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2014 Florey International Postgraduate Research Conference

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**Program**

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| Hickinbotham Hall 9:00am | Official Opening  
Associate Professor Mark Nottle, Convenor of Higher Degrees Committee |
| 9:15am | Welcome to Australia  
Uncle Lewis ‘Yerloburka’ O’Brien, Kaurna Elder |
| 11:00am | Session 1: Research Poster Presentations |
| 11:20am | Session 2: Research Poster Presentations |
| 1:00pm | Lunch |
| 1:40pm | Session 3: On the Couch with our Burns Panel  
Master of Ceremonies  
Brenton Ragless, Channel 9 News  
Panellists  
Fiona Wood AM, Director of the WA Burns Service  
Bill Griggs AM, Director, Trauma Services, RAH  
Deborah Bates, GM, Julian Burton Burns Trust  
Greg Crossman, Assistant Chief Officer, MFS  
Stephen Slape, Burns Survivor  
Tony Sparnon, Head of the Paediatric Burn Service, WCH  
Zachary Munn, Joanna Briggs Institute |
| 3:15pm | Session 4: 3MT finalists: Presenting Research everybody understands  
Facilitated by Professor Alastair Burt  
Harshavardini Padmanabhan: ‘Gene therapy: a breath of fresh air’  
Isabella-Rose Meredith: ‘Breathing for two’ |
| 3:30pm | Awards Ceremony for Poster Presenters  
Presented by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Warren Bebbington |
| 4:00pm | Nibbles and Refreshments |

**Prizes**

Each poster will be judged by a panel of senior researchers during the morning session. The best posters will be awarded cash prizes.

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About the Presenters

Master of Ceremonies

Brenton Ragless

Brenton Ragless has an extensive background in public speaking, broadcast media, public relations, audiovisual production, emergency services, meteorology, defence, tourism, hospitality & special events. Previously presenting the seven-day weather forecast, Brenton was promoted early this year to the Nine News Adelaide newsdesk. Prior to working at Channel 9, Brenton had earned national media exposure in providing commentary on fires and other disasters as a full-time spokesperson for the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) as well as a fire and emergencies reporter for ABC Radio. His interest in the fire service evolved as a boy when he tagged along with his father to the local CFS brigade. He then followed in his father’s footsteps to become an active firefighter. He is a passionate supporter of many South Australian charities, as well as being an ambassador for the CFS.

Panellist

Fiona Wood AM

BSc MB BS St Thomas Hosp. Lond., Hon.DM Leeds, FRCS, FRACS

This year’s Florey Lecturer and Guest of Honour, Winthrop Professor Fiona Wood is a Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon specialising in the field of burn care, trauma and scar reconstruction. Fiona is the Director of the WA Burns Service of Western Australia and a Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Princess Margaret Hospital and Royal Perth Hospital. Her research as Chairperson through the Burn Injury Research Unit UWA and the Fiona Wood Foundation is focused on scarless healing. The research includes all facets of burn care, from injury prevention to acute care on to long term outcomes undertaken in collaboration with the multidisciplinary burn care teams, is essential to provide a clear evidence-based practice.

Fiona was the recipient of the 2003 Australian Medical Association ‘Contribution to Medicine’ Award and received an Order of Australia Medal for work with Bali bombing victims. Fiona was named West Australian of the Year for 2004, and was nominated as a National Living Treasure and Australian Citizen of the Year in 2004. Fiona was again named West Australian of the Year for 2005, and received the honour of being named Australian of the Year in 2005.

Bill Griggs AM

MBBS (Adel) MBA (Adel) PGDipAvMed (Otago) FANZCA FCICM FACAP FAICD

As a paramedic Bill attended his 100th fatal road crash prior to graduating as a doctor in 1981 and has since been involved in caring for victims of multiple casualty events. Bill was deployed, as either a Royal Australian Air Force Specialist reservist or as a civilian, to manage evacuations and tend to victims in a number of disasters including both the 2002 and 2005 Bali Bombings, the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami and the crash of Garuda Indonesia Flight 200 in 2007. He is considered a world authority on trauma and disaster medicine.

Deborah Bates

General Manager, Julian Burton Burns Trust

Deb Bates is General Manager of the Julian Burton Burns Trust, Australia’s leading community organisation committed to burn injury prevention, care and support. With a background in teaching at disadvantaged schools, and study in Leadership and Counselling, Deb’s role at the Burns Trust commenced in 2007, as Community Education Manager and was promoted to General Manager in 2013. Under Deb’s leadership and passion, the Julian Burton Burns Trust will further develop their great work in burn prevention and first aid, providing leading in-hospital care services and facilitate support programs to assist burn survivors across Australia and beyond.

Greg Crossman

AFSM MBA (HRM)

Greg has over 37 years’ experience as a leader, manager and trainer in emergency management, operations and learning and development within South Australia. Greg is the President of the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation and the Chair of The Fire Service Credit Union. Greg has been involved in Burns Prevention and Burns survival initiatives for many years and has worked extensively with Camp Smokey to assist young burns survivors.
**Stephen Slape**

Stephen Slape suffered serious burns at the age of 11; he is now 36 years old. Today, Stephen will share his story of the past 25 years, taking us through the adversities and challenges he has faced, from childhood, through to adulthood and the trauma that coincides with an incident of this nature. Stephen has also inspired many other survivors at Camp Smokey, an annual paediatric burns camp, coordinated through the collaboration of the Metropolitan Fire Service and the Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

**Tony Sparnon**

Head of Paediatric Burn Service, Womens and Children’s Hospital

Mr Sparnon is the Head of the Paediatric Burn Service at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital, a Senior Visiting Surgeon at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital, an Adjunct Professor of Paediatric Surgery at the National University of Malaysia and Elected Councillor for Paediatric Surgery at the Royal Australian College of SurgeonsCollege of Surgeons. Mr Sparnon is also a past President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Paediatric Surgeons as well as a life member of the Australian and New Zealand Burn Association.

**Zachary Munn**

Research Fellow, Joanna Briggs Institute

Dr Zachary Munn is a senior research fellow with the Joanna Briggs Institute. Zac’s main area of work is in knowledge translation (translating the findings of evidence into practice), and he has a special interest in the utilisation of evidence in Burns care and is administrator of the Joanna Briggs Institute’s burns node. Other interests of Zac’s include the critical appraisal of research, systematic reviews, evidence based healthcare, clinical audit, action research, and research methodology and design (both quantitative and qualitative).

**Registration**

Seats are limited for the Panel Discussion. To register your attendance at this event, please head to: [http://health.adelaide.edu.au/research/conference/registration/](http://health.adelaide.edu.au/research/conference/registration/)

For more information regarding the conference, please contact Kendall Marriott via Kendall.marriott@adelaide.edu.au or 8313 0157

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