



Important Information for delegates

We're looking forward to welcoming you to the **Occupational Therapy Australia 24th National Conference & Exhibition** at the Gold Coast.

As it is fast approaching, we would like to remind you of some information to help you get the most out of your conference experience.

Getting There....

The Occupational Therapy Australia 24th National Conference & Exhibition is being held at the

Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre

Cnr Gold Coast Highway & TE Peters Drive
Broadbeach Queensland 4218
Website: www.gccec.com.au

The Convention Centre is located approximately 20 minutes drive from Gold Coast Airport at Coolangatta. To get to the Convention Centre and Broadbeach from the airport, you can:

- *Catch the Surfside Busline Shuttle Bus:* this drops off at Conrad Jupiters Casino and various hotels and apartments (leaving at 10 to the hour and 20 past the hour). The cost is \$18.00 one way (\$33.00 return)
- *Catch a taxi:* the average fare is about \$50.00.
- *Hire a car:* numerous car rental companies operate from Coolangatta airport. You can book upon your arrival by visiting the reservations desk of the car rental company.

Conference Program

The program is available online at <http://ausotconference.com.au/scientific-program.php> To download and print individual abstracts, please click on the presentation titles to open the file.

Once you arrive at the Conference you will receive a Program Handbook and an Abstract Handbook. (This is produced by Wiley Blackwell as a supplement to the AOTJ).

Program changes made since the Program and Abstracts handbook were printed will be shown daily on message boards outside the Exhibition Hall and near the Registration Desk.

Speakers' Corner is located in the Exhibition Hall and is an area where delegates have the opportunity to ask presenters questions about their presentations. We encourage all presenters to be available during catering breaks after their presentations to discuss their presentations.

The opening Keynote speaker is Paul Glasziou presenting "Navigating the Future: steering between innovation and fashion." **See more information about Paul's presentation at** <http://ausotconference.com.au/sneakers.php> **Delegates are invited to post questions to Paul about**

his presentation at ot2011@thinkbusinessevents.com.au or via FaceBook at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=162484293809195>

For more information on the Keynote speakers visit <http://ausotconference.com.au/speakers.php>

Exhibitor Workshops provide a forum to demonstrate products, outline services and provide training and advice for delegates. These sessions form part of the Conference program and will be held alongside concurrent sessions on Thursday 30 June.

A **Student Forum** will be held during the Conference on **Thursday 30 June 2011 at 3.30pm**. It will give occupational therapy students a valuable opportunity to engage with prospective employers, graduates and Occupational Therapy Australia.

This event is included in the Student Conference registration fee, and tickets are also available for purchase for students not attending the Conference.

For more information, please go to <http://ausotconference.com.au/files/Student-Forum-Poster.pdf> to see the brochure.

Pre Conference Workshops and Education Day

If you are joining us for one of the six pre Conference Workshops or Education Day, these start at 9am on Tuesday 28 June and will all be taking place at the

Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise

2807 Gold Coast Highway, Surfers Paradise

This is just a short ten minute walk from the Convention Centre and Broadbeach hotels.

For further information on the Pre Conference Workshops go to <http://ausotconference.com.au/pre-conference-workshops.php> For further information on the Education Day go to <http://ausotconference.com.au/education-day.php>

Haven't registered yet but still like to come? Send an email with your request to ot2011@thinkbusinessevents.com.au

Program at Glance....

Tuesday 28 June 2011

9am – 4.30pm/5pm Pre Conference Workshops and Education Day
4pm - 6:30pm Registration Opens

Wednesday 29 June 2011

7:30am Registration Opens
9am - 5.15 pm Conference Sessions
5:15pm – 6.15pm Welcome Reception

Thursday 30 June 2011

8:00am Registration Opens
9am - 5pm Conference Sessions and Exhibitor Workshops
3.30pm Student Forum
6pm – 11.30pm Conference Dinner

Friday 1 July 2011

8:00am

Registration Opens

9am – 3.35pm

Conference Sessions

Registration

The registration desk will be located in the foyer on the ground level of the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre.

To avoid queues or delays why not visit the Registration Desk on **Tuesday afternoon between 4pm and 6.30pm** to register and collect name badge & conference materials? If you cannot attend Tuesday afternoon, please arrive early on Wednesday morning to allow enough time to register and be seated for the opening keynote at 9am.

The Registration Desk will be open the following times:

- Tuesday 28 June: 4pm – 6.30pm
- Wednesday 29 June: 7.30am – 6pm
- Thursday 30 June: 8am – 5pm
- Friday 1 July: 8am – 3pm

The desk will also operate as an enquiry / information desk for the duration of the conference.

Discount Cards

Discount cards for participating Gold Coast businesses will be given out to all delegates at the conference. To view the list of service providers, please visit www.broadbeachgc.com and click on the conference card icon.

Exhibition

The exhibition will be held in the Exhibition Hall & foyer of the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre. Take the opportunity to visit our exhibitors who have supported the Occupational Therapy Australia 24th National Conference 2011 in showcasing the latest products and services that will enable you to provide the best occupational therapy services to your clients.

All morning & afternoon teas and lunch will be served in the exhibition areas during the Conference (no afternoon tea on Friday).

This year you will be given an **Exhibitor Passport** at the Registration Desk. Make sure you visit as many booths as possible and hand your stamped passport to the Registration Desk for your chance to win some great prizes!

To see the list of sponsors and exhibitors please visit <http://ausotconference.com.au/sponsorship-exhibition.php>

Special Interest Groups and Other Meetings

ALTC Emerging Leaders' Network

Wednesday 12.55pm – 1.35pm

Meeting Room 9

Host: Sylvia Rodger

OT Coaches

Thursday 12.40pm - 1.20pm

Meeting Room 9

Host: Jeanette Isaacs-Young

OT coaches meet monthly on tele-conference special interest group with others from around the globe.. This is an opportunity for those who have always wanted to join the call, but were unable to due to time and date constraints, to meet and discuss what has been happening - and what will be happening. Any OTs who are coaches or OTs interested in coaching – either to do coaching or to be coached – are very welcome. Come with your questions and curiosity.

Neurology Special Interest Group (listserv)

Thursday 12.40pm - 1.20pm

Meeting Room 8

Host: Louise Gustafsson

Best Practice in Work Rehabilitation

Friday 12.40pm - 1.20pm

Meeting Room 9

Hosts: Kerry Adam / Gordon Siebel

A panel discussion to commence a framework for an OTAL 'Work Position Statement'.

This is lunch time expert panel discussion and audience debate on all aspects of Work practice. With the following aims

1. To work toward a Position statement for the area of WORK
2. To establish a network among national OT's in the WORK area
3. To develop professional development opportunities in the area of WORK nationally.
4. We want to start an OTAL National dialogue in Work Practice.

Annual Divisional Meeting – QLD Division - Occupational Therapy Australia Ltd

Thursday 12.40pm – 1.20pm

Meeting Room 7

Annual General Meeting - Occupational Therapy Australia Ltd

Friday 12.45 - 1.25pm

Meeting Room 7

Members of Occupational Therapy Australia are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting for the Associations 2010 operational and financial reports.

AGM documents will be made available on the day.

Social Events

Welcome Reception

Join us for the Welcome Reception as we overlook the Gold Coast beachside vista. This will be a perfect opportunity to widen your networks and re acquaint yourselves with colleagues and peers.

Date: Wednesday 29th June 2011

Time: 5:15pm – 6:15pm

Location: Level 1 foyer, Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre

Dress: Neat Casual

Tickets: Included in the full registration fee, additional tickets can be purchased for \$45.00 at the registration desk.

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Occupational Therapy Australia Conference Dinner

You won't want to miss this night out on an island retreat amongst swaying palms under a moonlit sky...

The party atmosphere begins as soon as you step onto the catamaran, greeted by a glass of champagne, music and canapés for the cruise to the island. On arrival, soak in the ambience of the sandy beaches, swaying palms, Balinese style huts and flaming torches. Enjoy a two course buffet meal before you prepare to twist and groove on the beach style dance floor under the stars.

With over 300 OT's joining in to celebrate the Conference Dinner, you won't want to miss this evening.

Date: Thursday 30th June 2011

Time: 6.00pm – 11.30pm

Location: McLarens Landing at South Stradbroke Island

Dress: Neat Casual (bring a light jacket)

Tickets: Tickets are \$25.00 for delegates and \$95.00 for guests. Limited tickets still available.



6.00pm – Buses depart Gold Coast Convention Centre for Mariners Cove Jetty

6:15pm – Fast catamarans depart Mariners Cove Jetty for McLarens Landing

**This is an outdoor event, in open huts with outdoor heaters, so bring appropriate clothing (heaters will be on)

Looking to star in an Occupational Therapy Film clip?

Competition closes Friday 24th June!

Calling all Occupational Therapists, Students and New Graduates to create a short film clip (30 – 90 seconds) featuring some aspect of Occupational Therapy.

The film clip can be about being an OT, what OT's do, how OT makes the world a better place, how OT's rule the world!, life without OT's.....**whatever your imagination can conjure up.**

For further information, please go to <http://ausotconference.com.au/video-competition.php>

Accommodation – staying with us? Here are the details for the conference hotels / apartments

Jupiters Hotel & Casino

Gold Coast Broadbeach Island
07 -5592 8100
www.jupitersgoldcoast.com.au

Sofitel Gold Coast Broadbeach

81 Surf parade Broadbeach
07 -5592 2250
www.sofitelgoldcoast.com.au

Meriton Serviced Apartments

2669 Gold Coast Hwy Broadbeach
07 5579 6200
<http://www.meritonapartments.com.au/gold-coast/broadbeach/>

Mantra Phoenician

24 -26 Queensland Avenue Broadbeach
07) 5585 8888
www.mantraphoenician.com.au

Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise

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