



TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER

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TUESDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER					
7.30	Registration & Exhibition Hall Opens				
8.30	Mihi Whakatau (Welcome Ceremony)				
9.00	Keynote: <i>Wheeling Across Borders</i> – Umi Asaka (New Zealand)				
9.45	Panel: <i>Applying an Equity Lens to Participation</i> – panel discussion.				
10.25	Poster introduction slides				
10.30	MORNING TEA / POSTER SESSIONS / EXHIBITION HALL				
11.15	Session A	Session B	Session C Papers	Session D	Session E
11.15	<i>The last immobile child: re-examining how to close the mobility gap.</i> Andrina Sabet Cole Galloway (USA)	<i>"Who Supports My Seating?" Exploring Postural Management Experiences of Adults with Complex Disabilities</i> Rachael McDonald (Australia)	14.00 – 15.00 Papers <i>Measuring patient-centred outcomes in wheelchair provision: Staff and service user experiences.</i> Nathan Bray (Wales, UK)	<i>Flying with a Wheelchair: What the Seating Professional Needs to Know.</i> Jessica Presperin Pedersen (USA)	<i>Functioning with Neuropathic Pain</i> Lucinda Austin (New Zealand)
11.45		<i>Non-ambulatory children with cerebral palsy and intellectual disability – What should a physio do?</i> Karen Adams (NZ)	<i>Reliability of the Seating and Mobility Index</i> Rachel Hibbs (USA) <i>The impacts of power wheelchairs on health and participation for people with motor neurone disease.</i> Rachel Brown (NZ)		<i>Stroke and Equipment Provision: Are We Facilitating Best Outcomes.</i> Tina Roelser (Germany)
12.15	LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL / POSTERS / EXHIBITOR DEMONSTRATIONS				
14.00	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
14.00	<i>Activity-focused powered mobility practice: Applying the process-based tool Assessment of Learning Process (ALP)</i> Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden) Lisa Kenyon (USA)	<i>Ableism and Mobility Milestones: What Do We Mean by 'Mobility is a Human Right'?</i> Heather Feldner (USA)	<i>The provision of custom cushions via telehealth.</i> Rachel Brown Fi Graham Robert Toller (New Zealand)	<i>Considerations for Independence: Wheelchair Seating for Adolescent Manual Wheelchair Users</i> Rachel Hibbs USA)	<i>Reverse Engineering: Unpacking a Wheelchair Prescription Process</i> Megan Ransley (NZ) Amanda Lowry (NZ) LIMIT TO 10 PEOPLE
15.00			<i>Managing Postural Asymmetries from the bottom up.</i> Angela Rowe (Australia) Kim Vien (Australia) Niharika Dhillon (Australia)	<i>Hot and Sweaty! Skin Microclimate, Pressure Care and Comfort.</i> Edward Milner (Australia)	

15.30	AFTERNOON TEA / EXHIBITION HALL				
16.15	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
	Are we lying down instead of supporting 24 hour postural care for our clients? Jackie Casey (UK)	Take homes from the take home: Wheelchair delivery and follow up. Angela Rowe (Australia) Kim Vien (Australia) Niharika Dhillon (Australia) Bill Contoyannis (Australia)	Hybrid mobility: Navigating the clinical and functional impact of power add-ons for manual wheelchair users. Bianca Brady (Australia) Claire Grey (NZ)	London Calling – Travelling With a Wheelchair from Remote Central Australia. Louise Lamb (Australia)	The universal approach for facilitating participation, tool-use learning and application of the ALP-facilitating strategies. Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden)
16.45				Translating Power Seat Function Evidence into Clinical Practice: Enhancing functional outcomes Tracee-lee Maginnity (Australia) Jennith Bernstein (USA)	AI Meets Mobility: How VR is Revolutionizing Wheelchair Assessment & Training. Kathleen Sodder (Australia)
17.30	Welcome Reception in the Exhibition Hall – Entertainment by Lloyd Akroyd. (finish 7pm)				

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Free public access to exhibition hall with community group information stands between 1.30pm-5.30 pm.

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8.00	Registration & Exhibition Hall Opens					
8.30	Welcome					
8.35	Plenary – Nathan Bray (Wales, UK)					
9.25	Poster introduction slides					
9.30	Session A – 20min papers	Session B	Session C -	Session D	Session E	Gym
	<p><i>Development of the MobQoL-7D: A new way to define and measure mobility-related quality of life.</i> Nathan Bray (Wales, UK)</p> <p><i>Mobility Snapshots: A Photovoice Narrative of Mobility and Participation by Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury.</i> Heather Feldner (USA)</p> <p><i>Exploring the Explorer Mini: A Qualitative Study Examining Parental Experiences and Perceptions</i> Lisa K. Kenyon (USA)</p>	<p><i>Adaptive Sports Seating Solutions: Strategies to Optimize Athlete Participation.</i> Kendra Betz (USA)</p>	<p><i>Perfect Fit: Adjusting Wheelchairs for Clients.</i> Margaret Blake Sarah Stewart (New Zealand)</p>	<p><i>Steer Your Success: Hands-On Mastery of Alternative Drive Controls for Enhanced Mobility and Independence.</i> Kathleen Sodder (Australia)</p>	<p><i>Hip Health in Children with Cerebral Palsy – Implications for Positioning.</i> Karli Joll Deb Wilson (New Zealand)</p>	
10.30	MORNING TEA / POSTER SESSIONS / EXHIBITION HALL					
11.00	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E	Gym
	<p><i>"My Client Can't Drive, Can You Change the Controller?" – essential therapist and technician liaison.</i> Connor Wilson Deb Wilson (New Zealand)</p>	<p><i>Empowering Participation: The Role of Recreational Equipment in Enhancing Mobility and Inclusion.</i> Jacqueline Abel Tessa Wallis (New Zealand)</p>	<p><i>Exploring the Potential: Maximising Independence Through Electronics in Power Wheelchairs.</i> Andrew Lopez</p>	<p><i>Wheelchair policy and practice on opposite sides of the globe: challenges accessing early powered mobility</i> Jackie Casey (UK) Rachael McDonald (Australia)</p>	<p><i>Round Peg, Square Hole.; why Transport matters in Wheelchair Prescription.</i> Katrina Barrett (Australia)</p>	
11.30		<p><i>Exploring Clinical Contributions to Para Sport: Bridging Experience and Opportunities.</i> Binnie O'Dwyer (New Zealand) 30</p>			<p><i>Skills on Wheels: The First Paediatric Wheelchair Skills Program in The United States.</i> Tony Chase (USA)</p>	
12.00	LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL (PUBLIC ACCESS 13.30 – 15.00) / POSTERS / EXHIBITOR DEMONSTRATIONS					

13.30	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E	Gym
13.30	<i>Coaching to enhance engagement and outcomes in consultations: A sandpit session exploring application and implications.</i> Fiona Graham (New Zealand)	<i>Honouring family priorities in Lying Posture Care Management: using the F-Words to guide interventions.</i> Patricia Toole Christy Natale (USA)	<i>Towards an Evidence-Based Approach to Wheelchair Maintenance & Repair.</i> Mark Schmeler (USA)	<i>Creating the Path to Successful Prescription of Power Assist Products</i> Amy Bjornson (Australia)	<i>The Proof is in the Pudding: Measuring Intervention Fidelity in Paediatric PWC Skills Training.</i> Lisa K. Kenyon (USA)	<i>Wheelchair Skills training – an interactive, practical session</i> Paula Rushton (Canada) Seating To Go Wheelchair Skills Team (New Zealand) Limited to 20 participants. Unlimited observers.
14.30			<i>Safe and Effective Power Wheelchair Battery Replacement: The Role of Clinicians and Technicians.</i> Ben Gommers (Australia)	<i>Advancement in Wheelchair Technology.</i> Andrew Slorance (Scotland, UK)	<i>Barriers to Accessing Powered Mobility for Children in the Australian Context.</i> Kate Pain Amelia Sherlock (Australia)	
15.00	AFTERNOON TEA / EXHIBITION HALL (PUBLIC ACCESS 13.30 – 17.30)					
15.30	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E	Gym
15.30	<i>AI on the Move: Innovation and ethics in wheelchair technology.</i> Rachael McDonald (Australia) Emma Smith (Ireland)	<i>From MAT to THAT – Translating postural evaluation to wheelchair and seating solution</i> Beth Knight Jedda Fulcher (New Zealand) LIMIT TO 20	<i>Pressure Mapping in Practice: Leveraging Technology to Inform Clinical Decision-Making.</i> Elissa Barden (Australia)	<i>Beyond the Base: The Seating Professional's Responsibility of Educating on Manual Wheelchair Components.</i> Bianca Brady (Australia)	<i>Night-Time Positioning – reframing our messaging about postural care. Interactive workshop.</i> Jane Hamer Deb Wilson (New Zealand)	
16.30			<i>ISWP presentation</i> Beth Sheehan (Australia)	<i>Transport Considerations: What to be aware of when prescribing a wheelchair in New Zealand.</i> Colleen Naughton (New Zealand)		
17.00	SESSIONS FINISH					
17.30	EXHIBITION HALL CLOSES					
19.00	19.00 – 23.30 Conference Dinner & Entertainment by Shane Taylor & NZ Band SAM					

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7.00	ISWP Breakfast session – Beth Sheehan (Australia)				
8.30	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
8.30	<i>Postural asymmetries, deformities and contractures impact on participation of children with CP: What’s the evidence?</i> Jackie Casey (UK)	<i>Forging international collaborations in telehealth to accelerate equity in wheelchair and seating service delivery.</i> Laura Desha (Australia) Fiona Graham (New Zealand)	<i>Tonga wheelchair clinics - promoting participation, connections, service development and beyond.</i> Claire Grey Jacqueline Abel Tessa Wallis (New Zealand)	<i>Passive to Empowered: Caregiver Engagement in Home-Based Power Mobility Intervention for Children with Cerebral Palsy</i> Bethany Sloane (USA)	<i>Chasing Millimetres: Clinical Precision Enabling Wheelchair Users with High Level Spinal Injuries to Drive Independently.</i> Craig Harington (New Zealand)
9.00			<i>Enhancing our approach to addressing client challenges: The evolving review process at Seating to Go.</i> Binnie O'Dwyer (New Zealand)		
9.30			<i>From Off-the-Shelf to Outstanding: Custom Positioning Solutions Made Simple.</i> Nikki Cousins (Australia)	<i>On time mobility enhances development and relationship opportunities; A tale of twins.</i> Emma Reynolds Rhona Ackroyd (New Zealand)	<i>Detangling manual wheelchair evidence for everyday practice using the ICF framework.</i> Ben Gommers (Australia) Jennith Bernstein (USA)
10.00	Poster introduction slides (in all rooms as last slide of previous presentation)				
10.15	MORNING TEA / POSTER SESSIONS / EXHIBITION HALL				
11.00	Session A	Session B – 20min papers	Session C	Session D – 30min session	Session E
11.00	<i>Developmental Power Mobility: Kick-Starting Global Development Through ON Time, Self-Initiated Mobility and Activity Experiences.</i> Lisa K. Kenyon Bethany Sloane Heather Feldner (USA)	11.00 <i>Sitting: A Reflection of Lying</i> Jackie Casey (UK)	<i>Supporting posture and optimising function using the least restrictive option - from the perspectives of both wheelchairs and seating and behavioural support.</i> Intermediate-Advanced Liz Turnbull Tracey Widdup (New Zealand)	<i>Standing up to Barriers: a multifactorial and multiregional outlook on power standing wheelchairs</i> Tilly Brook (Australia)	<i>How important is movement within the seating systems?</i> Filipe Correia (Portugal) Bart Van Der Heyden (Belgium)
11.30		11.20 <i>Lessons from Low-Resource Settings: 24/7 Postural Management shift from Standard to Custom Devices</i> Marie Barhouche Abou Saab (Lebanon)			

12.00	LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL (CLOSES 13.30) / POSTERS / EXHIBITOR DEMONSTRATIONS				
13.30	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
	<i>Implementing the Wheelchair Skills Program in Paediatric Rehabilitation.</i> Paula Rushton (Canada)	<i>Establishing and sustaining accessibility centres; Perspectives from USA and Australia.</i> Rachael McDonald (Australia) Heather Feldner (USA)	<i>Mobility and seating for aging adults with learning disabilities; meeting complex and changing needs.</i> Margaret Goodall (New Zealand)	<i>Will this wheelchair cushion work for my client? Measuring wheelchair cushion performance in clinical settings.</i> Bart Van Der Heyden (Belgium)	<i>Exploring why powered mobility experiences can accelerate overall development in infants aged 3-12 months.</i> Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden)
14.00				<i>Beyond the Joystick: Real Cases of Custom Drive Systems.</i> Jacelyn Goh (Australia)	<i>Optimal sitting as part of 24hr postural care to reduce risk of developing pressure ulcers.</i> Jackie Casey (UK)
14.30	Closing keynote: Riley Saban (Australia)				
15.10	15.10 – 15.30 Poropoaki (Closing ceremony)				

Oceania Seating Symposium 2025

POSTER SESSIONS

Tuesday – 4th Nov

1. Lisa McAfee, Claire Montgomery (New Zealand)
Wheelchair Wellness: Video reel for quick tips for healthy skin care
2. Rochelle Davies (New Zealand)
Modular Seating for Complex Postures
3. Rebecca Grenfell (Australia)
Bridging the Gap: Empowering Clinicians with a Structured Pathway for Complex Wheelchair Prescription in Australia
4. Tilly Brook, Anne-Marie Dickinson (Australia)
Overcoming “It’s Too Difficult.” A Journey to Age-appropriate Mobility.
5. Tracee-lee Maginnity (Australia)
The Value of Goniometric Data in MAT Assessment – Empowering Clinicians towards Best Functional Outcomes.

Wednesday 5th Nov

1. Terri Davies, Megan Ransley (New Zealand)
Integrating the Four Pillars, Posture, Pressure, Pain and Performance (4P™) of Wheelchair Seating
2. Jane Hamer (New Zealand)
What caregivers say about sleep systems.
3. Jane Hamer (New Zealand)
Parent partnership – co-designing sleep system care.
4. Maria Whitcombe-Shingler (New Zealand)
To tilt or not to tilt: effective use of manual tilt in space wheelchairs.
5. Mellinda Clarke, Andrea Espei
Sitting, Seating and the dilemma of Participatory Needs

Thursday – 6 Nov

1. Maria Whitcombe-Shingler (New Zealand)
Emotional Labour in Wheelchair and Seating Professionals
2. Ailsa Leslie (Australia)
Foundations for Practice: Development of the Capability Framework for Occupational Therapists Working with Assistive Technology
3. Claire Grey (new Zealand)
"Custom vs. Off-the-Shelf Sleep Systems: The Big Ws: What, When, and Why?"
4. Lauren O'Rourke
Paediatric Wheelchair Cushions and Backs – Matching Technology and Need