

RANZCO 2026 CONGRESS PROGRAM

This program was last updated on Monday 19th October 2026 and is subject to change.

All sessions will be held at the New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC), unless otherwise stated.

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FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2026			
9:00am	4:30pm	Global Eye Health Workshop	
		Room: MR515/516	
5:30pm	7:30pm	Welcome Reception Aviation Hall, Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT)	
7:00pm	9:30pm	Alcon Dinner Symposium Venue: Brad’s, 9/11 Durham Lane, Auckland CBD	
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026			
7:00am		Health and Wellbeing Activity - Run around the Wynyard Quarter	
6:30am	7:45am	Hosted Breakfast Symposium	Hosted Breakfast Symposium
		Room: Theatre 1	Room: TBC
		Zeiss Hosted Breakfast Symposium	EssilorLuxottica Hosted Breakfast Symposium
8:00am	8:30am	Welcome	
		Room: Theatre 2	
8:30am	9:00am	Congress opening Michelle Dickinson	

9:00am	9:30am	Council Lecture Prof Robyn Guymer AM				
9:30am	10:30am	RANZCO Plenary (More than Medicine)				
10:30am	11:00am	Morning Tea				
11:00am	12:30pm	Concurrent Sessions				
		Room: Theatre 1	Room: Theatre 2	Room: MR 515	Room: MR 516	Room: Te Wharau
11:00am	12:30pm	<i>Glaucoma</i> ANZGS RANZCO Symposium: Dilemmas in Glaucoma & CPD Audit	<i>Cataract</i> You Make the Call	<i>Oculoplastic/Orbit</i> Tips to Success in Eyelid Surgery and Managing Complications	<i>Uveitis</i> The Uveitis – Oncology Interface: Immune Cross Talk and Clinical Overlap	<i>Rapid Fire Concurrent Session:</i> Medical Retina/Vitreoretinal Surgery
12:30pm	1:45pm	Lunch	Past Presidents, Vice Presidents and Censor in Chiefs' lunch		Younger Fellows Lunch and Learn Session	
1:45pm	3:15pm	Concurrent Sessions				
		Room: Theatre 1	Room: Theatre 2	Room: MR 515	Room: MR 516	Room: Te Wharau
1:45pm	3:15pm	<i>RANZCO PD Session</i> Surgical Coaching and Performance Review	<i>Glaucoma</i> Beyond IOP: Practical Glaucoma Decision-Making for the General Ophthalmologist	<i>Vitreoretinal Surgery</i> That Sinking Feeling - Secondary IOLs	<i>Cataract</i> Fixation Matters: Where and How We Place IOLs. From Elective Refractive Phakic Implants to rhexis-fixated — One Course all Options	<i>Rapid Fire Concurrent Session:</i> Epidemiology / Public Health / Genetics / Artificial Intelligence
3:15pm	3:45pm	Afternoon Tea				
3:45pm	5:15pm	Plenary: Keynote Lectures				
		Room: Theatre 2				

3:45pm	4:15pm	Gregg Lecture Prof Chris Hammond
4:15pm	4:45pm	Cataract Lecture Dr David Chang
4:45pm	5:15pm	Neuro-ophthalmology Lecture Prof Valerie Biousse
5:30pm	6:00pm	Graduation and Award Ceremony Pre-Drinks Princes Ballroom, Pullman Auckland
6:00pm	8:00pm	Graduation and Awards Ceremony & President's Reception Princes Ballroom, Pullman Auckland
7:30pm	9:00pm	Roche Dinner Symposium Venue: Pullman Auckland Hotel: Corner Waterloo Quadrant &, Princes Street, Auckland

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026						
6:30am		Health and Wellbeing Activity - Cycling				
6:30am	7:45am	Hosted Breakfast Symposium				
		Room: Theatre 1				
		Bausch + Lomb Hosted Symposium				
8:00am	9:30am	Plenary: Best Paper Presentations				
		Room: Theatre 2				
9:30am	10:00am	Vision 2030 Plenary Update				
10:00am	10:30am	Morning Tea				
10:30am	12:00pm	Concurrent Sessions				
		Room: Theatre 1	Room: Theatre 2	Room: MR 515	Room: MR 516	Room: Te Wharau

10:30am	12:00pm	Neuro-Ophthalmology	Medical Retina	Paediatric Ophthalmology	Cataract	Rapid Fire Concurrent Session: Ocular Oncology / Oculoplastic / Orbit / Training & Education / Other	
		Neuro-Ophthalmology Challenges: Paradigm Shifts and Persistent Controversies	Medical Retina Mysteries!	Paediatric Strabismus - A Comprehensive Short Course	Post-Operative Phaco Challenges – Things you Don’t Want to Miss and How to Fix Them		
12:00pm	1:30pm	Lunch					Women in Ophthalmology (WiO) Luncheon
1:30pm	3:00pm	Plenary: Keynote Lectures					
		Room: Theatre 2					
1:30pm	2:00pm	Hollows Lecture Dr Gullapalli N Rao					
2:00pm	2:30pm	Retina Update Lecture Prof Dan Martin					
2:30pm	3:00pm	Glaucoma Update Lecture Prof Anthony Khawaja					
3:00pm	3:30pm	Afternoon Tea					
3:30pm	5:00pm	Concurrent Sessions					
		Room: Theatre 1	Room: Theatre 2	Room: MR 515	Room: MR 516	Room: Te Wharau	
3:30pm	4:10pm	RANZCO PD Session Younger Fellows Course - The Ophthalmologist of Today	Uveitis Masquerade Ball: When Ocular Inflammation Sets the Tempo	Strabismus Management strategies for common strabismic conditions	Ocular Oncology Hidden in plain sight: Common presentations mimicking ocular oncology. Everyday Case Life and Sight	Rapid Fire Concurrent Session: Cataract/Cornea	
4:20pm	5:00pm	RANZCO PD Session			Cornea		

		Connecting Young Ophthalmologists to Global Eye Health Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific			Management Algorithm for Recalcitrant Microbial Keratitis	
5:00pm	6:00pm	Sunset Poster and Film Festival Exhibition Hall				
6:30pm	9:30pm	Senior Fellows Dinner Huami, SkyCity Auckland				
TBC		Bayer Hosted Dinner Symposium Venue to be confirmed				

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026						
6:30am	7:45am	ANZGS Breakfast Symposium				
		Room: Theatre 1				
8:00am	9:00am	Plenary: Keynote Lectures				
		Room: Theatre 2				
8:00am	8:30am	Ida Mann Lecture Prof Robert Casson				
8:30am	9:00am	Refractive Lecture Dr Ik Hee Ryu				
9:00am	10:00am	Plenary: Australian Vision Research (AVR) Plenary				
10:00am	10:30am	Morning Tea				
10:30am	12:00pm	Concurrent Sessions				
		Room: Theatre 1	Room: Theatre 2	Room: MR 515	Room: MR 516	Room: Te Wharau

10:30am	12:00pm	<i>RANZCO PD Session</i> When Things go Wrong	<i>Oculoplastic /Orbit</i> Evidence Basis in Oculoplastics – Dispelling Myths!	<i>Genetics</i> Inherited Retinal and Optic Nerve Diseases are Great Mimickers: When to Suspect and How to Refer in Australia and New Zealand	<i>Infectious Diseases</i> Going Viral: from the Cornea to the Retina and Beyond	<i>Rapid Fire Concurrent Session:</i> Glaucoma / Genetics / Neuro- Ophthalmology / Refractive Surgery
12:00pm	1:30pm	Lunch				
1:30pm	3:00pm	Plenary: Clinical Controversies				
		Room: Theatre 2				
3:00pm	3:30pm	Afternoon Tea				
3:30pm	5:00pm	Concurrent Sessions				
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		<i>RANZCO PD Session</i> Whose Data Is It Anyway? Sovereignty, Consent and Practice Across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific	<i>Surgery</i> Near “Live” Surgery Videos	<i>Cataract</i> Conquering Capsule Complications – My Best Teaching Videos	<i>Epidemiology / Public Health</i> Ophthalmic Trauma- Maximising Visual and Functional Outcomes	<i>Rapid Fire Concurrent Session:</i> Paeds / Strabismus / Sustainability / Uveitis
5:00pm		Closing Remarks				
		Plenary Foyer				