

First Aid TRAINING
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**National
Conference**
2025

Empower Your Business

Expand Your Impact

Enhance Your Future

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Wednesday Networking

Kick off the event on Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm with our Welcome Drinks & Networking! This relaxed evening is the perfect opportunity to meet, mingle, and connect before the program begins.

Join us for casual drinks and light refreshments as we welcome you to the event. Whether you're catching up with familiar faces or meeting new ones, it's the ideal chance to start conversations, share ideas, and build valuable connections with fellow attendees and industry professionals.

Conference registration will also be open during the evening, giving you the chance to collect your name badge and event materials ahead of time. If you're unable to register on Wednesday night, you'll still be able to complete your registration early Thursday morning before the first sessions.

Day One Schedule

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00am	Registration	Registration
8:30am – 8:40am	Welcome	Sharon Neish
8:40am – 8:45am	Acknowledgement of Country	Taylah Leeson
8:45am – 9:00am	Opening Address	Rob Allen
9:00am – 9:45am	Maintain Authenticity	Marc Ratcliffe
9:45am – 10:30am	Concussion	Jason Davis
Morning Tea		
11:00am – 11:30am	Trainers & Assessors	Dave Garner
11:30am – 12:30pm	Keynote Speaker	Lucy Bloom
Lunch		
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Allergies Australia	Grace Canning
2:15pm – 3:00pm	Transform to Perform	Marc Ratcliffe
Afternoon Tea		
3:20pm – 3:45pm	Paediatric Patients	Amy Gomes
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Pain	Jason Davis
Finish		

Day Two Schedule

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00am – 8:05am	Welcome Back	Sharon Neish
8:05am – 8:45am	Local Search Engine Optimisation	Jase Porter
8:45am – 9:30am	Bites & Stings	Jason Davis
9:30am – 10:00am	Stroke Foundation	Coral McVean
Morning Tea		
10:30am – 11:15am	Body Language	Rory McKenzie
11:15am – 12:00pm	Mental Health	Dawn Jones
12:00pm – 12:10pm	Allens Training Awards	Rob Allen
Lunch		
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Student Support	Tony Feagan
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Diabetes Australia	Joanne Van Strien
Afternoon Tea		
2:50pm – 3:30pm	Training Desk Client Profiles	Danielle de Vere
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Evidence Based Medicine	Jason Davis
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Closing Address	Rob Allen
Finish		

Welcome Message

Welcome to the Allens Training Conference!

Whether you're a long-standing partner or new to Allens network, thank you for being part of this experience. This event is more than professional development, it's about connection, collaboration, and taking a moment to recognise the people who make what we do possible.

Across the next few days, you'll hear from passionate speakers, take part in practical sessions and connect with others who share your commitment to high-quality training and education. We've built this conference with you in mind, to support, inspire and challenge you and to provide practical tools you can take back to your partnership.

These connections are just as valuable, often sparking new ideas, partnerships and opportunities.



Rob Allen

At Allens Training, we're proud to work with such diverse and dedicated network of trainers and partners across the country. Your work plays a vital role in building skills, confidence and safety in workplaces and communities every day.

Thank you for the knowledge, care and professionalism you bring to the VET sector and thank you for taking the time to be here with us. We hope you leave feeling recharged, supported and proud of the work you do.

Speaker Profile



Sharon Neish

Welcome/MC

Sharon has 25 years of experience in health, fitness, and yoga, helping thousands of Australians find self-acceptance through movement and healthy habits.

A published author and international yoga presenter, she shares the benefits of yoga for ageing bodies and minds via apps and podcasts. With three businesses, Sharon is dedicated to self-improvement and is currently completing a degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology.



Taylah Leeson

Acknowledgment of Country

Taylah is a proud Kamilaroi woman and the First Nations Student Support Officer at Allens Training.

Before joining Allens, Taylah completed an Indigenous traineeship, where her dedication saw her named the North Coast Region winner of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queensland Student of the Year in 2020. Taylah works alongside the Student Support Team to provide meaningful support to First Nations students throughout their learning journey.

Speaker Profile



Lucy Bloom

Key Note Speaker

Lucy is a dynamic speaker, educator and leader in innovation thinking, with over 20 years of experience shaping industry. Known for her engaging and practical approach, Lucy will be sharing insights and strategies to inspire us as we navigate the evolving business landscape.

Lucy's keynote address will focus on futurist innovation thinking, providing valuable perspectives that will energise and empower us as a team.



Jase Porter

Local Search Engine Optimisation

Since 2005, Jase has been industry leader in digital marketing and entrepreneurship in Melbourne. With a background in the tourism space, in more recent years he has worked for large digital agencies, crafting campaigns for clients in over 100 different niches.

He's an experienced website developer, Google Ads account manager and an expert in technical SEO.

Speaker Profile



Grace Canning

The Impact of Allergies

Grace Canning is the founder of Allergy Life Australia, a national charity supporting people with allergies through advocacy and education.

Living with Anaphylaxis, Asthma, and multiple allergies herself, Grace shares personal and community stories to highlight the real-life impact of allergies. She raises awareness about allergic reactions, mental health impacts, and provides free resources like support groups and allergy cards.



Dave Garner

Trainers & Assessors

An experienced leader who has successfully managed high performing teams and successfully introduced new solutions to complex business needs.

Key strengths include leadership, people development, strategic direction, risk management, customer relationship management and problem solving that drive positive results for the organisation. Highly developed communications skills at senior levels with the ability to build relationships both internally and externally.

Speaker Profile



Danielle de Vere

Training Desk Client Profile

Danielle, currently the Training Desk Product Specialist, brings five years of experience as a Trainer and Assessor at Allens Training. Her extensive background lies in the Maritime sector, encompassing 15 years as a Chief Officer and Captain aboard international vessels.

A core aspect of her previous role involved overseeing comprehensive training for crew members in various shipboard emergency scenarios. Danielle finds great satisfaction in her collaborative efforts with the Allens Team.



Dawn Jones

Mental Health

Dawn Jones is an Advanced Care Paramedic with a Diploma in Paramedical Science and AHPRA registration. With extensive frontline experience, she brings both clinical skill and a deep commitment to supporting others' wellbeing.

As a qualified trainer and accredited Mental Health First Aid Instructor, Dawn blends healthcare knowledge with a passion for education. A proud member of the Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association, she delivers workshops that reduce stigma and strengthen early intervention.

Speaker Profile



Rory McKenzie

Body Language Recognition

Rory's drive to help others started young, with experience in NSW SES, NSW Ambulance, St John Ambulance, Red Cross, and the ADF. He's an Enrolled Nurse and Allens Training trainer since 2021.

He's also a criminal lawyer, investigator, and security expert, with thousands of interviews behind him and skills in body language and behavioural analysis.

Admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW and the High Court of Australia, Rory brings strong academic credentials and a deep understanding of human behaviour.



Marc Ratcliffe

Maintain Authenticity

Marc Ratcliffe is a globally recognised leader in vocational education, renowned for his dynamic approach to training.

As CEO and founder of MRWED Training and Assessment, he has dedicated over 30 years to enhancing trainer capability. A passionate advocate for "edutainment," Marc blends engagement with expertise, making learning both impactful and enjoyable.

With extensive international experience, he continues to shape the future of training through innovation and best practice.

Speaker Profile



Amy Gomes

Paediatrics Patients

Amy Gomes is a Brisbane-based critical care paramedic with experience in high-acuity pre-hospital care across Queensland and internationally. She's the Director of PARA PEM, a paediatric-focused CPD program equipping paramedics with practical, evidence-based skills.

Amy also founded One Little Heart, combining education and philanthropy through her book *What Paramedics Do*, which supports charity and funds public AEDs. She sits on the QAS Legacy Scheme Inc Board and advocates for palliative care, end-of-life law and community health.



Tony Feagan

Student Support

Tony Feagan is one of Australia's most experienced RTO consultants and auditors, with over 20 years working across private and public sectors. A former RTO owner, he's also a qualified trainer, assessor and registered lead auditor with Exemplar Global.

Founder of Where to from here?, Tony has established over 70 RTOs and conducted more than 2,000 audits including 100+ GTO audits. He brings a disciplined, people-focused approach shaped by his background in the military and policing, with a strong focus on continuous improvement across systems, products and teams.

Speaker Profile



Jason Davis

Injury, Treatment & Clinical Decision-Making

Jason Davis is a highly experienced clinician with over 33 years in pre-hospital care, having served as an intensive care and extended care paramedic with NSW ambulance, Queensland ambulance service and the Royal Flyer Doctor Service.

With a strong academic background, Jason has completed multiple undergraduate and postgraduate programs and currently works as a lecturer and clinical educator. He is also involved in a range of clinical projects across both health and ambulance services, contributing to ongoing improvements in patient care.



Coral McVean

Stroke

Coral McVean is a dedicated StrokeSafe Speaker who share vital stroke awareness information drawn from personal experience. Her passion for education stems from her father's stroke, a serious warning sign that she didn't fully understand at the time. He survived, but Coral now knows the difference a fast response can make.

Motivated by that experience, Coral is committed to helping others recognise the signs of stroke and understanding the importance of early action. Through her talks, she empowers communities with the knowledge that could save a life.

Speaker Profile



**Joanne Van
Strien**

Diabetes Australia

Jo is Registered Nurse and Credentialed Diabetes Educator. She has been educating people living with diabetes about how to be the best version of themselves for 20 years. Jo has worked in the hospital space for the majority of this time, in both clinics and hospital wards . Jo cares specifically for the whole person as she knows that diabetes can affect every part of the body. She specialises in type 1 diabetes, and all the technology involved in the care of the person living with type 1, type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes. Jo has lived with type 1 diabetes for 35 years and understands the complexities that go with the care of the person with diabetes.

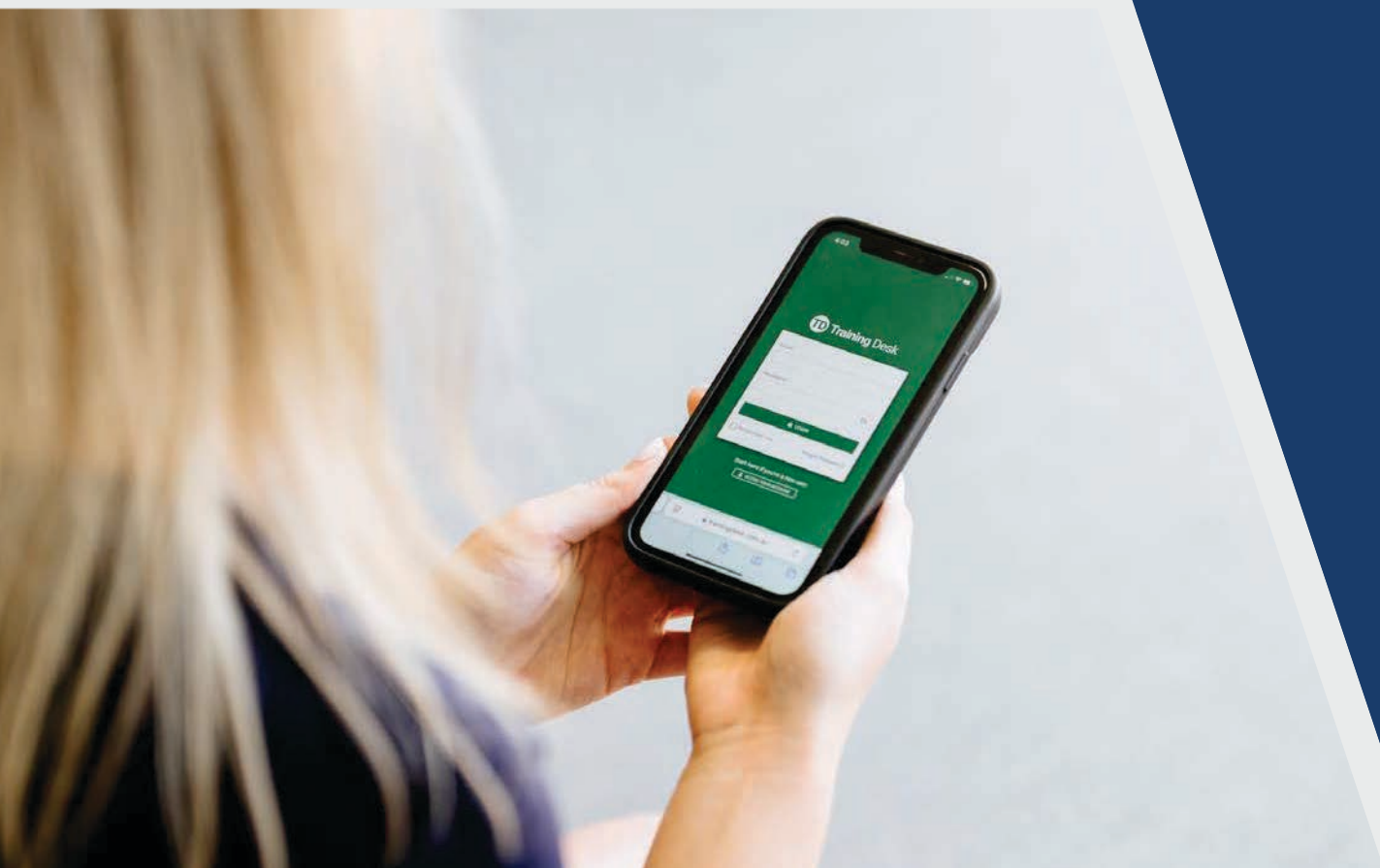
Evening In The Tropics

Thursday Night

Escape the everyday and join us for an evening in the tropics. Our Thursday night dinner event is designed to bring everyone together in a relaxed, vibrant setting. Set against a tropical backdrop, the night will feature delicious food, refreshing drinks, live entertainment and plenty of good company.

This is your chance to unwind after a busy day, catch up with colleagues and enjoy the warm hospitality and lively atmosphere. Whether you're new to the group or a familiar face, it's a night not to be missed.

Tropical attire is encouraged. Think bold prints, bright colours and laid-back vibes!



Training Desk **Guru Bar**

Need help with something specific or just want to pick someone's brain? Our Training Desk guru bar is your go-to spot for one-on-one support. Whether it's compliance questions, website ideas, navigating student support systems or understanding training resources, our team is here to help.

These sessions are designed to be practical, personalised and focused on giving you what you need. It's also a great way to connect with the team behind the scenes and learn about tools or tips you might not know about.

Bookings are essential, so make sure you lock in a time to get the most out of your session.

Post & Tag Challenge

Instructions for Participants:

1. Take a Creative Photo or short video

2. Snap a fun or clever photo somewhere at the conference. It could be:

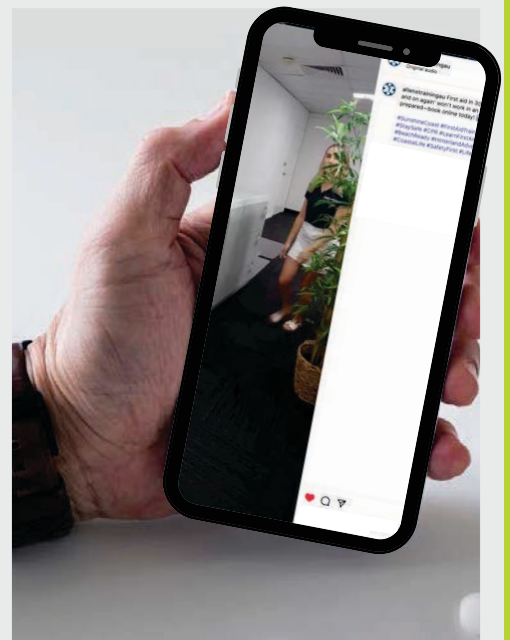
- With our display or banners
- Using props from our booth
- With your team or new connections

3. Post to Instagram or Facebook

4. Share your photo to your Instagram or Facebook feed. Make sure your profile is public (at least for the day) so we can see it!

5. Tag Us + Use the Hashtag

- Tag @allenstrainingptyltd
- Use the hashtag
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