

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Western Pacific Mass Gathering Events and Health Symposium



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**24th and 25th June 2024**

**Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia**

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## PROGRAM

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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| 0830 | <b>Registration, tea and coffee</b>   |
| 0900 | <b>Opening session</b><br>Session Chair: Jamie Ranse  |
| 0900 | <b>Opening remarks for the Symposium organisers</b><br><i>Jamie Ranse, Mass Gathering Collaboration, Griffith University</i>  |
| 0910 | <b>Opening remarks from Griffith University</b>   |
| 0920 | <b>Keynote speaker</b><br>Kris Spaepen  |
| 1000 | <b>Finke Desert Race</b><br><i>Andrew Thomas, St John Ambulance Australia (NT)</i>  |
| 1015 | <b>The impact of mass gathering events on remote health care services and communities</b><br><i>Susan Wilkes, Central West Hospital and Health Service, Birdsville, Australia</i>   |
| 1030 | <b>Morning Tea / Networking</b>   |
| 1100 | <b>Risk and risk assessments</b><br>Session Chair:  |
| 1100 | <b>Rethinking crowded places: Creating safe and healthy areas for mass gathering</b><br><i>Sarah Smorhun, Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, Australia</i>   |
| 1115 | <b>Strengthening mass gatherings planning: creating a user friendly all-hazards risk assessment tool</b><br><i>Lucia Mullen, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, WHO Collaborating Centre on Global Health Security, Baltimore, USA</i> |
| 1130 | <b>Factors affecting patient presentation and transfer to hospital rates during mass gathering stadium events: A scoping review</b><br><i>Nazneen Sultana, Griffith University</i>  |
| 1145 | <b>Using psychosocial factors to reduce harm and promote health at mass gatherings</b><br><i>Angela Driscoll, Haven Crowd Care</i>  |
| 1200 | <b>Discussion panel: Risk and risk assessment</b>   |
| 1230 | <b>Lunch / Networking</b>   |

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| 1330 | <b>2023 Pacific Games: public health preparedness</b><br>Session Chair: <i>Peta-Anne Zimmerman</i>   |
| 1330 | <b>Health threatening hazards risk-assessment approach in mass gathering event, Solomon Islands, November-December 2023</b><br><i>Onofre Edwin A Merilles Jr, Pacific Community, Noumea, New-Caledonia</i>                                       |
| 1345 | <b>Interagency planning and collaboration to strengthen enhanced surveillance in a multi-sport mass gathering event: The Sol2023 Pacific Games experience</b><br><i>Salanieta T Saketa, Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji</i>                        |
| 1400 | <b>Digitalization of syndromic surveillance and timely reporting in the Sol2023 Pacific Games</b><br><i>Bobby Teobasi, Solomon Islands Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Honiara, Solomon Islands</i>                                     |
| 1415 | <b>Sol2023 Pacific Games integrated surveillance system implementation and decision-making</b><br><i>Cynthia Joshua, Solomon Islands Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Honiara, Solomon Islands</i>                                       |
| 1430 | <b>Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance for Sol2023 Pacific Games</b><br><i>Talica Cabemaiwai, Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji</i>   |
| 1445 | <b>Risk communication and community engagement for effective mass gathering management, Solomon Islands, November-December 2023</b><br><i>Anne Toncan Eli, Solomon Islands Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Honiara, Solomon Islands</i> |
| 1500 | <b>Afternoon Tea / Networking</b>  |
| 1530 | <b>Day 1 closing session</b><br>Session Chair:   |
| 1530 | <b>Keynote speaker</b><br><i>Paul Arbon, Torrens Resilience Initiative, Flinders University, Australia</i>   |
| 1600 | <b>Training standards for medical staff at mass gathering events: A Delphi study for expert consensus</b><br><i>Dana Mathew, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, USA</i>   |
| 1615 | <b>Mass gathering capacities and systems to strengthen GHS: Using the legacy and evaluation of mass gatherings to strengthen health systems</b><br><i>Tina Endricks, UK Health Security Agency</i>   |
| 1630 | <b>Discussion panel: Emerging threats</b>  |

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| 1715 | <b>Networking event commences</b>                        |
|      | Uni Bar Gold Coast. The Link (G07), Griffith University. |
| 1900 | Conclusion   |

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**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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| 0830 | <b>Registration, Tea and Coffee</b>   |
| 0900 | <b>Day 2 opening</b><br>Session Chair: <i>Jamie Ranse</i>   |
| 0900 | <b>Opening remarks and day one summary</b><br><i>Jamie Ranse, Mass Gathering Collaboration, Griffith University</i>   |
| 0910 | <b>Opening remarks from Griffith University</b><br><i>Caroline Riot, Director, Games Partnerships and Engagement, Griffith University</i>   |
| 0920 | <b>Keynote speaker</b><br><i>Tina Endricks, UK Health Security Agency</i>   |
| 1000 | <b>Learning from Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022: Mitigating Spread of Respiratory Diseases at Future Olympic Games</b><br><i>Lucia Mullen, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine</i> |
| 1015 | <b>Supporting high performance: Infectious disease control and NCCTRC pandemic support to the Australian Olympic Teams for Toyko2020 and Beijing2022</b><br><i>Nick Walsh, National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre</i>            |
| 1030 | <b>Morning Tea / Networking</b>   |
| 1100 | <b>Youth and mass gatherings</b><br>Session Chair:  |
| 1100 | <b>Making sure everyone is OK': Staff and consumer perspectives on in-event health services</b><br><i>Laura Ferris, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Queensland</i>  |
| 1115 | <b>Recreational drug use and checking patterns prior to outdoor music festivals: A survey of young adult festival attendees</b><br><i>Alison Hutton, Western Sydney University, Australia.</i>  |
| 1130 | <b>Safer Schoolies Initiative: Gold Coast Response</b><br><i>Anna Hanson, Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts, Queensland Government</i>                                     |
| 1145 | <b>Promoting Health at Gold Coast Youth Events</b><br><i>Katherine Cacavas, Gold Coast Public Health Unit, Gold Coast Health</i>  |
| 1200 | <b>Discussion panel –Interagency collaboration:</b>   |
| 1230 | <b>Lunch / Networking</b>   |

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| 1330        | <b>Lesson learned and case studies</b><br>Session Chair:  |
| 1330        | <b>Host countries experiences in Mass Gatherings medical planning: the National Institute of Medical Emergency (INEM) Experience in Portugal's World Youth Days (WYD) 2023</b><br><i>Ana Correia, National Institute of Medical Emergency (INEM) – PT EMT, Lisbon, Portugal</i>                         |
| 1345        | <b>Do current mass casualty incident models fit in mass gathering events?</b><br><i>Jamie Mann-Farrar, St John Ambulance Australia (Queensland)</i>   |
| 1400        | <b>Ningaloo Total Solar Eclipse 2023</b><br><i>Stacey Abbott, St John WA</i>  |
| 1415        | <b>Filling a gap of mass gatherings medical planning: development of a model based on the WHO Emergency Medical Teams' (EMT) methodology [pre-recorded presentation]</b><br><i>Ninglan Wang / Flavio Salio, Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization</i>                                 |
| 1430        | <b>TBC</b><br><i>Ethan Dooley, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, 1300MEDICS</i>  |
| 1445        | <b>Enrolled Nurses in mass gathering leadership?</b><br><i>Frazer Petrie, St John Ambulance Australia (Queensland)</i>  |
| 1500        | <b>TBC</b><br><i>Elliot Williams, Nurse Practitioner; Deputy Commissioner – Clinical Systems, St John Ambulance Australia (New South Wales)</i>   |
| <b>1515</b> | <b>Afternoon Tea / Networking</b>   |
| <b>1545</b> | <b>Public and environmental health</b><br>Session Chair:  |
| 1545        | <b>Enhanced Surveillance at the 7th MACFEST in Port Vila</b><br><i>Wendy Williams, Vanuatu Ministry of Health, Port Vila, Vanuatu</i>   |
| 1600        | <b>Syndromic surveillance: Identifying and interrupting the spread of infectious diseases at mass gathering events</b><br><i>Victoria Marriott, Gold Coast Public Health Unit, Queensland Health and The National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University</i> |
| 1615        | <b>Day in the Life of an Environmental Health Officer During a Mass Gathering Event</b><br><i>Alysse Regan, Metro South Public Health Unit, Queensland Health</i>   |
| <b>1630</b> | <b>Discussion panel: Lessons learned</b>  |
| 1655        | <b>Closing remarks</b><br><i>Jamie Ranse, Mass Gathering Collaboration, Griffith University</i>   |

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### Poster presentations

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| Mass Gathering focused |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 1                      | <b>Around the Mass Gathering Medicine World We Go</b><br><i>Mary Showstark</i>  |
| 2                      | <b>Non-invasive hemodynamic monitoring in a collapsed runner</b><br><i>An Yi Wang</i>   |
| 3                      | <b>Enhanced public health surveillance in the mass gathering for the XVII Pacific Games in Honiara, Solomon Islands, November–December 2023</b><br><i>Cynthia Joshua</i>  |
| 4                      | <b>Using the Simulation Exercise and After Action Review methodologies to strengthen capacities for health security for mass gatherings</b><br><i>Ninglan Wang / Maria Borodina</i>   |
| Disaster focused       |   |
| 5                      | <b>Disaster drills effectiveness on managing mass casualty events</b><br><i>Majed Alanazi</i>   |
| 6                      | <b>Operations support (logistics and clinical) from the Portuguese Emergency Medical Team (PT EMT) to the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization (WHO) country office of São Tomé &amp; Príncipe (STP) during the COVID 19 pandemic response</b><br><i>Ana Correia, National Institute of Medical Emergency (INEM) – PT EMT, Lisbon, Portugal</i> |
| 7                      | <b>Responding to disaster’s challenges – the Portuguese Emergency Medical Team (PT EMT) pharmacy supply chain model</b><br><i>Ana Correia, National Institute of Medical Emergency (INEM) – PT EMT, Lisbon, Portugal</i>  |
| 8                      | <b>Improving disaster logistics to save lives in the Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) – continuous quality improvement in medical stock management of the Portuguese Emergency Medical Team (PT EMT)</b><br><i>Ana Correia, National Institute of Medical Emergency (INEM) – PT EMT, Lisbon, Portugal</i>  |