Hospital in the Home Conference

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31 MARCH – 1 APRIL 2026 | SWISSOTEL SYDNEY

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Tess van der Rijt, *Chief Operating Officer Hospitals,* **UnitingCare Queensland**

Dr Robert Marshall, *Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer,* **St Vincent's Health Australia**

Rajni Nair, *A/Clinical Senate Manager and Networks,* **Department of Health Queensland**

Michael Tresillian, *HITH/General Medicine,* **Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Metro North Health**

Angela Smarrelli, *Clinical & Programs Manager,* **GMHBA**

Maria McLaughlin-Rolfe, *Group General Manager, BlueCare Community Services,* **UnitingCare Queensland**

Dr Fiona Hinchliffe, *Executive Director Health Integration and Community Services,* **Mater**

Dr Jacqui Irvine, *Acting Director Hospital@Home, Senior Emergency Specialist,* **Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District**

Dr Fiona Baker, *Medical Clinical Lead- GEMHITH / GEMRHITH, Clinical Director of Integrated Care,* **Fraser Coast**

Dr Neel Gobin, *Regional Director of Medical Services,* **Hunter New England Local Health District (NSW)**

Rachelle Foxton, *Allied Health Manager, Hospital in The Home & Virtual Care Service,* **Northern Sydney Local Health District**

Matthias Langer, *HITH Nurse Manager,* **Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD)**

PLUS PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP | 30 MARCH 2026, SWISSOTEL SYDNEY | 9:00AM – 12:00PM

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8:15 Registration & Morning Coffee

8:50 DAY ONE OPENING

8:55 **Opening remarks from the Chair**

Michael Tresillian, *HITH/General Medicine,* **Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Metro North Health**

9:00 **OPENING KEYNOTE | The Hard Truth About HITH: What We Have Learned, Changed and Delivered**

Tess van der Rijt, *Chief Operating Officer Hospitals,* **UnitingCare Queensland**

Maria McLaughlin-Rolfe, *Group General Manager, BlueCare Community Services,* **UnitingCare Queensland**

9:30 **Inside SWIFT: Mater's Complete Journey to Rapid-Access Hospital in the Home**

Dr Fiona Hinchliffe, *Executive Director Health Integration and Community Services,* **Mater**

Anna George, *Clinical Nurse Consultant, Mater at Home- Hospital in the Home,* **Mater**

10:00 **IN CONVERSATION | From System Complexity to Work Design: HITH from Two Vantage Points**

HITH programs promise acute care at home but operate within complex systems that challenge service delivery. This session explores HITH from two vantage points: mapping system complexity and the nursing work design it shapes.

Rajni Nair, *A/Clinical Senate Manager and Networks,* **Department of Health Queensland**

India Read, *Doctoral Researcher, Emerging Technologies Lab - Health Futures,* **Monash University**

10:45 Networking Break & Morning Tea

11:20 INNOVATION SHOWCASE

11:40 **Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD's Multidisciplinary Acute Care at Home**

Dr Jacqui Irvine, *Acting Director Hospital@Home, Senior Emergency Specialist,* **Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD**

Jane Carratt, *HITH Nurse Unit Manager,* **Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD**

12:10 **Integrating Teams: From Pathways to Patient-Centered Care (RBWH HITH)**

Through a series of patient stories, this session will explore how the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital HITH service has evolved from pathway-driven models to more flexible, patient-centred care. The talk will illustrate how fully integrated multidisciplinary teams can deliver safe, high-quality care in the home while honouring what matters most to patients and families. It will also examine how HITH services can build adaptive capacity: responding to unexpected events, managing risk, and coordinating care across settings as home-based care becomes increasingly complex.

Michael Tresillian, *HITH/General Medicine,* **Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Metro North Health**

Sam Tapp, *HITH Clinical Nurse Consultant,* **Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Metro North Health**

12:40 Networking Lunch

13:40 **PANEL | Operational Excellence: HITH Coordination and Management Across Districts and States**

— Patient selection, referral and admission protocols

— District-wide coordination strategies and local service adaptation

— Workforce innovation and community nurse integration model

— Safety and quality of patient care delivery

Dana West, *HITH Coordinator- CNC,* **Liverpool Hospital**

Rachelle Foxton, *Allied Health Manager, Hospital in The Home & Virtual Care Service,* **Northern Sydney Local Health District**

Kate Atkinson, *Nurse Unit Manager,* **West Moreton Hospital and Health Service**

Dr Geoff Mifsud, *Head of Department,* **Auburn Emergency Care**, *Medical Lead, WSLHD Integrated and Community Health,* **Hospital in the Home**

Moderator: Matthias Langer, *HITH Nurse Manager,* **Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD)**

14:30 **Implementing GEM-HITH and GEMR-HITH: A Queensland Statewide Initiative**

— Improving health outcomes and reducing unnecessary hospitalizations for older patients

Dr Fiona Baker, *Medical Clinical Lead- Queensland GEMHITH / GEMRHITH, Clinical Director of Integrated Care, Emergency Staff Specialist,* **Fraser Coast**

15:00 **Transforming Care Delivery: Health Programs, Partnerships, and Payment Innovation**

Angela Smarrelli, *Clinical & Programs Manager,* **GMHBA**

15:30 Networking Break & Afternoon Tea

16:00 **Building the Evidence Base in Australia for HITH Models of Care in Pregnancy Complications**

A/Prof Deborah Fox, *Associate Professor in Midwifery,* **University of Technology Sydney**

Sarah Murray, *Midwife, PhD Candidate - Virtual Maternity Care,* **UTS**

16:30 **CLOSING PANEL | Planning and Building future HITH Services**

— Strategic planning and funding approaches for sustainable HITH development

— Matching community needs with available resources and workforce capabilities

Dr Robert Marshall, *Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer,* **St Vincent's Health Australia**

Fiona Hinchliffe, *Executive Director Health Integration and Community Services,* **Mater**

Dux Balendran, *Operation Director- Care in the Home and Community,* **Monash Health**

Moderator: Dr Shaun Hosein, *Clinical Director - Virtual and Integrated Care,* **Metro South Hospital and Health Service**

17:15 Closing remarks

17:20 Conference close

8:30	Registration & Morning Coffee

8:50 **DAY TWO OPENING**

8:55 **Opening remarks from the Chair**

Dr Shaun Hosein, *Clinical Director - Virtual and Integrated Care,* **Metro South Hospital and Health Service**

9:15 **INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE | Clinical Governance for AI in Mental Health Crisis Response: What we're learning**

Glynis Sandland, *Chief Executive Officer,* **Whakarongorau Aotearoa / New Zealand Telehealth Services**

9:45 **EXECUTIVE PANEL | The Future of Care: Hospital in the Home and Telehealth**

This panel will explore the evolving landscape of healthcare delivery, focusing on Hospital in the Home (HITH) and Telehealth as complementary models to traditional in-person care. As healthcare systems strive to meet the growing demand for accessible, efficient, and patient-centered care, the convergence of these approaches offers a transformative opportunity to redefine how and where care is delivered. The discussion will address key questions such as:

— How can HITH and telehealth work together to create a seamless continuum of care?

— What are the technological, operational, and regulatory challenges in integrating these models?

— How can these innovations improve patient outcomes, reduce healthcare costs, and enhance accessibility for diverse populations?

10:30 **CASE STUDY | Ready, Set, Go – Rapid Health Service Responses for Queenslanders**

Shelley Peardon, *Allied Health Director, Health Contact Centre,* **Queensland Healths**

11:00 **INNOVATION SHOWCASE | Beyond hospital walls – reducing admissions and delivering care at home**

Healthcare organisations are rethinking how and where care is delivered. This session explores how technology-enabled models, supported by platforms like CareMonitor, are reducing unnecessary hospital admissions and enabling safe, effective care at home when hospital-level support is needed. We'll share practical insights from diverse implementations and what's driving better outcomes for patients and providers.

— Understand the shift from keeping patients out of hospital to safely delivering hospital-level care at home, and the role technology plays in making this possible.

— Explore how digital care models are being implemented, and the role technology plays in supporting prevention, chronic disease management, and acute care at home.

— Learn what's driving better outcomes across these models, including improvements in patient experience, operational efficiency, and scalability.

Deepak Biswal, *Chief Executive Officer,* **Care Monitor**

11:30	Networking Break & Morning Tea

12:00 **INNOVATION SHOWCASE**

12:20 **PANEL | Advancing policy and funding**

Dr Rachel David, *Chief Executive Officer,* **Private Healthcare Australia**

Ryan Hutton, *Manager - Provider Networks,* **nib**

13:00 **Telehealth, virtual care and our collective humanity: Can the Humanities help us?**

Dr Samantha Clune, *Senior Research Fellow, Australian Institute for Primary Care & Ageing (AIPCA),* **La Trobe University**

Prof Raelene Wilding, *Professor of Sociology,* **La Trobe University**

13:30	Networking Lunch

14:30 **BREAKOUT – INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLES**

Join us for an engaging roundtable (RT) discussion featuring 2 to 3 esteemed featured speakers and a moderator. The discussions are meant to be very organic, interactive and aims to foster exchange of ideas, highlight best practices. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in the conversation, ask questions, and contribute their perspectives.

INDUSTRY RT1

Taxonomy of Virtual Care & HITH

Do we need systematic classification of healthcare delivery models between virtual care and HITH?

Kylie Houlihan, *Director Digital Healthcare and Innovation,* **Queensland Ambulance Service**

INDUSTRY RT2

Workforce Development: Addressing workforce shortage

What key strategies can be implemented to address the shortage of healthcare professionals while effectively integrating virtual care into existing workflows?

Dr Neel Gobin, *Regional Director of Medical Services,* **Hunter New England Local Health District (NSW)**

INDUSTRY RT3

Multidisciplinary Collaboration: How or what can we do better?

How can multidisciplinary collaboration be leveraged to enhance the integration and effectiveness of HITH and telehealth services?

Catherine Murray, *Manager, Clinical Governance and Quality,* **Healthdirect Australia**

Julia Schmidtke, *Nursing Director- patient transfer and integrated care,* **Ambulance Tasmania**

15:10 **Someone from Industry RT sessions share the top 3-5 key takeaways that was discussed in their RT**

15:25 Closing Remarks from the Chair

15:30	Closing of the Conference & Afternoon Tea

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