

East Coast Liver Meeting 2026

Program



ECLM 26 Convenors' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Liver Foundation's Annual Liver Meeting – Australia's premier multidisciplinary scientific and clinical conference dedicated to all aspects of liver disease. Now in its 16th year, this much-anticipated event brings together clinicians and researchers from across the nation to share the latest advances in liver health and care.

In 2026, we're excited to take the meeting to the East Coast for the very first time, hosted at the Manly Pacific Hotel in Sydney. As always, the purpose of the meeting is to update medical practitioners and nurses on the evolving management of liver disease, including rare conditions, hepatitis, end-stage liver disease, liver cancer, fatty liver, and liver transplantation.

The event fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration, bringing together a wide range of voices in the service of adults and children affected by liver disease. It is a dynamic forum for clinical education and open discussion, with ample opportunity to network with fellow delegates working across the spectrum of hepatology.



Prof Simone Strasser



Prof Ken Liu



Dr Talal Valliani

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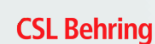
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Friday 15 May 2026

10:15am - Welcome address, Liver Foundation update and history of the **Winthrop Prof Gary Jeffrey**
 10:30am - West Coast Liver Meeting **Sally Castle**

Session 1: Keeping people with cirrhosis alive and well **Chair: Prof Simone Strasser**

10:30am - New concepts in cirrhosis and portal hypertension **A/Prof Avik Majumdar**
 10:50am
 10:50am - Optimising care of the cirrhotic patient to prevent **Prof Simone Strasser**
 11:10am - decompensation
 11:10am - Identification and management of Acute on Chronic Liver Failure **Dr Therese Bittermann**
 11:30am
 11:30am - Decompensated cirrhosis - Who and when to refer to a liver **Dr Talal Valliani**
 11:50am - transplant unit
 11:50am - Discussion
 12:20pm

Lunch 12:20pm - 1:20pm

Session 2: 40 years of Liver transplantatin at the Australian National Liver Transplant Unit 1986-2026 **Chair: Dr Michael Crawford**

1:20pm - Evolution of liver transplantation from the early days to the **Prof Geoff McCaughan**
 1:40pm - current era
 1:40pm - Liver transplantation in children - not just small adults **Dr Michael Stormon**
 2:10pm - **Clin Prof Gordon Thomas**
 2:10pm - Liver transplantation to treat alcohol-related liver disease - **Dr Anastasia Volovets**
 2:30pm - why are there 'rules'?
 2:30pm - Liver transplant in the treatment of HCC - evolving concepts in **Prof Ken Liu**
 2:50pm - the immunotherapy era
 2:50pm - Discussion
 3:20pm

Afternoon Tea 3:20pm - 3:40pm

Session 3: Liver disease in women **Susan Virtue**

3:40pm - Chronic liver disease - how are women different to men? **A/Prof Amany Zekry**
 4:00pm
 4:00pm - The young woman with cirrhosis and portal HT - contraception, **Dr Katherine Stuart**
 4:20pm - IVF and pregnancy
 4:20pm - Pregnancy associated liver disorders: **A/Prof Miriam Levy**
 4:40pm - New insights and recommendations
 4:40pm - Primary biliary cholangitis - considerations in management **A/Prof Martin Weltman**
 5:00pm
 5:00pm - Discussion
 5:15pm

Conference Dinner 7:00pm - 10:00pm



Saturday 16 May 2026

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Session 4: MAFLD: The disease affecting a third of the Australian adult population

Chair: Dr David Yeo

8:00am - 8:20am	Assessment and Management of metabolic dysfunction regardless of geography	Prof Leon Adams
8:20am - 8:40am	Nutritional approaches to weight loss in MAFLD, cirrhosis and liver transplant	Dr Helen Vidot
8:40am - 9:00am	Medical management of MAFLD	Prof Jacob George
9:00am - 9:20am	Surgical approaches to weight loss	Dr David Yeo
9:20am - 9:45am	Discussion	

Morning Tea 9:45am - 10:30am

Session 5: Supportive and Palliative Care in Liver disease

Chair: Prof Ken Liu

10:30am - 10:50am	How and when to provide supportive care to patients with advanced liver disease	Dr In Sun Moon
10:50am - 11:10am	Symptom management in advanced liver disease and the role of remote support	Megan Collins
11:10am - 11:30am	Frailty in advanced liver disease and HCC - is it important?	Dr Rachael Jacob
11:30am - 11:50am	Management of ascites in advanced liver disease when transplant and TIPS are not an option	Kate Marshall
11:50am - 12:15pm	Discussion	

Lunch 12:15pm - 1:00pm

Session 6: Fascinating cases

Chair: Dr Talal Valliani

1:00pm - 1:20pm	The Children's Hospital at Westmead	Dr Suz Warner
1:20pm - 1:40pm	Concord Repatriation Hospital	Dr Claude Dennis
1:40pm - 2:00pm	Westmead Hospital	Dr Alice Kerkham
2:00pm - 2:20pm	St George Hospital	Dr Yael Celermajer

Conference Closing Session

Dr Talal Valliani

Conference Close 2:30pm