

# Babies by the Beach

5- 6 June 2025 | Crowne Plaza, Surfers Paradise, Qld

## Program for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

8.15 am	Registration Opens
9.00 am	Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions. <i>Wendy Carlish, Queensland Branch Chair</i>
9.15 am	What's in the update? And the Companion Toolkit? Neonatal Standards for Practice Version 5 release. <i>Amy Curran, ACNN President</i>
10.00 am	Clinical Service Capability Framework - Workforce and Service Requirements. <i>Karen Hose, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Royal Brisbane &amp; Women's Hospital and NeoResq</i>
10.20 am	What's in a name? <i>Wendy Carlish, Nurse Unit Manager, Toowoomba Hospital</i>
10.40 am	Morning Tea and Exhibition
11.10 am	Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy: Case Presentation. <i>Sandra Meskell, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Tweed Valley Hospital</i>
11.30 am	Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy: Injury and Recovery. <i>Dr Zoe Clarke, Tweed Valley Hospital</i>
11.55 am	Protracted Hypoglycaemia: Case Presentation. <i>Skye Firth, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Logan Hospital</i>
12.15 pm	Hypoglycaemia/Hyperinsulinemia: Causes, Symptoms, Treatment. <i>Dr Joy Domingo-Bates, Logan &amp; Sunshine Coast University Hospital</i>
12.40 pm	Lunch and Exhibition
1.40 pm	Group B Streptococcal Sepsis: Case Presentation. <i>Cathy Krause, Clinical Facilitator/Clinical Nurse and Tahlia Barrett, Clinical Nurse, Toowoomba Hospital</i>
2.00 pm	Group B Streptococcal Sepsis: Risk Factors, Symptoms, Treatment. <i>Amy Curran, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, The Townsville University Hospital and ACNN President</i>
2.25 pm	23-week Twins in a Regional Centre – Panic, Preparation and Passion! <i>Kate McFarlane and Danielle Groves, Clinical Nurses, Hervey Bay Hospital</i>
2.45 pm	The Edge of Viability. <i>Karen Hose, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Royal Brisbane &amp; Women's Hospital and NeoResq</i>
3.10 pm	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition
3.40 pm	Acute deterioration – a guided discussion. <i>Donna Hovey, Clinical Nurse, Royal Brisbane &amp; Women's Hospital.</i>
4.25 pm	Wrap up and Close. <i>Melody Emerson, Clinical Nurse, Mater Mothers' Hospital, Brisbane</i>

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Day 2 (Friday)	\$165.00	\$187.00
Both days	\$291.50	\$335.50



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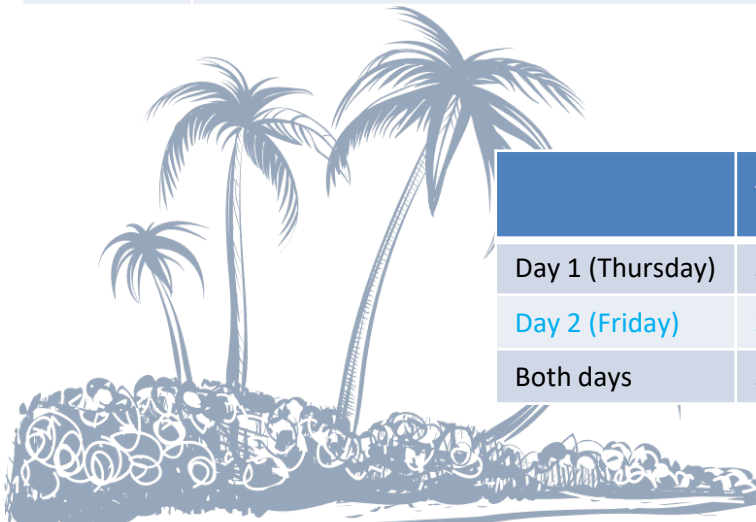
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## Program for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

8.00 am	Registration Opens
8.20 am	Welcome, Introductions and House Keeping. <i>Dr Deanne August, Neo-Skin SIG Chair</i>
8.30 am	Skin Function and Structure. <i>Dr Deanne August, Neo-Skin SIG Chair</i>
9.00 am	<i>On the Couch with the Experts</i> talking MARSII, CASI, Mechanical Force Injury and more. <i>Lyn Chapple, Dr Sabrina de Souza, Emily Larsen, Louise Murphy, Amy Bodley, Ann Marie Dunk</i>
10.00 am	Morning Tea and Exhibition
10.30 am	Nappy Dermatitis Delphi. <i>Ann Marie Dunk</i>
11.10 am	Stoma Care. <i>Amy Bodley</i>
11.50 am	Innovation in Stoma Care. <i>Mackenzie Boundy</i>
12.10 pm	What is a CASI? <i>Emily Larsen</i>
12.30 pm	Lunch and Exhibition
1.45 pm	Emerging evidence for ELBW skin care – the global collaborative. <i>Dr Deanne August &amp; Dr Sabrina de Souza</i>
2.15 pm	Practical Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss and match dressings, adhesives and products</li></ul>
3.15 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.45 pm	Practical Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss and match dressings to injury types</li><li>• Discuss and match products to stoma's, nappy dermatitis and more</li></ul>
5.15 pm	Wrap up and Close

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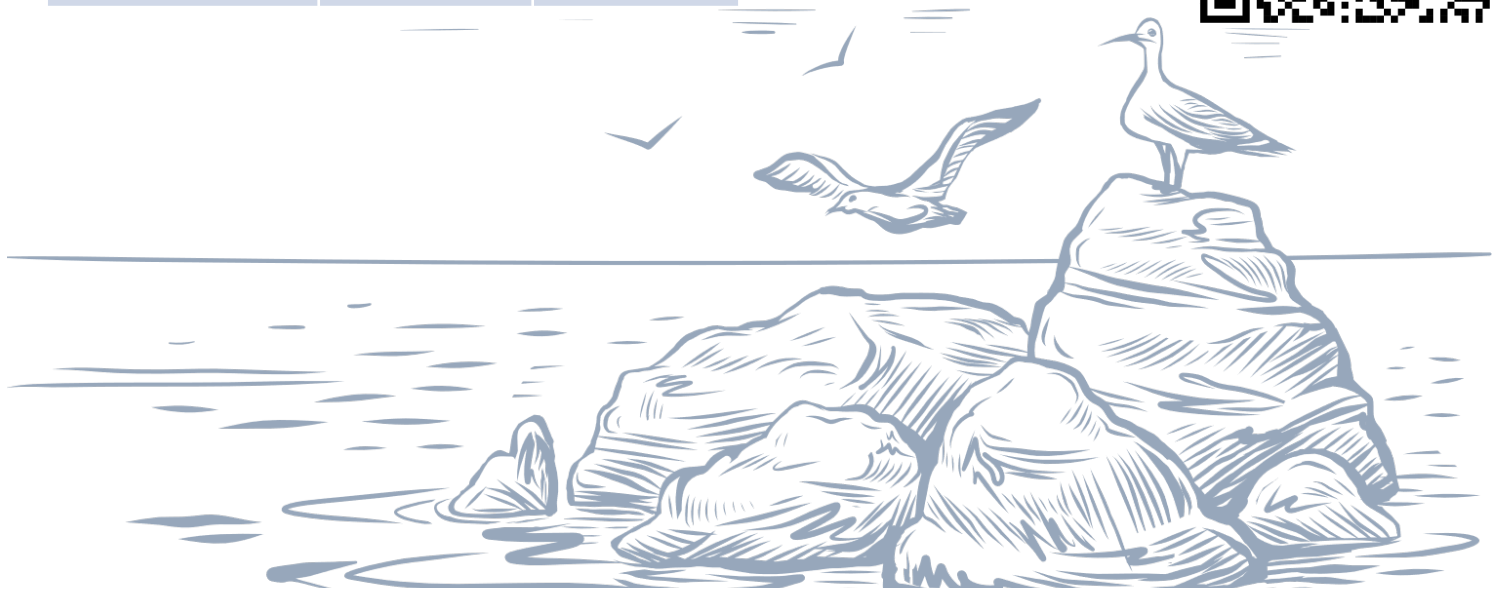
24- 25 July 2025 | Rydges Geelong, Vic

## Program for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

12.30 pm	Registration Opens
1.00 pm	Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions. <i>Emma Yeomans, Victoria Branch Chair</i>
Session 1: Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy (HIE): peripartum, intrapartum and the first hours of life	Case Study Introduction. <i>Amanda Whitehouse, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne &amp; Vic Branch committee member</i>
	Brain and HIE Pathophysiology. <i>Helen Patterson, University of Melbourne &amp; Vic Branch committee member</i>
	Presentation and Diagnosis. <i>Amanda Whitehouse, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne &amp; Vic Branch committee member</i>
	Awaiting retrieval – what you need to do! <i>Narelle Wiseman, Cabrini Health</i>
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition
Session 2: HIE: supportive management in the first hours of life	Facilitating neuro-protective care. <i>Erin Church, Mercy Hospital for Women &amp; Vic Branch committee member</i>
	Protecting the gut and supporting breastmilk feeding. <i>Sharon Perrella, The University of Western Australia</i>
	Panel Q & A session

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Both days	\$159.50	\$203.50

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# Babies by the Bay

24- 25 July 2025 | Rydges Geelong, Vic

## Program for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

8 am	Registration Open
8.30 am	Welcome and Housekeeping. <i>Emma Yeomans, Victoria Branch Chair</i>
Session 1	PIPER: charting, stabilisation and transfer. <i>Dr Ian Tang</i>
	Understanding the admission and intensive care experience. <i>Samantha Best, Monash Health</i>
	Preparing the family for their neonatal experience. <i>Samantha Best, Monash Health</i>
	Emotional and Traumatic Impact on Families. <i>Elise Cowan, Monash Health</i>
10.00 am	Morning Tea and Exhibition
Session 2	Diagnostics and Monitoring – seizure activity, aEEG, MRI. <i>Dr Lupe Alda</i>
	Pharmacological Management. <i>Megan Clarke, Monash Health</i>
	Therapeutic Hypothermia and Rewarming Protocols. <i>Samantha Best, Monash Health</i>
	Panel Q & A session
12.15 pm	Lunch and Exhibition
Session 3	Facilitating developmentally supportive care in the neonatal environment. <i>Kirsty Minter, Grace Centre for Newborn Care</i>
	What’s in the update? And the Companion Toolkit. Neonatal Standards Version 5 release. <i>Melissah Burnett, ACNN Vice-President</i>
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
Session 4	Facilitating nutrition, feeding, bonding and early attachment. <i>Sharon Perrella, The University of Western Australia</i>
	Transition Home. Outcomes and Follow-up. <i>Gemma Willey, Barwon Health &amp; St John of God Hospital, Geelong</i>
4.45 pm	Close

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# Nurses in the Vines

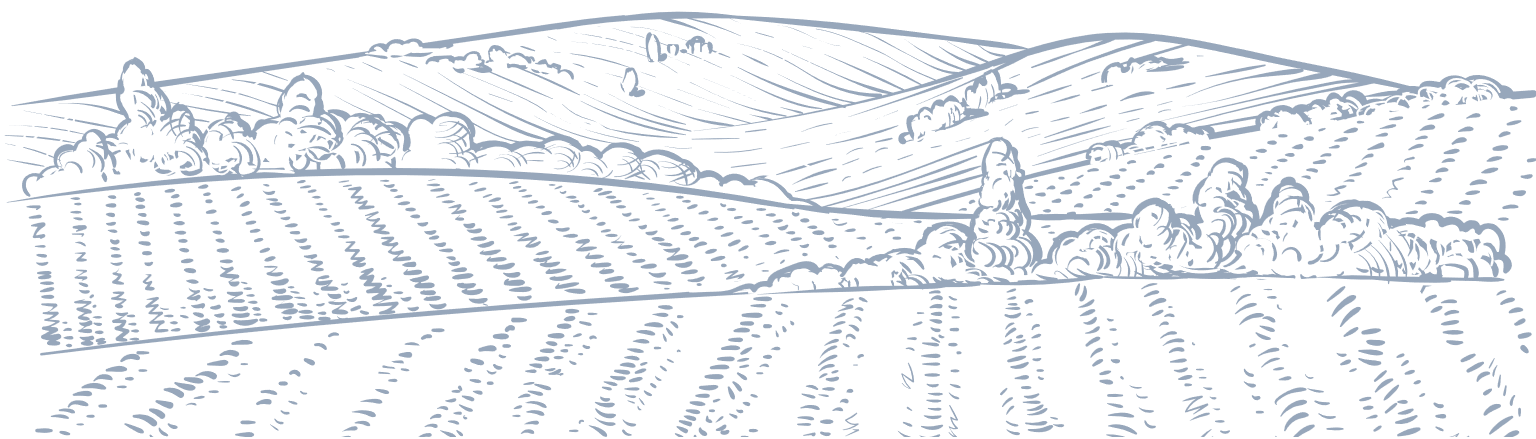
25 Sept 2025 | Rydges Resort Hunter Valley, NSW

Program for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

8 am	Registration open
8.45 am	Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions. <i>Amy Curran, ACNN President</i>
9.00 to 11.00 am	Navigating Challenging Communication Workshop – Part 1. <i>Jennifer Harland</i>
11.00 to 11.30 am	Morning Tea
11.30 am to 12.30 pm	Navigating Challenging Communication Workshop – Part 2. <i>Jennifer Harland</i>
12.30 to 1.15 pm	Developing a Professional Portfolio with Reflective Practice for Nurses. <i>Jennifer Harland</i>
1.15 to 2.00 pm	Lunch and Exhibition
2.00 to 2.45 pm	Nursing law - morality and reality and ability to influence patient care. <i>Professor Emerita Mary Chiarella</i>
2.45 to 3.30 pm	The Lucy Letby Case: What have we learned? <i>Professor Deborah Harris</i>
3.30 to 4.00 pm	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition
4.00 to 4.45 pm	What's in the update? And the Companion Toolkit. Neonatal Standards Version 5 release. <i>Justine Parsons, Project Lead</i>
4.45 – 5.15pm	Annual General Meeting with Cheese and Wine followed by a Networking Event

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Day 1 (Thursday)	\$198.00	\$220.00
Day 2 (Friday)	\$27.50	\$55.00
Both days	\$225.50	\$275.00

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# Nurses in the Vines

25 Sept 2025 | Rydges Resort Hunter Valley, NSW

## Presentation Synopsis

### Navigating Challenging Communication Workshop

This workshop equips nurses with essential skills and strategies to manage difficult conversations effectively. Participants will explore common challenging communication scenarios, such as **high-stress interactions with patients, families, and colleagues**, and learn techniques to handle these situations with empathy, assertiveness, and clarity. Participants will learn how to apply structured communication frameworks to facilitate clear, respectful dialogue in critical moments. Additionally, the workshop emphasises emotional intelligence and self-awareness, helping participants stay composed under pressure and build trust within their teams. By fostering a culture of psychological safety, participants will leave with the tools needed to promote open, constructive communication and enhance team dynamics in their healthcare environments.

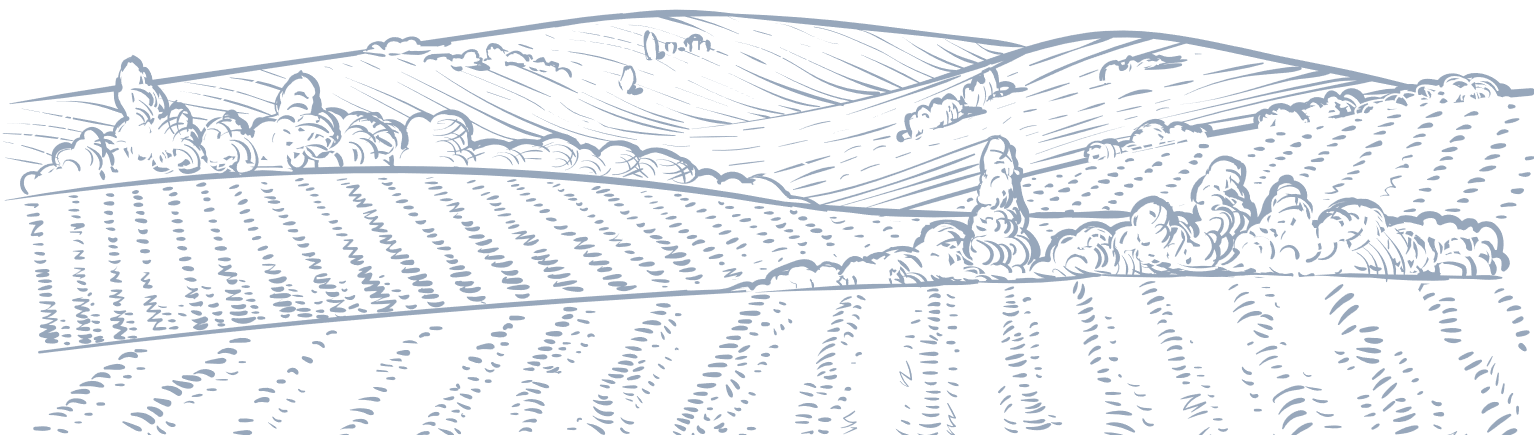
### Developing a Professional Portfolio with Reflective Practice for Nurses

This presentation will guide nurses in developing a professional portfolio that not only showcases their skills, competencies, and achievements but also highlights their commitment to growth through reflective practice. Participants will learn the importance of a well-organised portfolio as a tool for career advancement, as well as the essential components it should include—such as clinical skills documentation, certifications, and continuing education. The presentation will emphasise reflective practice as a key element, allowing nurses to demonstrate critical thinking, self-awareness, and the lessons learned from their experiences. By the end, participants will be equipped to create a dynamic portfolio that captures their professional journey and supports their ongoing development in nursing.

### Neonatal Standards Version 5 release + companion toolkit

This session will provide an overview of these Standards for Practice specifically for registered nurses and/or registered midwives who work in a clinical or non-clinical capacity in contributing to the care of neonates and their families within inpatient and post-discharge contexts. The standards inform professional practice, professional development and capability for all neonatal nurses in the provision of safe, high quality clinical care and are inclusive of, but not limited to, direct clinical care, education, leadership, management and research. Each standard includes criteria that aid individual neonatal nurses in identifying and developing their scope of practice in the context of current roles and responsibilities.

This session will also present the use of a [Holistic Assessment Tool](#) as an approach to assessing nurse knowledge and performance involving observing the neonatal nurse's overall role performance. This includes observing and assessing their communication, ethics, technical skills, cultural awareness, attitudes, knowledge, professional behaviors, clinical decision making, and critical thinking.





# Babies in the Bush



## 26 Sept 2025 | Rydges Resort Hunter Valley, NSW

Program for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

08.00 am	Registration Opens
08.30 am	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome and Introductions. <i>Justine Parsons, ACNN Executive Member</i>
08.45 am	Improvements in the Special Care Unit: Where do I Start? <i>Margaret Broom, ACNN Professional Officer and Trish Lowe, ACNN Research SIG Chair</i>
10.00 am	Handover Improvement Project. <i>Stacey Leonard, Nurse Unit Manager, John Hunter Hospital and Kath Thomas, Nurse Unit Manager, Maitland Hospital</i>
10.30 am	Morning Tea and Exhibition
11.00 am	Hypoglycaemia. <i>Tanya Pretty, Registered Nurse, Port Macquarie Hospital and ACNN Education SIG</i>
11.30 am	Breastfeeding ex-prems in the Special Care Unit. <i>Cara Gendron, Lactation Consultant, John Hunter Children's Hospital</i>
12.00 md	Local Case Presentation. <i>Maitland Hospital Paediatrician – to be confirmed</i>
12.30 pm	Caring for Indigenous neonates. <i>Jessica Bennett, University of Newcastle</i>
1.00 pm	Lunch and Exhibition
1.45 pm	CPAP Practices. <i>Kris York, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Neonatal Services, Hunter New England Local Health District and ACNN NSW Branch Chair</i>
2.15 pm	Deterioration in the Special Care Unit. <i>Jo-Anna Proctor, Clinical Nurse Educator, Maitland Hospital</i>
2.45 pm	Jaundice Management. <i>Mindy Degotardi, Registered Nurse, John Hunter Children's Hospital</i>
3.15 pm	Wrap up, prize drawing, afternoon tea and networking

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