The 18th Annual Hospital in the Home
Annual Scientific Meeting 2026

Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart | 17 - 19 November 2026

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026

14.00 - 17.30	**EXHIBITOR BUMP IN** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
16.00 - 19.00	**REGISTRATION OPEN** Mezzanine Level Foyer, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
17.30 - 19.00	**Welcome Reception - sponsored by Lumia Care** Harbour View One, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

07.00 - 17.30	**SPEAKER PREP OPEN - DAY 1** Chancellor 4 - Mezzanine Level, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
07.00 - 18.00	**REGISTRATION OPEN - DAY 1** Mezzanine Level Foyer, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
08.00 - 15.30	**Exhibition Open & Arrival Tea and Coffee** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
08.30 - 10.15	**CONFERENCE OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION ONE - Exploring the Last Frontiers: HITH's Journey to Mainstream Care** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair: Dr James Pollard***
08.30 - 08.40	**Welcome to Country** Cody Summers, Karadi Aboriginal Corporation
08.40 - 08.50	**Ministerial Address** The Honourable Bridget Archer MP, Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Tasmanian Government
08.50 - 09.00	**Government Welcome** Her Excellency the Honourable Caroline Wells, Governor of Tasmania
09.00 - 09.05	**Welcome and Conference Opening** Dr Iestyn Lewis, Head of Department, Hospital@home - South, Tasmania
09.05 - 09.25	**Consumer interview** Robin Jane Wilkinson AM and Dr Iestyn Lewis
09.25 - 09.35	**HITH Society Update** Dr James Pollard - President
09.35 - 09.40	**JAHM – spread it** A/Prof Michael Montalto, co-Executive Editor, Journal of Advanced Home Medicine
09.40 - 10.15	**Keynote Address: Transforming care closer to home - development of Hospital at Home across Scotland and the rest of the UK** Dr Claire Steel, Consultant Geriatrician and Clinical Lead, NHS Lanarkshire Hospital at Home Services, Scotland

10.15 - 11.00	**MORNING TEA, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart			
11.00 - 12.30	**PLENARY SESSION TWO - Forging the Trail: Designing Community Referral Pathways** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair: Dr Iestyn Lewis***			
11.00 - 11.30	**Hospital avoidance and community referrals for NZ HitH** Dr. Erik McClain, Clinical Lead, Northern Region HitH & Chair, HitH Society Australasia, NZ Chapter; Tori Mackle, Regional Service Manager, HITH Network, Health New Zealand and Dr Jasmine Mackay, Clinical Director and Urgent Care Physician, New Zealand			
11.30 - 11.45	**HITH in Residential Aged Care Homes a Southern Tasmania experience** Angela Cooper, Clinical Nurse Consultant and Dr Claire Van Breda, General Practitioner; Hospital@home South, Tasmania			
11.45 - 12.30	**Panel session** Facilitator: Dr Iestyn Lewis Panellists: Chris Mackenzie, Senior Podiatrist, Tasmanian Health Service, Royal Hobart Hospital Dr Elizabeth Monks, General Practitioner, Empower Life Tasmania Phillip Dickson, Acting Manager – Integrated Care, Ambulance Tasmania Kobi Rybak, Associate Nurse Unit Manager, Glamorgan Spring Bay Community Nursing Service, Tasmania			
12.30 - 13.30	**NETWORKING LUNCH, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart			
13.30 - 14.45	**Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers One - Bringing Back Balance: The Economic Value of Care in the Home** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair: Laureen Hines***		**Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Two - Little Explorers, Big Journeys: The Evolution of Paediatric HITH** **Grand Ballroom 3** ***Chair: Dr Cloe Benz***	
13.30 - 13.45	**Homer: developing a low-cost automated scheduling platform to improve Hospital-in-the-Home efficiency to get more patients home** (#125) A/Prof Penelope Bryant, Consultant Paediatrician, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, VIC	**OR01**	**The Value of Pharmacy Integration within the Paediatric Hospital in the Home Model** (#18) Kharan Wadhwa, Senior Pharmacist, Perth Children's Hospital, WA	**OR06**
13.45 - 14.00	**Economic evaluation of hospital in the home models for acute illness in residential aged care** (#10) Yogi Kurniawan, Student, Administrative Assistant, Monash University, Rmh@homeacute, VIC	**OR02**	**Expanding Access, Easing Pressure: The Paediatric Hospital in the Home Remote Monitoring Service** (#86) Dr Simon Moore, General Paediatrician, Perth Children's Hospital, WA	**OR07**
14.00 - 14.15	**Building the future HITH workforce: Transforming clinical capability for increasingly complex care at home** (#97) Kara Johnson, Clinical Nurse Consultant and Andrea Keating, Nurse Practitioner; Queensland Health, QLD	**OR03**	**Bringing the Hospital Home to a Diverse Community: A Multi-Stream Paediatric Ambulatory HITH Model in Sydney Local Health District** (#77) Dr Kai Tan, Paediatrics Advanced Trainee, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, NSW	**OR08**
14.15 - 14.30	**Hospital-in-the-Home (HITH) for Older Adults: A Systematic Review of Costs, Resource use and Cost-Effectiveness** (#68) Mary Rose Angeles, Associate Research Fellow/ Phd Candidate, Deakin University, VIC	**OR04**	**Outcomes and case-mix for paediatric Hospital in the Home service at Nepean Hospital: a seven-year audit** (#49) Xiaojing Xu, Student and Dr Sowmya Gandham, Paediatric Medical Lead, Nepean Hospital, NSW	**OR9**
14.30 - 14.45	**Hedging your bets – how effective clinical modelling and robust financial analysis pays dividends in justifying HiTH expansions** (#65) Denisha Lee, Program Manager Financial Business Services, Department of Health / Child and Adolescent Health Service, WA	**OR05**	Q&A	

14.45 - 15.30	**AFTERNOON TEA, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
14.50 - 15.25	**ALLIED HEALTH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING** Grand Ballroom 3
14.50 - 15.25	**PAEDIATRICS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING** Grand Ballroom 3
14.50 - 15.25	**RESEARCH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING** Grand Ballroom 3
14.50 - 15.25	**RURAL & REMOTE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING** Grand Ballroom 3
15.30 - 17.00	**PLENARY SESSION THREE - Building the Track: The Enablers of Mainstream HITH** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair:* Dr *AnnMarie Crozier***
15.30 - 15.50	**Scaling Acute Care at Home: Leveraging Technology While Maintaining Clinical Oversight** Karen Booth, Chief Clinical Adviser – Nursing, Australian Digital Health Agency
15.50 - 16.10	**AI assisted USS in clinical practice in Heart failure** Kristyn Whitmore, Clinical Program Lead and Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Menzies Institute for Medical Research; Assistant Nurse Manager and CNS Hospital@home, Tasmania
16.10 - 16.30	**Reimagining Care Delivery** Dr Marlien Varnfield, Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO
16.30 - 16.40	Q&A
16.40 - 17.00	**Nursing Professional Growth in HITH (NP&NPC)** Miena Arnol, Nurse Unit Manager, Hospital@home South, Tasmania Naomi Bayliss, Nurse Practitioner, NPC Facilitator, Hospital@home South, Tasmania Stephen Rae, Nurse Practitioner, Hospital@home, Tasmania
17.00 - 17.30	**Hospital in the Home Society Australasia Annual General Meeting** Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
18.30 - 19.00	**Transfer to Conference Dinner** Hotel Grand Chancellor & Crowne Plaza Pick-up
19.00 - 23.00	**Conference Dinner** Glen Albyn Estate

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026

07.00 - 17.00	**SPEAKER PREP OPEN - DAY 1** Chancellor 4 - Mezzanine Level, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
07.00 - 17.00	**REGISTRATION OPEN - DAY 1** Mezzanine Level Foyer, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
07.45 - 08.45	**Breakfast Session - sponsored by CareMonitor** **Building HITH: Lessons from the Journey** Grand Ballroom 3 Speakers • Gabi Fourie, Director, Business Development, CareMonitor • Dr Richard Kane, National Clinical Director, St Vincent's Care at Home • Voni Leighton, Clinical Director, Vitalis Health and Home Care • Ian Galvin, Chief Executive Officer, Ramsay Home Health • Deepak Biswal, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, CareMonitor
08.30 - 15.30	**Exhibition Open & Arrival Tea and Coffee** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
09.00 - 10.30	**PLENARY SESSION FOUR - The Last Wilderness: HITH & Palliative Care (The Last 1000 Days)** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair: Dr Iestyn Lewis***
09.00 - 09.45	**HITH & Palliative Care: The Last 1000 Days - Panel session** Facilitator: Dr Iestyn Lewis Panellists: Dr Carmen Halton, Head of Department, Specialist Palliative Care Service, Southern Tasmania Voni Leighton, Owner and Director, Vitalis Health & Home Care, Sydney Dr Cathy Corbett, Consultant General Physician and Consultant Palliative Medicine Physician, Alfred Care Group, Melbourne Dr Beverly Siew, Palliative Care Physician, Monash Health, Melbourne
09.45 - 10.15	**Risk Reimagined** Dr Richard Kane, National Clinical Director, St Vincent's Care At Home, St Vincent's Health Australia
10.15 - 10.30	**Thoughts on 'end of life' experience** Presenting on their experience as a carer with HITH and EOLC Sally Rackham, carer and Dr Frank Nicklason discussing Carers experience of EOLC with HiTH
10.30 - 11.00	**MORNING TEA, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart

11.00 - 12.30	**Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Three - *Mapping New Territory: HITH Research*** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair: Sue Henning***		**Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Four - Crossing New Terrain: *Emerging Models of Care*** **Grand Ballroom 3** ***Chair: Angela Cooper***	
11.00 - 11.15	**Hospital-in-the-Home Research Priorities: A Mixed-Methods Priority-Setting Study through Multi-Lens Analytical Framework** (#61) Rajni Nair, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Metro North Health,QLD	**OR11**	**Kempsey Mental Health Hospital in the Home: Evaluating a state-leading pilot in a diverse regional community in New South Wales** (#47) Josh Knight, Manager and Sarah Fox, Acting Director Integrated Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Mid North Coast Local Health District, NSW	**OR16**
11.15 - 11.30			**Direct Emergency Department Triage to Hospital in the Home Reduces Emergency Department Length of Stay by 88%** (#13) Dr Anthony Van Assche, Head of Department - Care at Home Sydney, St. Vincent's Hospital Darlinghurst, VIC	**OR17**
11.30 - 11.45	**Enabling Hospital-In-The-Home cefazolin delivery via NSAID-mediated pharmacokinetic modulation in children** (#124) Yu Ying (Winona) Lai, Honours Student, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, VIC	**OR12**	**Hospital in the Home General Practice Integration Program** (#17) Kulia Moala, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sydney Local Health District, NSW Health, NSW	**OR18**
11.45 - 12.00	**Mutli-centre prospective study of practice and measures in paediatric Hospital-in-the-Home (HITH) services across Australia** (#121) Dr Timothy Everson, HITH Fellow, Royal Children's Hospital, VIC	**OR13**	**From Acute Care to Home Care: Increase in Diabetes Admissions and the Evolving Role of Diabetes Nurse Educators and HITH** (#25) Gillian Krenzin, Footscray Clinical Nurse Consultant Diabetes Educator, Western Health, VIC	**OR19**
12.00 - 12.15	**The impact of cooling on the performance of elastomeric infusers for antibiotic administration** (#117) A/Prof Ben Rogers, ID Physician and Clinical Researcher, Monash University & Monash Health, VIC	**OR14**	**Exploring carer burden and patient outcomes of a Geriatric Evaluation and Management Rehabilitation Hospital In The Home (GEMRHITH) Service** (#22) Anya Suzuki, Senior Occupational Therapist, Qeii Jubilee Hospital, Metro South Hospital And Health Services, QLD	**OR20**
12.15 - 12.30	**Subcutaneous antibiotics via Hospital in the Home (HITH): Insights from an innovative delivery mechanism** (#111) Dr Robert Hand, Home Hospital Consultant, Fiona Stanley Hospital, WA	**OR15**	**HITH Nursing Education** (#2) Anya Suzuki, Senior Occupational Therapist, Qeii Jubilee Hospital, Metro South Hospital And Health Services, QLD	**OR21**
12.30 - 13.30	**NETWORKING LUNCH, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart			

13.30 - 15.00	**Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Five - Exploring the Digital Frontier: *HITH, AI & a Virtual Future*** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair: Dr Sandra Peters***		**Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Six - Leading the Expedition: *Evolving Clinical Practice*** **Grand Ballroom 3** ***Chair: Miena Arnol***	
13.30 - 13.45	**Implementation of an Artificial Intelligence-Enabled Routing Program to Improve Operational Efficiency in a Care@Home Service** (#53) Kerrie Bibby and Emma Cox, Associate Nurse Unit Managers; Clare Blee, Acting Manager Gem/Rehab@home; and Kate Elmer, Registered Nurse; Eastern Health, VIC	**OR22**	**Why This Could Only Happen at Home: HITH for a Young Adult with Complex Neurodevelopmental and Psychiatric Disability** (#57) Dr Jason Cottle, Basic Physician Trainee, Royal Melbourne Hospital, VIC	**OR28**
13.45 - 14.00	**Beyond Data Quality: Safe AI in Hospital in the Home** (#76) Dr Josephine Varney, Head of Data. Technology and Innovation, Amplar Health, SA	**OR23**	**Risk Stratifying COPD Admissions Using DECAF score: A Clinical Audit** (#30) Dr Ciara Leavy, Resident Medical Officer, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, WA	**OR29**
14.00 - 14.15	**Collaboration between two health services to enable rapid delivery and scale up of a Virtual Cardiology Ward** (#91) Dr Danielle Panaccio, Director, Hospital in the Home and Virtual Care, Austin Health; Dr Seok Lim, Head of Unit, RMH@Home, Royal Melbourne Hospital; and Angela Sullivan, Nurse Unit Manager, Austin Health, VIC	**OR24**	**Managing hypokalaemia in Hospital at Home with intravenous potassium administered at home - a single site experience** (#23) Huizhong Li, Registered Nurse, Epworth Hospital, VIC	**OR30**
14.15 - 14.30	**The impact of frailty on outcomes and healthcare needs for unwell older adults reviewed by Emergency Hospital in the Home** (#70) Dr Dushan S Indrakumar, Trainee Registrar Emergency Hospital In The Home - Sydney Local Health District, NSW	**OR25**	**Home treatment and supportive care for patients with blood cancers: An Australasian survey** (#72) Dr Briony Shaw, Haematologist, Monash Health, WA	**OR31**
14.30 - 14.45	**HITH: Shifting Priorities in Care and Patient Cohorts** (#108) Dr Alyah Seif, Fellow; and Megan Allandale, Clinical Nurse Coordinator; Royal Children's Hospital, VIC	**OR26**	**Unleashing HITH's potential – Extending the scope for Systemic Anti-Cancer Treatment (SACT) at home** (#95) A/Prof Vikas Wadhwa, Medical Director Ambulatory Services, Peter Maccallum Cancer Centre, VIC	**OR32**
14.45 - 15.00	Q&A		**Beyond the Benchmark: Reaching 0% Pressure Injuries in the Complex Care Unit** (#14) Iman Malek, Head of Virtual Care, Vitalis Health, NSW	**OR33**
15.00 - 15.30	**AFTERNOON TEA AND EXHIBITION VIEWING** Exhibition Hall - Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart			

15.30 - 16.30	**PLENARY SESSION FIVE AND CLOSING PLENARY - Towards New Horizons** **Grand Ballroom 1 & 2** ***Chair: Angela Cooper***
15.30 - 16.00	**Keynote Address: Training the future Hospital at home workforce in the UK** Dr Claire Steel, Consultant Geriatrician and Clinical Lead, NHS Lanarkshire Hospital at Home Services, Scotland
16.00 - 16.20	**Lessons from this year's conference** Laureen Hines, Board Member, HITH Society of Australasia
16.20 - 16.25	Awards & Prizes
16.25 - 16.30	**Conference Handover - Perth 2027** Dr Cloe Benz, Allied Health Coordinator HITH, Perth Children's Hospital; and Dr Hind Al-Abbasi, Physician, Sir Charles Gardner Hospital
18.00 - 19.00	**Governor Hosted Event - bookings will be required with limited numbers, bookings opening October** Government House, Hobart

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2026

07.00 - 17.00	**REGISTRATION OPEN** Mezzanine Level Foyer, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
07.30 - 08.30	**Arrival Coffee/Tea** Mezzanine Level Foyer, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
08.00 - 12.00	**Shape the future of HITH Workshop - supported by Baxter** Grand Ballroom 2, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
08.00 - 12.00	**Ultrasound Workshop - supported by Philips Healthcare** Grand Ballroom 3, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
12.00 - 13.00	**Lunch for all workshop participants** Mezzanine Level Foyer Foyer, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
13.00 - 17.00	**Compression and practical tips for managing problematic lower legs Workshop - supported by Solventum** Grand Ballroom 3, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart