

Preliminary Program – National Eye and Tissue Conference

Tuesday 4th March – Wednesday 5th March 2025

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Day 1 – Tuesday 4th March 2025

Session 1: Sector Updates (Chair – Kelsey Considine)		
8:00am – 8:30am	Arrival and Registrations	Leila Cuttle & Lauren Rundell
8:40am – 8:45am	Acknowledgement of Country, Housekeeping and Welcome, Bingo, Silent Auction Artwork	Kelsey Considine (QTB)
8:40am – 8:45am	EBAANZ & BAA Welcome	Chris Van Diemen (BAA) & Lisa Buckland (EBAANZ)
8:45am – 9:10am	Keynote: Eye Banking at Ohio Eye Bank	Shannon Schweitzer (USA)
9:10am – 9:20am	Updates: WUTBA	Martin Borgel (Germany)
9:20am – 9:30am	Updates: GAEBA	Else Draheim (QTB)
9:30am – 9:45am	Updates: Dept of Health & Aged Care	Rushika Wirasinha (DoHAC)
9:45am – 10:00am	Updates: OTA	Lucinda Barry (OTA)
10:00am – 10:10am	Updates: Blood Bikes	Peter Davis (Blood Bikes)
10:10am – 10:30am	Morning Tea	

Session 2: Tissue Donors and Recipients (Chair - Wayne Stitcher)		
10:30am – 10:40am	Welcome and Introductions	Wayne Stitcher
10:40am – 11:10am	Panel: Tissue donor and recipient experiences	Recipients and Donor Families
11:10am – 11:15am	Questions/Discussion	
11:15am – 11:20am	Thank you	

Session 3: Donation (Chair - Candice Leighton)		
11:20am – 11:30am	Donor Family Feedback Survey	Vesna Jaksic (QTB)
11:30am – 11:40am	Analysis of Coronial cases over the last decade for tissue donation suitability	Chantal Bartolo (DTBV)
11:40am – 11:50am	The Growth and Success of PlusLife's Femoral Head Donation Program	Karla Fallon (PlusLife)
11:50am – 12:00pm	Expanding the Qld tissue donation service into regional areas	TBA (QTB)
12:00pm – 12:10pm	Does age really matter?	Jelena Kezic (LEBWA)
12:10pm – 12:20pm	Questions	
12:20pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	

Session 4: Research (Chair - Leila Cuttle)		
1:00pm – 1:20pm	Keynote: How research donation shapes the future of drug discovery, therapeutics, and disease research	Jon Boyd, USA
1:20pm – 1:30pm	Research Donor Coordinator Pilot Profiles	Heather Machin (LEDS)
1:30pm – 1:40pm	Open-source Eye Banking	Nigel Brookes (NZEB)
1:40pm – 1:50pm	Establishing Virtual Database of QTB meniscal allograft using 3D surface scanning	Huynh Nguyen (QTB)
1:50pm – 2:00pm	Automatic 3D Bone Matching for Better Healthcare	Akila Thondilege (QUT)
2:00pm – 2:10pm	A retrospective review on research tissue from the NSW Tissue Bank	Aine O'Connor (NSWTB)
2:10pm – 2:20pm	Milk Banking Research	TBA (Lifeblood)
2:20pm – 2:30pm	Questions	
2:30pm – 2:50pm	Afternoon Tea	

Session 5: Business Operations (Chair – Michael O'Neill)		
2:50pm – 3:10pm	Keynote: Changes to organ procurement in the USA	Jon Boyd, USA
3:10pm – 3:20pm	Current and coming SoHO regulation in Europe	Martin Borgel (Germany)
3:20pm – 3:30pm	Economics of cost modelling and price setting in tissue banking	Kelsey Considine (QTB)
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Concluding workshop: Imagining the future of the tissue banking sector	TBA
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Break	
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Social event at Rose & Crown pub next door	

Day 2 – Wednesday 5th March 2025

Session 6: Quality (Chair - Tracey Woolford)		
8:30am – 9:00am	Arrival and Registrations	Leila Cuttle & Lauren Rundell
9:00am – 9:05am	Acknowledgement of Country, Housekeeping and Welcome, Bingo	Tracey Woolford (QTB)
9:05am – 9:25am	Keynote: TBA	Alyce Maksoud (TGA)
9:25am – 9:35am	Aseptic Processing in Eye and Tissue Banks	Michelle Peake (SeerPharma)
9:35am – 9:45am	A journey in aseptic validation by QTB	Courtney Orth (QTB)
9:45am – 9:55am	The Pursuit of Compliance.....Trials and Tribulations	Tracey Woolford, Jennifer Goddard, Barbara Hartl, Rochelle Perera and Elisabeth Elisabeth (QTB)
9:55am – 10:05am	Questions	
10:05am – 10:25am	Morning Tea	

Session 7: Production (Chair – Rebekah Goodrich)		
10:25am – 10:35am	From the Great Lakes to the Great Barrier Reef: Differences in American and Aussie Eye Banking	Andrew Officer (USA)
10:35am – 10:45am	Cardiovascular Tissue Banking – The New Zealand Experience	Julie Ruddell (NZBS)
10:45am - 10:55am	Who CAIRS	Andrew Pomfret (LEBWA)
10:55am - 11:05am	Exploring a New Source of Donor Hearts for Heart Valve Banking	Luija Gribben (SHVB)
11:05am – 11:15am	Reducing Microbial Contamination in Cadaveric Skin Allografts	Maddison Sawyer (QTB)
11:15am - 11:25am	Assessing the risk factors associated with ulcerated corneal tissue from donors	Aine O'Connor (NSWTB)
11:25am - 11:35am	Assembling the gift of donated skin	Alice Tuinukuafe (NZBS)
11:35am - 11:45am	The journey of a new ARTG product	TBA (Lifeblood)
11:45am - 11:55am	Questions	
11:55am – 1:00pm	Lunch	

Session 8: Education and Training (Chair – Kelsey Considine)		
1:00pm – 1:10pm	Advancing tissue recovery through training and education: A collaborative approach	Michael Palmisano (USA)
1:10pm – 1:20pm	How to become a qualified tissue donation coordinator? From mentoring program to certified training	Martin Borgel (Germany)
1:20pm – 1:30pm	Competency based training at QTB	Candice Leighton (QTB)
1:30pm – 1:40pm	Questions	
1:40pm – 2:10pm	Afternoon Tea	
2:10pm – 2:30pm	Awards for best abstract, bingo, silent auction artwork	
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Wrap up of the conference learnings and thank you	