics: Updating Heuristics John Padgham (MAIOH, COH), Principal Occupational Hygienist, Simtars	
	Session 2D: Occupational Exposure to Diacetyl and 2,3-Pentanedione in Coffee Manufacturing: A Benchmark Australian Study Following Updated Workplace Exposure Limits Ella Zhou , Health, Safety, and Environment Consultant, EDP Consultants	
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Session 3A: Occupational Exposures to Mixtures and Chronic Disease Peter Knott (FAIOH, COH), Principal Occupational Hygienist, GCG Health Safety and Hygiene	
	Session 3B: Technology as a Teammate Dustin Bennett (FAIOH, COH), Principal Occupational Hygienist/Innovation Director, GCG Health Safety and Hygiene	
	Session 3C: Short-Term Thinking, Long-Term Harm - Hyperbolic Discounting and Worker Health Zach Bentley (MOHT, MAIOH, COH), Occupational Hygiene Specialist, Chevron Australia & Dr David Lowry (PhD, MAIOH, COH), Principal, Exposure Risk, Rio Tinto	
	Session 3D: Equity in Exposure: The Role of Occupational Hygienists in Addressing Health Disparities Among Marginalised Worker Populations Leon Pretorius (MAIOH, COH), Senior Occupational Hygienist and Occupational Hygiene Team Lead, Exposure Science Consulting	
3:00pm - 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea & Trade Exhibition	The Gallery
3:45pm - 4:15pm	Session 4A: Characterising Respirable Welding Particulate in Surface Mining: Insights from Workshop and Field Maintenance Environments Dr Nikky LaBranche (PhD, MAIOH), Dust and Respiratory Health Program Lead, The University of Queensland	
	Session 4B: Beneath the Surface: Evaluating Exposure Risk from Asbestos in Bituminous Building Products Dr David Lowry (PhD, MAIOH, COH), Principal, Exposure Risk, Rio Tinto, Dr Laurie Glossop (PhD, FAIOH, COH) - Director, Glossop Consultancy and Chris White (MOccEnvHlth, MAIOH), Principal Consultant, Whitechapple Resources	
	Session 4C: Modified Sampling Strategies for Well-Known Exposure Situations Dean Crouch (CRSE, MARPS, MAIOH) - Principal WHS Consultant - Radiation, TetraTech	
	Session 4D: Thinking Outside the Ear: Health Effects of Noise Dr Laurie Wells Au.D., Division Scientist, Regulatory Specialist, 3M Personal Safety Division	
4:15pm - 4:45pm	Session 5A: Action Limits and Additive Effects – Impact on Compliance Ian Firth (FAIOH, COH), Principal Consultant & Director, IC Firth OHS Solutions Pty Ltd	
	Session 5B: Modelling the Risk of Silicosis in WA Mine Workers Paul Foley (FAIOH), Statewide Health Team Leader - Inspector of Mines, Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety	
	Session 5C: Dishing the Dirt on Asbestos: Public Discourse in Australia Treats Any Trace of Asbestos in Soil as an Acute Hazard Richard Wilkinson (MAIOH, COH), Principal Occupational Hygienist and Carl Strautins (MAIOH, COH), Epidemiologist, Occupational Hygienist & Materials Scientist, Safe Environments Pty Ltd	
	Session 5D: Connecting Scientific Research to Field Testing - Fresh Thinking for Contaminated Buildings Dr Claire Bird , Technical and Managing Director, LITMAS	
4:45pm - 5:15pm	Mining Sector: Choose Your Own Adventure Dr Kelly Johnstone (PhD, FAIOH, COH), AIOH President Elect	Hosted by AIOH President Elect, open to all, come along and discover the evolution!

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7:00pm - 11:00pm	Themed Night Sponsored by: 	Time Warp: Evolution, Insights, Into Impacts! Step into the time machine and journey through the ages - where past, present, and future collide! Will you walk among the first humans, witness a groundbreaking discovery, or venture into the unknown future? Every era has a story to tell. Pick your moment in time, dress the part, and make your mark - where (or when) will your journey take you? The walking convoy departs at 6.40pm sharp from the Convention Centre's ground floor main entrance, located between the ICC and the Sofitel Hotel.

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

TIME	SESSION AND SPEAKER	OUTLINE
7:30am - 8:15am	Conference Registration	The Gallery. Visit our coffee carts in The Gallery, thanks to Rio Tinto and AIOH
8:15am - 9:00am	Plenary Address 3: The Evolution of ASSEA Insights to Impact: Leveraging Lessons from the Asbestos Legacy to Shape the Future of Silica Safety Jodie Deakes , CEO Asbestos and Silica Safety & Eradication Agency	The Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency (ASSEA) is an agile micro-agency with a big remit: to coordinate Australia's national action on asbestos and silica safety and eradication, through innovation, collaboration, and evidence-based strategy. Highlighting successful initiatives of the past, this presentation will look to the future, to move towards proactive removal of the estimated 6.2 million tonnes of asbestos still in the built environment, while delivering a coordinated national response to silica safety. Specifically, the recent creation of the Silica Advisory Committee (SAC) will act as a key advisor for ASSEA's work, ensuring actions are based on sound evidence, and practical experience.
9:00am - 10:00am	Keynote Address 2: Influence 2.0 - Mastering the Art of Opening Minds Michael McQueen , Change Strategist, Author	Formerly named Australia's Keynote Speaker of the Year, Michael has also been inducted into the Professional Speakers Hall of Fame. Nothing changes until minds do. While persuading others has always been challenging, it has never been more difficult. So, whether you're aiming to influence customer choices, team dynamics, or organisational culture, this keynote will give you the tools for powerful, lasting impact. You will leave this presentation with a clear action plan for navigating uncertainty and emerging stronger than ever.
10:00am - 11:00am	Morning Tea & Trade Exhibition	The Gallery
10:00am - 11:00am	Headshot Booth Supporting the Sue Davies Foundation	Refresh your professional portfolio with a new headshot at the AIOH Headshot Booth in the exhibition hall — all while supporting the Sue Davies Foundation. To donate and book your session, please visit the conference webpage.
11:00am - 11:45am	Plenary Address 4: The Evolution of the Legal and Regulatory Landscape in Occupational Exposure: The Expert's Role Nerida Jessup , Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer	Occupational exposure has re-emerged as a key focus for regulators, courts, unions, and industry — reshaping how risks are understood and addressed. This session examines the legal and regulatory evolution, explores the challenges facing lawmakers and policy makers, and offers a lawyer's perspective on the growing role of occupational hygienists as expert witnesses in prosecutions, litigation, and class actions. Participants will gain insights into how these shifts are impacting the profession and redefining its influence.

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11:45am - 12:30am	Plenary Address 5: Culture and Regulatory Evolution. How is it Affecting WHS Around the World Nikki Vars McCullough , Vice President, Application Engineering and Regulatory Personal Safety Division, 3M	Workplace health and safety culture and regulation are evolving at different paces around the world, shaped by cultural, political, and economic realities. This session explores the milestones, drivers, and processes behind national WHS frameworks, sharing examples of effective standards and programs. Participants will gain insights into global approaches, learn how to optimize multi-national WHS operations, and discover opportunities for cross-border knowledge sharing to enhance impacts.
12:30pm - 1:20pm	ANOH Networking Meeting	Open session, all welcome to attend.
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch & Trade Exhibition	The Gallery
12:40pm - 1:25pm	The Pitch!	Join us in the networking area of The Gallery to hear exhibitors present their Pitch!
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Session 6A: Respirable Dust Reimagined: The Case for a Smarter, Simpler Sampler Dusty Ott (CIH), Corporate Industrial Hygienist, SKC	
	Session 6B: Mercury Exposure: It's Occupational...Right? Daniel Cronje (MAIOH, COH), Senior Hygiene Advisor, Wesfarmers Chemicals, Energy & Fertilisers	
	Session 6C: Exploration of the Barriers to Implementation of a Respiratory Protection Program in a Large Decentralised Volunteer-Based Organisation: Maximising Impact Through Insight Joelie Robson and Dr Jane Whitelaw (FAIOH, COH), University of Wollongong	
	Session 6D: A Burning Desire to Protect: Assessing Settled Dust for Hazards Following a Chemical Recycling Facility Fire Dr Atefeh Abdolali (PhD, MAIOH), Associate Consultant, WSP Australia	
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Session 7A: Preparing for Change: Welding Fume Exposure Insights Amid Evolving Chromium (VI) Risk Standards Jackson Myles (MAIOH), University of Wollongong	
	Session 7B: Influencing Change in Tunnelling Projects: What Works (and What Doesn't) Scott McDonald , Occupational Hygiene Advisor, Suburban Connect	
	Session 7C: The Flooded-Bed Dust Collector Is an Overlooked Factor in the Resurgence of Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis in the United States Dr Steven Lacey (PhD, CIH, CSP), Principal, Steven Lacey & Associates	
	Session 7D: Respiratory Protection for Disaster Response, Recovery and Cleanup - The Lahaina Wildfire and More Dennis Terpin , CEO, The International Safety and Health Specialists	
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Session 8A: Automated Quantitative Raman Spectroscopy to Monitor Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica Dr Kevin Sparwasser (PhD), Chief Materials Scientist, Stat Peel Inc.	
	Session 8B: At the Coal Face: How Traditional Environmental Simultaneous Particulate Profilers Are Used in Trigger Action Response Plans to Reduce Respirable Crystalline Silica Levels, a Workable Tool for Crews Kerry McDougall (FAIOH, COH), Principal Occupational Hygienist, Occupational Hygiene Consulting	
	Session 8C: Battery Electric Vehicle Trial at an Underground Copper Project in the United States Andy McCarthy (MAIOH, COH), Certified Occupational Hygienist	
	Session 8D: New Developments in Bushfire Hygiene ASHRAE Guideline 44 and AIHAs new Wildfire Impact Assessment Technical Guide Bradley Prezant (MAIOH, COH, CIH), Director, Prezant Environmental	

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3:00pm - 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea & Trade Exhibition	The Gallery
3:45pm - 4:15pm	Plenary Address 6: Inseparable Partners in Workers' Health, Safety and Wellbeing – Occupational Hygiene and Occupational Medicine Dr Barry Kistnasamy , Compensation Commissioner, National Department of Health, Johannesburg	Occupational medicine and occupational hygiene have often worked in parallel, offering only part of the picture. This session explores how closer collaboration — from joint walkthroughs to shared surveillance data — can strengthen prevention, improve worker health outcomes, and respond to the evolving labour market. Participants will gain insights into practical strategies for bridging disciplines and creating a more holistic approach to workplace health.
4:30pm - 5:30pm	AIOH Annual General Meeting	Pymont Theatre
7:00pm - 11:00pm	AIOH Gala Dinner	Celebrate your final night with a three-course meal, live band entertainment, and the chance to celebrate with industry peers. The AIOH Professional Development Awards will also be presented during the evening. Don't miss this memorable highlight of the conference. Head to the Grand Ballroom, level 5 at the ICC. Dress code: formal attire.

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

TIME	SESSION AND SPEAKER	OUTLINE
8:00am - 8:30am	Conference Registration	Pymont Theatre
8:40am - 8:55am	Dräger Sponsor Presentation and AIOH Young Hygienist Award Presentation: Sponsored by 	Attend the final session of the conference for your chance to win a Dräger breathalyser! One lucky financial AIOH member will be selected in the draw as we celebrate your ongoing commitment to professional development. You'll also hear from the Young Hygienist Award winner, who will share how they used their award and the impact it has had on their professional journey.
8:55am - 9:15am	Best Conference Paper: Sponsored by 	Winner to be announced at the Gala Dinner
9:15am - 10:00am	Plenary Address 7: Reimagining Occupational Hygiene: Driving Evolution Through Standards, Science, and Strategy Matthew Olota (MS, CMFOH, CIH, CSP), Industrial Hygiene Lead, Irving Oil Limited, Canada, IOHA President (2025/2026)	As the nature of work continues to transform globally, emerging risks demand a renewed focus on advancing robust occupational hygiene standards and practices. This session will examine current priorities in Australia and across international contexts, emphasizing the pivotal role of occupational hygiene in safeguarding workers, supporting families, and strengthening community well-being through sustainable work environments. A central theme will be the readiness of our profession to meet future demands exploring the importance of developing, certifying, and retaining competent, future-ready occupational hygienists. The session will highlight successful initiatives and models from various countries that demonstrate practical, regulatory, and academic partnerships and collaboration.

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10:00am - 10:45am	Poster Presentations Poster Authors	This is your final chance to review the poster presentations! Meet the authors in the Pyrmont Theatre Foyer, explore their work, and take the opportunity to ask questions.
10:00am - 10:45am	Morning Tea	Pyrmont Theatre Foyer
10:45am - 11:30am	Plenary Address 8: Replacing Brains with Bytes: Can AI Make Better Calls Than Occupational Hygienists Speakers: Dustin Bennett , Innovation Director, Principal Hygienist, GCG, Ash Boss-Handley , Principal Occupational Hygienist, Prensa, Ross Di Corleto , Principal Consultant, Monitor Consulting Services, Andrew Orfanos , Division Director, Occupational Hygiene, VA Sciences, John Padgham , Principal Hygienist, Simtars and Jackii Shepherd , Senior Occupational Hygienist, Robson Environmental Carl Strautins , Epidemiologist, Occupational Hygienist & Materials Scientist, Safe Enviroments	We are pleased to announce that the members debate is back by popular demand! Our format will include two teams, each consisting of three debaters, mediated by an impartial facilitator. Voting options will be available for attendees to gauge which side was the most convincing.
11:30am - 12:15pm	Plenary Address 9: Occupational and Environmental Hygiene – Evolution from its Roots in Public Health Frank Hearl , Consultant, Hearl Environmental Consulting LLC	The field of occupational hygiene developed in the early-1900s in response to industrialisation and the hazards that it created. Notable safety and health disasters punctuated the creation of new methods for assessing and controlling workplace risks. Leveraging the current digital transformation of work and the rapid adoption of robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) will present opportunities for further improving worker safety and health.
12:15pm - 12:20pm	AIOH26 Conference Update	
12:20pm - 12:30pm	Official Conference Close Dr Kelly Johnstone (PhD, FAIOH, COH), AIOH 2026 President	

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