



## SCLMA President's Message Dr Jon Harper



### NEXT SCLMA CLINICAL MEETING FOR 2025 - THURSDAY 28th August 2025

A good holiday is not only essential to recharge the mind and body but also provides some necessary perspective. The week-to-week routines of work and other commitments can feel like swimming laps with only an intermittent awareness of the world above the water level. Some would argue that the danger of a good holiday is that it might give us a little too much perspective, which might lead us to some unwanted cognitive dissonance - better to just keep swimming laps!

But I do find it amazing how human beings are able to simultaneously navigate daily practicalities as well as consider their place in the universe. To prepare a meal while listening to a podcast about the morality of international food distribution. On holidays, our daily responsibilities diminish and our contemplative minds pick up the slack.

And so while on holiday I came to contemplate the business of healthcare.

For nearly all people, the desire to be healthy is paramount. Some may not lead an objectively healthy lifestyle but they would insist nonetheless that they would like to have good health. Some, despite their best efforts, are unable to have good health due to inadequate nutrition or lack of preventive care.

Good health costs money and the money has to come from somewhere. It is widely accepted that those with more money have better health. And countries that pool their citizens' wealth through effective taxation are better able to fund a health system that improves overall health outcomes.

The first problem is drawing a line at the point when health outcomes are 'good enough'. This would focus health spending on activities that give the best value, rather than spending on marginal gains. But this is delicate ground politically and, let's be honest, we doctors like new toys.

The second problem is deciding to what extent it is ethical to profit from peoples ill health. All health services, public and private, rely on sound business practices to stay afloat. Income has to meet expenditure. Investments have to be made for future growth. In smaller private clinics, doctors set the profit-margin that they believe balances patient-access and professional value. Publicly listed multi-clinic entities weigh profits against ongoing growth. Private equity firms, many of whom currently have an appetite for healthcare businesses, are primarily interested in the profit from selling that business. All the above models invest money in making a patient healthy but how far from that patient should financial decisions be allowed?

Answers on a postcard please....

Jon Harper  
15/7/2025

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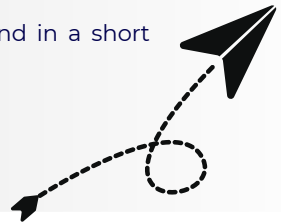
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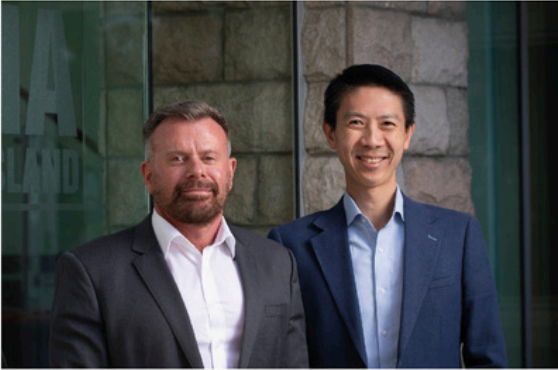
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## AMA QUEENSLAND UPDATE



AMA Queensland CEO Dr Brett Dale  
and President Dr Nick Yim

With the state budget now handed down, we're pleased to see many of our key priorities reflected in this year's record investment in health. From patient flow improvements and training incentives to stronger vape law enforcement, our advocacy efforts are delivering real wins for members and patients across Queensland.

Since our last update, we have held a few fantastic events for the wider medical community to come together to network, learn and share practical insights to support their careers and businesses.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our other upcoming events. Details below!

### STATE BUDGET OUTCOME

AMA Queensland has been championing priority areas for reform and investment to improve health access and equity for all Queenslanders for some time.

In early March, we released our *Budget Submission 2025-26* detailing these priorities, and in the lead-up to this year's state budget, we ramped up our advocacy efforts to urge the LNP Government to invest in them. Our calls were heard loud and clear, receiving strong media coverage across the state.

The budget was handed down on Tuesday 24 June and we were pleased to see a record investment in health. This includes funding for initiatives to improve patient flow and utilise private hospitals to reduce elective surgery backlogs, which were key recommendations in our *Surgical Wait List Roundtable Action Plan*.

While it is a relief to see health remains a high priority, the government must now show how and when this funding will be delivered.



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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

MOCA 7 negotiations are still ongoing despite the expiry date for MOCA 6 fast approaching.  
**All public hospital doctors deserve a voice in these negotiations.**  
An AMA Queensland membership includes the union membership of ASMOFQ.

**MOCA 7**

### MOCA 7 UPDATE

Medical Officers' Certified Agreement No 7 (MOCA 7) negotiations are still ongoing, and the expiry date for MOCA 6 is fast approaching.

All public hospital doctors deserve a voice in these negotiations.

In preparation for a possible escalation, we have asked all members to ensure their details are up to date and refer any colleagues who wish to join AMA Queensland and ASMOFQ to this page: [www.ama.com.au/qld/join](http://www.ama.com.au/qld/join)

We also encourage you to share our ready-made social media resources with your colleagues. You can find this on our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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## SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

The Commonwealth Prac Placement offering nursing, teaching and social work students support while they're undertaking mandatory placements commenced on 1 July.

With medical students excluded from the program despite lengthy mandatory placement requirements, AMA Queensland Committee of Doctors in Training Chair Dr Emma Hodge spoke with ABC Radio Brisbane about the challenges they face in balancing unpaid placements, study commitments and the need to earn an income.

She emphasised that the argument that medical students will 'earn well later' doesn't help those who are struggling now.

At present, only those with financial support from family or savings can comfortably manage the demands of medical school placements, meaning we are likely not getting the diversity of students we need to serve our diverse community.

We continue to advocate for the inclusion of medical students in this program to help ensure we graduate the doctors we urgently need.



[Read more](#)

## NEW VAPE AND TOBACCO ENFORCEMENTS

The state government recently announced the employment of 43 new enforcement officers to strengthen compliance with vaping and tobacco laws across Queensland.

AMA Queensland has consistently called for stronger enforcement, particularly in response to the alarming rise in youth vaping, with reports of children as young as 10 using vapes at school.

We welcome this initiative as a long-overdue step in the right direction.

We hope these new measures will help protect young Queenslanders from the harms of nicotine addiction and crack down on the black market for illicit vaping and tobacco products.

Read more



This is a critical move toward safeguarding public health and ensuring vaping laws are properly enforced across the state.



## MEDICINE IN THE AGE OF AI

As advanced technologies like artificial intelligence become increasingly embedded in our daily lives, AMA Queensland Committee of General Practice Chair Dr Lee Jones has explored what this could mean for the future of medicine.

"Across regional Australia, doctors and healthcare workers are choosing not to stay. Many are retiring, burning out or quietly leaving the system. We have no sustained workforce strategy for these towns. No long-term plan for who will remain," Dr Jones said.

"But there is a solution, and it's not wishful thinking. It's artificial intelligence.

"AI systems, deployed responsibly, could provide immediate diagnostic support, reduce dependence on overstretched staff, extend specialist care into the most remote communities and give patients real-time guidance when no clinician is physically present.

"It will not replace human care, but it may be the only way to preserve access where human clinicians can no longer stay."

The full article is available for AMA Queensland members on our website.



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## INVESTMENT IN ACTIVE TRAVEL

We recently welcomed the Queensland Government's \$19.1 million investment in walking and cycling infrastructure as an important step toward improving community health and reducing the impacts of climate change.

Recognising the significant health benefits of walking and cycling, we have been advocating for transport systems that support active travel.



In our recent *Budget Submission 2025-26*, we focused these calls on the need to reduce the impact of climate change and ensure health care services are sustainable.

This funding will help more Queenslanders make healthier choices and contribute to reducing our carbon emissions. However, sustained and long-term investment is essential to ensure real and lasting change.

We are pleased to see the government take this step and hope it is part of a broader solution to make active options like cycling and e-mobility devices safer and more accessible for all.



[Read more](#)

## PRIVATE PRACTICE REFRESHED

AMA Queensland's first Private Practice Refreshed event kicked off in Brisbane on Friday 20 June, bringing together members keen to grow and future-proof their private practice.

Attendees enjoyed a team-building sushi-making experience before diving into expert-led sessions on business structuring, legal frameworks, cyber protection, insurance costs, and real-world challenges facing GPs and specialists.

Thank you to our sponsors and speakers for making this a valuable and engaging event.

We look forward to bringing it to Townsville and the Gold Coast in the months to come.



[See more photos  
from the event](#)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Join AMA Queensland and the Australian Senior Active Doctors Association (ASADA) for our engaging and inspiring one-day Senior Doctor Conference tailored to senior active and retired doctors this August.

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## AMA QUEENSLAND DIGITAL UPGRADE

Exciting news! AMA Queensland is currently working behind the scenes to upgrade our website and database to provide the most up to date, secure and user-friendly experience for our members.

We recognise our responsibility in keeping members personal details secure, and this transition enables us to implement the latest security features.

We will be reaching out to our members when actions are required or if access becomes limited while changes are underway.

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## Changes to management of paediatric ADHD

Paediatric patients who are stable on ADHD medication regimes will be transferred back to primary care for GP-led follow-up and management. The discharge letter from the paediatric team should outline suitable future medication options for the GP to trial, if required.

The SCHHS Paediatric team will continue to be readily accessible, via the GP Smart Referrals Request for Advice (RFA) Service in the first instance, providing guidance on medication changes, side effect management, or other management issues as required. If in-person review is required by the paediatric team, these patients will be booked into a review appointment without a significant wait time.

Local HealthPathways contains useful information to support the continued care of these patients, including a detailed section on medication management options. We see this as a positive step towards more collaborative care, with patients expected to benefit from reduced need for hospital outpatient visits and improved continuity of care.

It is anticipated that this will also alleviate pressure on public health system resources, enabling better management of more complex patients and reducing wait times for initial appointments and new patient diagnostic assessments.

### Reminder

- Queensland GPs can initiate amphetamines or methylphenidate for ADHD (ages 4-17 years)
- Queensland GPs can continue to prescribe amphetamines or methylphenidate
- No prescribing approval is required
- Authority prescription/QScript is required
- Prescribing information and guidance for ADHD can be found at HealthPathways.

Source: [Prescribing amphetamines and methylphenidate \(psychostimulants\)](#)

For updated HealthPathways ADHD resources, please see:

- 'ADHD in Children and Youth' [ADHD in Children and Youth - Community HealthPathways Sunshine Coast & Gympie](#)
- 'ADHD Medication Management – Children and Youth' - [ADHD Medication Management - Children and Youth - Community HealthPathways Sunshine Coast & Gympie](#)

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When signing up for your digital identity you will be guided through the signup process and are required to complete all the steps to successfully create and secure your QDI. You will need to provide some details from personal documents.

**Technical support and resources are available here:**

- Website: [Creating and securing your Queensland Digital Identity](#)
- Video: [How to create your Queensland Digital Identity](#)
- Phone: 24-hour support centre on 13QGOV (13 74 68) or 1800 000 658.

## Queensland Health ED waiting times now publicly available

To find out what the current emergency department waiting times are in the main Queensland Health public facilities, please visit: <https://openhospitals.health.qld.gov.au/>

## Nurse-led walk-in clinic opens in Gympie

The Gympie nurse-led walk-in clinic is a state government initiative that offers free treatment to all adults and children aged over two years, for non-life-threatening minor injuries and illnesses. No booking or referral is needed.

The nurses and nurse practitioners can assess, treat, and provide advice for non-life-threatening injuries, illnesses, and common health concerns. They can help with:

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**Hot Topics GP Education Saturday 26 July 2025 – 8.30am – 1.00pm**

## Topics on the program include:

- **Cardiology** – Commonly asked cardiology questions via the New Request for Advice option for GPs – Dr Matthew Tung, Cardiologist
- **Palliative Care** - Dr Arron Veltre, Palliative Care Physician & Dr Mallory English, GPSI Palliative Care
- Update about **Lung Cancer Screening** - Dr Shiv Erigadoo, Respiratory Physician
- **Mental Health** – Looking after people living with a severe chronic mental health illness – Dr Timothy Hicks – Psychiatrist, & Dr Edwin Kruys, GPSI Mental Health
- **Asthma** Management in Children – Dr Emma Welsman, Paediatrician
- **ADHD prescribing** in children, a new role for GPs - Dr Ianthe Mills, Paediatrician
- **Nurse Navigators** and how they can help GPs - Ryan Gee, Nurse Navigator
- **ENT** – Dr Tanya Obertik GPSI ENT and Consultant

This workshop is for GPs & GP registrars. RACGP CPD points will be available.

**Cost:** Free

**Where:** Sunshine Coast Health Institute Auditorium, 6 Doherty Street, Birtinya (next to SCUH).

**Register online** by Tuesday 22 July 2025: [GP Hot Topics Tickets, Sat, Jul 26, 2025 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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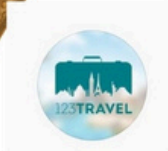
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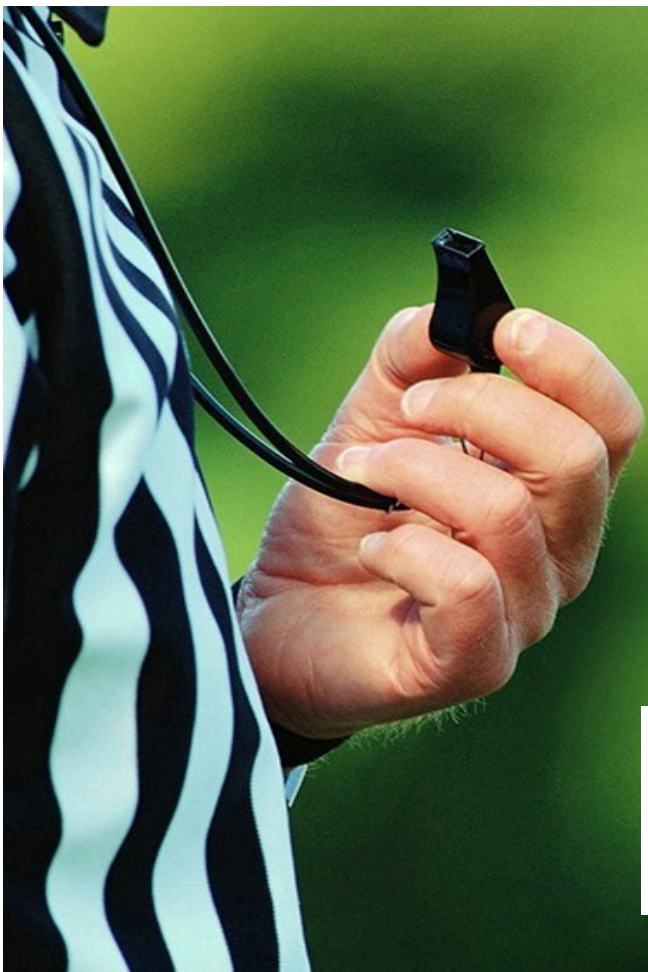
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**Sunshine Coast Neurosurgery is the specialist practice of Dr Stephen Byrne, who has worked on the Sunshine Coast since 2017.**

Dr Byrne MBChB, MRCSEd, FRACS underwent his neurosurgical training in Melbourne, Adelaide & New Zealand before gaining his Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

In fact, Stephen is the only fellowship-trained spine surgeon on the coast endorsed by both the Australian Orthopaedic Association and the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia.

At Sunshine Coast Neurosurgery, patients receive personalised care supported by the latest techniques and a commitment to excellence in healthcare. We provide guidance on both surgical and non-surgical treatment options.

Please feel free to call Sunshine Coast Neurosurgery to discuss any neurosurgical issue and we look forward to helping your patients along the road to recovery.

**List of Services**

Sunshine Coast Neurosurgery use their extensive experience to treat many common conditions such as:

- Cervical and lumbar degenerative conditions
- Brain tumours
- Spine tumours
- Pituitary tumours
- Chiari malformations
- Radiofrequency Ablations

Plus they have a specialist interest in minimally invasive brain and spine surgery.

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# Ear, Nose and Throat Update

Discover the latest advances, surgeries and treatment options and advice on treating common problems from our ENT Specialists.

**WHEN:** Thursday, 14 August 2025  
Registrations and dinner from 6pm  
for a 6.30pm start.

**WHERE:** Pier 33 "The Picket Room"  
33-45 Parkyn Parade  
MOOLOOLABA QLD 4557

**COST:** FREE

**RSVP:** Thursday, 7 August 2025  
Please note this is an in-person event  
and places are strictly limited.  
Register early to secure your place.



## SPEAKERS

Dr Neil Foden  
Otolaryngologist



Dr Brendan Perry  
Otolaryngologist



Dr Amy Pun  
Otolaryngologist



	
Educational Activities	Reviewing Performance
1.5 hours	0.5 hours

This event is supported by an Educational Grant from:

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If you have any queries or require assistance please contact GP Liaison Pam Fotheringham on 0448 739 389 or [pamela.fotheringham@uhealth.com.au](mailto:pamela.fotheringham@uhealth.com.au)



## Monthly update Shane Mitchell, General Manager

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## Meet our new specialists



**Dr Neil Foden**

Otolaryngology (ENT)



**Dr Peter Larsen**

Interventional Cardiology

To search all of our doctors, visit  
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## Upcoming CPD events for GPs

- + **Ear, Nose & Throat Update** Thursday  
14 August 2025, 6 - 8.30pm Pier 33  
Mooloolaba Featuring Dr Neil Foden,  
Dr Amy Pun and Dr Brendan Perry  
**Register online here or scan:**



- + **Save the date: We've got you covered**  
Saturday 25 October 2025  
University of the Sunshine Coast  
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## Dr Nick York and Dr Sergio Sara join Buderim Eye Centre

Buderim Eye Centre is now open at the Nucleus Medical Suites at Buderim Private Hospital, with ophthalmologists Dr Nick York and Dr Sergio Sara recently taking over the practice from the esteemed Dr Mark de Wet. Dr York and Dr Sara, both new to Buderim Private Hospital, bring extensive expertise and passion for eye health, ensuring our patients continue to receive the highest quality care.



**Dr Nick York**

Ophthalmology



**Dr Sergio Sara**

Ophthalmology

## Farewell and thank you Dr Mark de Wet

Please join us in acknowledging the career and contributions of Dr Mark de Wet as he begins his transition to retirement over the coming months.



Practicing ophthalmology for decades, Dr Mark de Wet has been a dedicated and valued member of our Buderim community for many years. We sincerely thank him for his service and exceptional care.

Dr de Wet will continue to operate until October 2025.

# An innovative approach to hip and knee replacement

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Presented by Travis Schultz & Partners and Sports & Spinal Group,  
*Better Outcomes* is an invitation only, full-day medical conference designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration for comprehensive patient care and better outcomes held on the 16<sup>th</sup> August in the Brisbane CBD.







**SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT:**

**Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM**  
Doctor. Lawyer.  
Advocate. Survivor.

After sustaining a spinal cord injury in medical school, Dr Dinesh Palipana overcame immense personal and systemic barriers to become Queensland's first quadriplegic medical intern — and later, a lawyer and fierce advocate for disability and health equity.

His story is one of resilience, purpose, and progress — and we are excited to welcome him as our keynote speaker for Better Outcomes 2025.

Expressions of interest are open to attend as well as sponsorship opportunities.

Scan the QR code to register your interest in joining the conference waitlist or to hear more about sponsorship opportunities.



## Federal Budget 2025/2026 Highlights

### Personal Income Tax

The changes to personal income tax rates for individual taxpayers will begin in the 2027 income year. The Government has proposed delivering tax cuts to individual taxpayers in the 2027 and 2028 income years, as illustrated in the table below, excluding the Medicare Levy.

Thresholds	2025 and 2026	2027	2028
\$0 - \$18,200	Tax-Free	Tax-Free	Tax-Free
\$18,201 - \$45,000	16%	<b>15%</b>	<b>14%</b>
\$45,001 - \$135,000	30%	30%	30%
\$135,001 - \$190,000	37%	37%	37%
\$190,001 and above	45%	45%	45%

### Increased Medicare Levy Low-Income Thresholds

The Government will increase the low-income threshold amounts for the Medicare Levy and phase in ranges for single individuals, families, seniors, and pensioners starting from 1 July 2024, to provide cost-of-living relief as indicated in the table below. For each dependent child or student, the family income thresholds will rise from \$4,027 to \$4,216.

Category of Taxpayer	No Medicare Payable at or below	
	2024	2025
Single individual	\$26,000	\$27,222
Families not eligible for the SAPTO	\$43,846	\$45,907
Single individuals eligible for the SAPTO	\$41,089	\$43,020
Families eligible for the SAPTO	\$57,198	\$59,886

### HELP To Buy Scheme Extended

The Government will provide an equity contribution of up to 40% to support eligible home buyers seeking to purchase a home with a lower deposit and reduced mortgage. Income caps will increase from \$90,000 to \$100,000 for individuals and from \$120,000 to \$160,000 for joint applicants and single parents.

### Household and Small Business Energy Relief

The Government will extend the energy relief bill for eligible households and small businesses, providing two \$75 bill rebates applied directly to reduce electricity bills until December 31, 2025, in order to offer cost-of-living relief.

### Restriction on Foreign Ownership of Housing

The Government's agenda to boost the supply of housing in Australia includes the following actions:

- Ban foreign persons, including temporary residents and foreign-owned companies, from purchasing established dwellings for two years from 1 April 2025, unless subject to an exception
- The ATO will receive \$5.7 million over four years from the 2026 income year to enforce the ban
- The ATO and Treasury will receive \$8.9 million over four years from 2026 for their audit program to target land banking to ensure vacant land is used for residential and commercial developments within a reasonable timeframe

### Student Higher Education Loan Repayments

The Government will reduce all outstanding Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) and other student debts by 20%, subject to the passage of legislation. The minimum repayment threshold is proposed to increase from \$54,435 in 2025 to \$67,000 in 2026.

### Childcare Subsidy

The Government is committed to establishing a universal early childhood education and care system in which every child is eligible for at least 3 days per week of subsidised access, replacing the activity test from January 2026.

### Apprentices and Fee-Free TAFE Subsidies

The Government is investing in making 100,000 free TAFE places permanent every year starting 1 January 2027, subject to the passage of legislation.

If you require accounting, wealth and advisory assistance, please contact our experienced accountants at Poole Group on 07 5437 9900 or [poole@poolegroup.com.au](mailto:poole@poolegroup.com.au)



# GP Conference

Saturday 20th September 2025

Join us and be part of an informative educational event on the Sunshine Coast featuring presentations from leading Cardiology experts.

This full - day program will deliver comprehensive in depth presentations on key topics within Cardiology and provide practical interactive sessions.

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If you are over 18 years of age and have been diagnosed with Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) you may be eligible to take part in one of our research trials.

## Participants wanted

The VasoActive Research team at UniSC is currently recruiting people with Peripheral Artery Disease to participate in research trials. We have a number of current studies that are testing new rehabilitation, telehealth, and medical interventions.

## What is involved?

Interventions and treatments include:

- Supervised exercise programs
- Telehealth programs
- Medical interventions

Research studies typically involve assessments including:

- Walking tests
- Vascular function tests
- Health questionnaires

Participants will receive support to cover the costs of transport and parking for study visits.

## More information

To learn more or to find out whether you are eligible, please call or email a member of the VasoActive Research team:

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**Dr Sophia Ly**  
Radiation Oncologist

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Clinical Trials

# World-class clinical trials are underway on the Sunshine Coast

## University of the Sunshine Coast is seeking participant referrals to contribute to medical research

### Potential treatment aiming to delay the progression of eye damage caused by diabetes

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The phase 2 clinical trial will compare an investigational tablet versus a placebo in stopping or slowing progression of diabetes in the eye. We are calling for participants who:

- are aged 18 or older
- have a documented diagnosis of diabetes
- have moderate to severe NPDR
- do NOT have any history of recent treatments for diabetic eye conditions
- can attend 11 visits at our Birtinya clinic and several phone calls over approximately 15 months.

[Click here to learn more](#)

### Investigational treatment for advanced or metastatic gastric cancer

We are trialling an intravenous infusion to determine if it could slow advanced or metastatic gastric cancer's progression.

The trial will be overseen by Principal Investigator Dr. Hong Shue at Sunshine Coast Haematology and Oncology Clinic (SCHOC) in Buderim.

We are calling for participants who:

- are aged 18 years or older
- have a confirmed diagnosis of HER2-positive gastric or gastroesophageal junction cancer
- can commit to regular visits at our Buderim clinic on the Sunshine Coast.

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### Investigational treatment for hypertriglyceridaemia (HTG)

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- have a BMI between 18 and 40
- have been diagnosed with HTG
- can attend 12 visits and one phone call at our Sippy Downs clinic over approximately 10 months.

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## A growing clinical trials network

### Do you have patients who might benefit from participating in a clinical trial?

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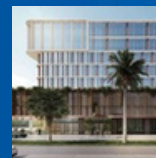
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**Refer to:**

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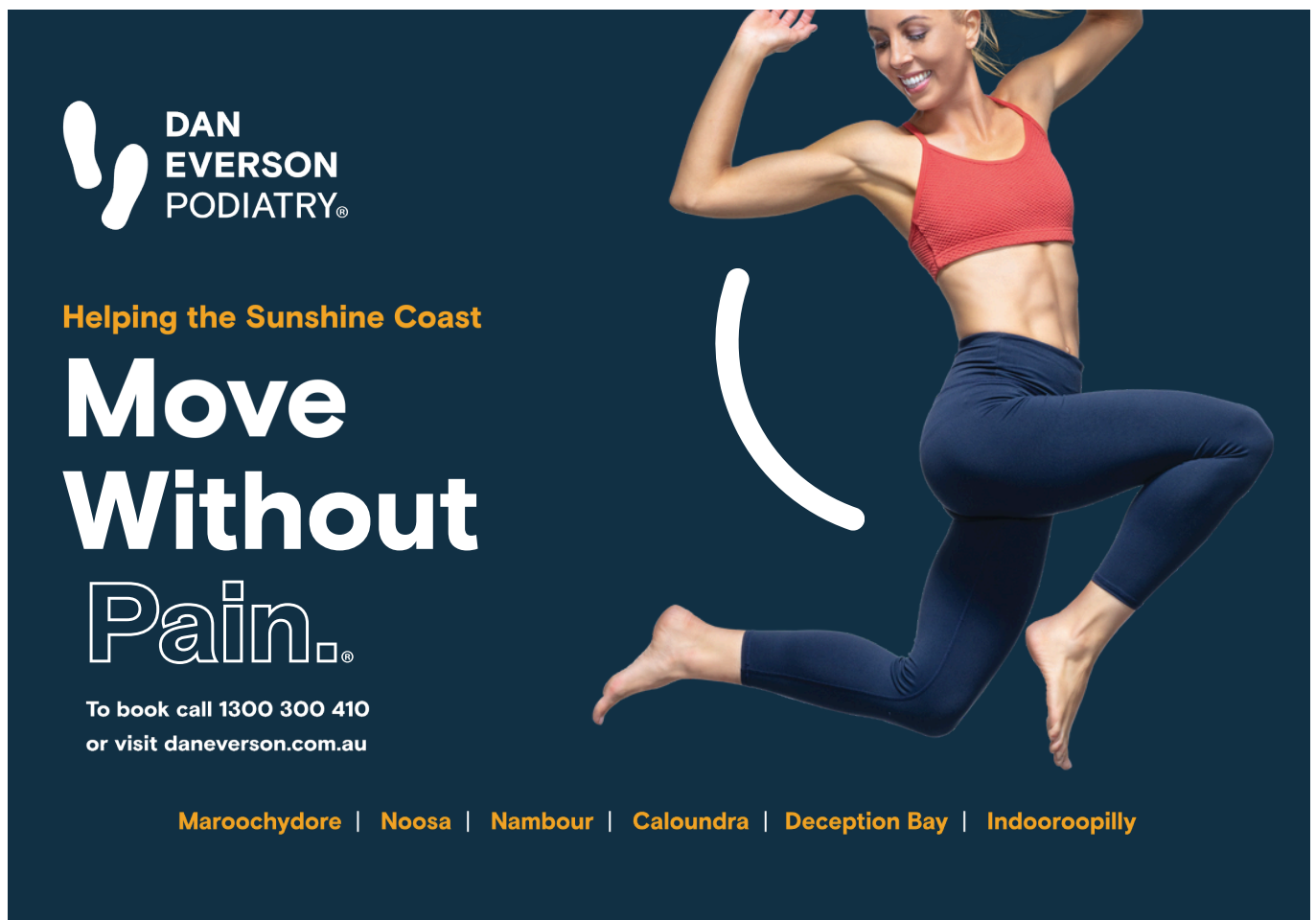
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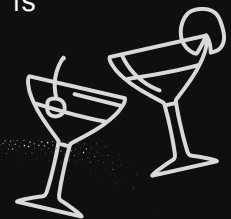
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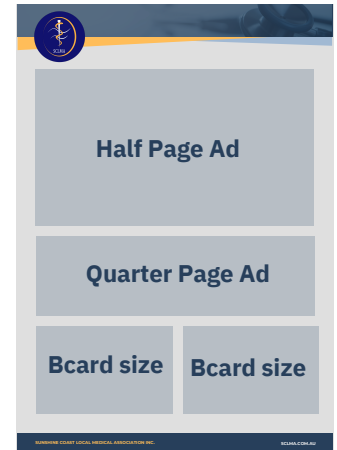
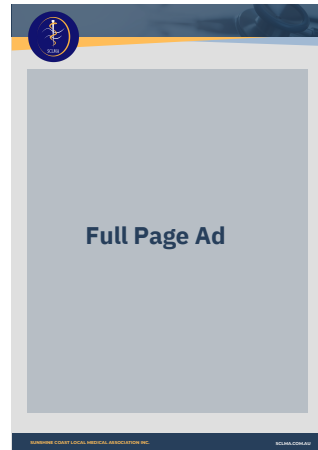
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