

4 - 6 NOVEMBER 2025 ENERGY EVENTS CENTRE Rotorua, New Zealand Hosted by Seating to Go



TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER

*Subject to change

*Poster sessions are included at the end of this timetable

TUESDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER								
7.30	30 Registration & Exhibition Hall Opens							
8.30	Mihi Whakatau (Welcome Ceremony)							
9.00	Opening Keynote: Wheeling Across Borders – Umi Asaka (New Zealand)							
9.45	Tuesday Panel: Applying an Equity Lens to Participation – panel discussion.							
10.25	Poster introduction slides	1. 7	F					
10.30	MORNING TEA / POSTER SESSIONS / EXHIBITION HALL							
11.15	Session A	Session B	Session C Papers	Session D	Session E			
11.15	A1: The last immobile child: re-examining how to close the mobility gap. Andrina Sabet Cole Galloway (USA)	A2: "Who Supports My Seating?" Exploring Postural Management Experiences of Adults with Complex Disabilities Rachael McDonald (Australia) A6: Non-ambulatory children with cerebral palsy and intellectual	14.00 – 15.00 Papers A3a: Measuring patient- centred outcomes in wheelchair provision: Staff and service user experiences. Nathan Bray (Wales, UK) A3b: Reliability of the Seating and Mobility Index Rachel Hibbs (USA)	A4: Flying with a Wheelchair: What the Seating Professional Needs to Know. Jessica Presperin Pedersen (USA)	A5: Functioning with Neuropathic Pain Lucinda Austin (New Zealand) A7: Stroke and Equipment Provision: Are We Facilitating Best			
12.15		disability – What should a physio do? Karen Adams (NZ)	A3c: The impacts of power wheelchairs on health and participation for people with motor neurone disease. Rachel Brown (NZ)	R DEMONSTRATIONS	Outcomes. Tina Roelser (Germany)			
_	Cossion A		1		Section F			
14.00	Session A B1: Activity-focused powered mobility practice: Applying the process- based tool Assessment of Learning Process (ALP) Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden) Lisa Kenyon (USA)	Session B B2: Ableism and Mobility Milestones: What Do We Mean by 'Mobility is a Human Right'? Heather Feldner (USA)	Session C B3: The provision of custom cushions via telehealth. Rachel Brown Fi Graham Robert Toller (New Zealand)	Session D B4: Considerations for Independence: Wheelchair Seating for Adolescent Manual Wheelchair Users Rachel Hibbs USA)	Session E B5: Reverse Engineering: Unpacking a Wheelchair Prescription Process Megan Ransley (NZ) Amanda Lowry (NZ) LIMIT TO 10 PEOPLE			
15.00			B6: Managing Postural Asymmetries from the bottom up. Angela Rowe (Australia) Kim Vien (Australia) Niharika Dhillon (Australia) Marilena Onufrei (Australia)	B7: Hot and Sweaty! Skin Microclimate, Pressure Care and Comfort. Edward Milner (Australia)				

15.30	AFTERNOON TEA / EXHIBITION HALL						
16.15	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E		
	C1: Are we lying down instead of supporting 24 hour postural care for our clients? Jackie Casey (UK)	C2: Take homes from the take home: Wheelchair delivery and follow up. Angela Rowe (Australia) Kim Vien (Australia) Niharika Dhillon (Australia) Bill Contoyannis (Australia)	C3: Hybrid mobility: Navigating the clinical and functional impact of power add-ons for manual wheelchair users. Bianca Brady (Australia) Claire Grey (NZ)	C4: London Calling – Travelling With a Wheelchair from Remote Central Australia. Louise Lamb (Australia)	C5: The universal approach for facilitating participation, tool-use learning and application of the ALP-facilitating strategies. Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden)		
16.45		Marilena Onufrei (Australia)		C6: Translating Power Seat Function Evidence into Clinical Practice: Enhancing functional outcomes Tracee-lee Maginnity (Australia) Jennith Bernstein (USA)	C7: AI Meets Mobility: How VR is Revolutionizing Wheelchair Assessment & Training. Kathleen Sodder (Australia)		
17.30	Welcome Reception in the	Exhibition Hall – Entertainmen	t 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.

*Subject to change

*Poster sessions are included at the end of this timetable

		WE	DNESDAY 5TH	NOVEMBER				
8.00	Registration & Exhibition Hall Opens							
8.30	Welcome							
8.35	Welcome Wednesday Plenary – Nathan Bray (Wales, UK)							
9.25	Poster introduction slides							
9.30	Session A – 20min	Session B	Session C -	Session D	Session E	Gym		
5.50	papers					Cy		
	D1a: Development of	D2: Adaptive Sports	D3: Perfect Fit:	D4: Steer Your	D5: Hip Health in			
	the MobQoL-7D: A	Seating Solutions:	Adjusting	Success: Hands-On	Children with			
	new way to define	Strategies to	Wheelchairs for	Mastery of	Cerebral Palsy –			
	and measure	Optimize Athlete	Clients.	Alternative Drive	Implications for			
	mobility-related	Participation.	Margaret Blake	Controls for	Positioning.			
	quality of life.	Kendra Betz (USA)	Sarah Stewart	Enhanced Mobility	Karli Joll			
	Nathan Bray		(New Zealand)	and Independence.	Deb Wilson			
	(Wales, UK)			Kathleen Sodder (Australia)	(New Zealand)			
	D1b: Mobility	-		(Australia)				
	Snapshots: A							
	Photovoice Narrative							
	of Mobility and							
	Participation by							
	Individuals with							
	Spinal Cord Injury. Heather Feldner							
	(USA)							
	D1c: Exploring the							
	Explorer Mini: A							
	Qualitative Study							
	Examining Parental							
	Experiences and							
	Perceptions Lisa K. Kenyon (USA)							
10.30 11.00	Session A	M Session B	ORNING TEA / POSTER SI Session C	ESSIONS / EXHIBITION H	ALL Session E	Gym		
11.00	E1: "My Client Can't	E2: Empowering	E3: Exploring the	E4: Wheelchair policy	E5: Round Peq,	- Cym		
	Drive, Can You	Participation: The	Potential: Maximising	and practice on	Square Hole.; why			
	Change the	Role of Recreational	Independence	opposite sides of the	Transport matters in			
	Controller?" –	Equipment in	Through Electronics	globe: challenges	Wheelchair			
	essential therapist	Enhancing Mobility	in Power	accessing early	Prescription.			
	and technician	and Inclusion.	Wheelchairs.	powered mobility	Katrina Barrett			
	liaison.	Jacqueline Abel	Andrew Lopez	Jackie Casey (UK)	(Australia)			
	Connor Wilson	Tessa Wallis		Rachael McDonald				
	Deb Wilson	(New Zealand)		(Australia)				
	(New Zealand)							
11.30	1	E6: Exploring Clinical	1		E7: Skills on Wheels:	-		
		Contributions to Para			The First Paediatric			
		Sport: Bridging			Wheelchair Skills			
		Experience and			Program in The			
		Opportunities.			United States.			
		Binnie O'Dwyer			Tony Chase (USA)			
		(New Zealand) 30						

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	F1: Coaching to enhance engagement and outcomes in consultations: A sandpit session exploring application and implications. Fiona Graham (New Zealand)	F2: Honouring family priorities in Lying Posture Care Management: using the F-Words to guide interventions. Patricia Toole Christy Natale (USA)	F3: Towards an Evidence-Based Approach to Wheelchair Maintenance & Repair. Mark Schmeler (USA)	F4: Creating the Path to Successful Prescription of Power Assist Products Amy Bjornson (Australia)	F5: The Proof is in the Pudding: Measuring Intervention Fidelity in Paediatric PWC Skills Training. Lisa K. Kenyon (USA)	F6: Wheelchair Skills training – an interactive, practical session Paula Rushton (Canada) Seating To Go Wheelchair Skills Team (New Zealand) Limited to 20	
14.30			F7: Safe and Effective Power Wheelchair Battery Replacement: The Role of Clinicians and Technicians. Ben Gommers (Australia)	F8: Advancement in Wheelchair Technology. Andrew Slorance (Scotland, UK)	F9: Barriers to Accessing Powered Mobility for Children in the Australian Context. Kate Pain Amelia Sherlock (Australia)	participants. Unlimited observers.	
15.00 15.30	Session A	AFTERNC Session B	OON TEA / EXHIBITION HA	• [-		
15.30	G1: AI on the Move: Innovation and ethics in wheelchair technology. Rachael McDonald (Australia) Emma Smith	G2: From MAT to THAT – Translating postural evaluation to wheelchair and seating solution Beth Knight	G3: Pressure Mapping in Practice: Leveraging Technology to Inform Clinical Decision- Making. Elissa Barden	Session D G4: Beyond the Base: The Seating Professional's Responsibility of Educating on Manual Wheelchair	Session E G5: Night-Time Positioning – reframing our messaging about postural care. Interactive workshop.	Gym G6: Andrew Slorance	
	(Ireland)	Jedda Fulcher (New Zealand) LIMIT TO 20	(Australia)	Components. Bianca Brady (Australia)	Jane Hamer Deb Wilson (New Zealand)		
16.30		(New Zealand)		Components. Bianca Brady	Deb Wilson		
16.30		(New Zealand)	(Australia) G7: ISWP presentation Beth Sheehan	Components. Bianca Brady (Australia) G8: Transport Considerations: What to be aware of when prescribing a wheelchair in New Zealand. Colleen Naughton (New Zealand)	Deb Wilson		
		(New Zealand)	(Australia) G7: ISWP presentation Beth Sheehan (Australia) SESSION	Components. Bianca Brady (Australia) G8: Transport Considerations: What to be aware of when prescribing a wheelchair in New Zealand. Colleen Naughton (New Zealand)	Deb Wilson		

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

*Subject to change

*Poster sessions are included at the end of this timetable

	THURSDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER						
7.00	ISWP Breakfast session – Be	eth Sheehan (Australia)					
8.30	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E		
8.30	H1: Postural asymmetries, deformities and contractures impact on participation of children with CP: What's the evidence? Jackie Casey (UK)	H2: Forging international collaborations in telehealth to accelerate equity in wheelchair and seating service delivery. Laura Desha (Australia) Fiona Graham (New Zealand)	H3: Tonga wheelchair clinics - promoting participation, connections, service development and beyond. Claire Grey Jacqueline Abel Tessa Wallis (New Zealand)	H5: Passive to Empowered: Caregiver Engagement in Home- Based Power Mobility Intervention for Children with Cerebral Palsy Bethany Sloane (USA)	H6: Chasing Millimetres: Clinical Precision Enabling Wheelchair Users with High Level Spinal Injuries to Drive Independently. Craig Harington (New Zealand)		
9.00			H4: Enhancing our approach to addressing client challenges: The evolving review process at Seating to Go. Binnie O'Dwyer (New Zealand)				
9.30			H7: From Off-the-Shelf to Outstanding: Custom Positioning Solutions Made Simple. Nikki Cousins (Australia)	H8: On time mobility enhances development and relationship opportunities; A tale of twins. Emma Reynolds Rhona Ackroyd (New Zealand)	H9: Detangling manual wheelchair evidence for everyday practice using the ICF framework. Ben Gommers (Australia) Jennith Bernstein (USA)		
10.00	Poster introduction slides (i	n all rooms as last slide of pre	vious presentation)				
10.15		MORNING T	EA / POSTER SESSIONS / EXHI	BITION HALL			
11.00	Session A	Session B – 20min papers	Session C	Session D – 30min session	Session E		
11.00	11: Developmental Power Mobility: Kick-Starting Global Development Through ON Time, Self- Initiated Mobility and Activity Experiences. Lisa K. Kenyon Bethany Sloane Heather Feldner (USA)	11.00 12: Sitting: A Reflection of Lying Jackie Casey (UK) 11.20 13: Lessons from Low- Resource Settings: 24/7 Postural Management shift from Standard to Custom Devices Marie Barhouche Abou Saab (Lebanon)	14: Supporting posture and optimising function using the least restrictive option - from the perspectives of both wheelchairs and seating and behavioural support. Intermediate-Advanced Liz Turnbull Tracey Widdup (New Zealand)	I5: Standing up to Barriers: a multifactorial and multiregional outlook on power standing wheelchairs Tilly Brook (Australia)	I6: How important is movement within the seating systems? Filipe Correia (Portugal) Bart Van Der Heyden (Belgium)		
11.30		11.40 17: Side-by-Side – Client, Therapist and Wheelchair Technician Devised Pressure Care Solution for a Recreational Vehicle Andrew Congdon (Australia)		 18: NDIS and Assistive Technology: Overcoming Barriers to Timely Access and Participation Nikki Cousins Sarah Collison (Australia) 	19: Beyond Positioning: Utilising Equipment to Enhance Meaningful Engagement in Children with Sensory/Behavioural Regulation Difficulties Beth Holzer (New Zealand)		

12.00		LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL (CLOSES 13.30) / POSTERS / EXHIBITOR DEMONSTRATIONS					
13.30	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E		
	J1: Implementing the Wheelchair Skills Program in Paediatric Rehabilitation. Paula Rushton (Canada)	J2: Establishing and sustaining accessibility centres; Perspectives from USA and Australia. Rachael McDonald (Australia) Heather Feldner (USA)	J3: Mobility and seating for aging adults with learning disabilities; meeting complex and changing needs. Margaret Goodall (New Zealand)	J4: Will this wheelchair cushion work for my client? Measuring wheelchair cushion performance in clinical settings. Bart Van Der Heyden (Belgium)	J5: Exploring why powered mobility experiences can accelerate overall development in infants aged 3-12 months. Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden)		
14.00				J6: Beyond the Joystick: Real Cases of Custom Drive Systems. Jacelyn Goh (Australia)	J7: Optimal sitting as part of 24hr postural care to reduce risk of developing pressure ulcers. 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

- P1a: Lisa McAfee, Claire Montgomery (New Zealand)
 Wheelchair Wellness: Video reel for quick tips for healthy skin care
- 2. P1b: Rochelle Davies (New Zealand) Modular Seating for Complex Postures
- P1d: Tilly Brook, Anne-Marie Dickinson (Australia)
 Overcoming "It's Too Difficult." A Journey to Age-appropriate Mobility.
- P1e: Tracee-lee Maginnity (Australia)
 The Value of Goniometric Data in MAT
 Assessment Empowering Clinicians towards
 Best Functional Outcomes.

Wednesday 5th Nov

- P2a: Terri Davies, Megan Ransley (New Zealand)
 Integrating the Four Pillars, Posture, Pressure, Pain and Performance (4P™) of Wheelchair Seating
- P2b: Jane Hamer (New Zealand) What caregivers say about sleep systems.
- P2c: Jane Hamer (New Zealand)
 Parent partnership co-designing sleep system care.
- P2d: Maria Whitcombe-Shingler (New Zealand)
 To tilt or not to tilt: effective use of manual tilt in space wheelchairs.
- 5. P2e: Mellinda Clarke, Andrea Espei Sitting, Seating and the dilemma of Participatory Needs

Thursday – 6 Nov

- 1. P3a: Maria Whitcombe-Shingler (New Zealand) Emotional Labour in Wheelchair and Seating Professionals
- 2. P3b: Ailsa Leslie (Australia) Foundations for Practice: Development of the Capability Framework for Occupational Therapists Working with Assistive Technology
- P3c: Claire Grey (New Zealand)
 "Custom vs. Off-the-Shelf Sleep Systems: The Big Ws: What, When, and Why?
- 4. P3d: Lauren O'Rourke Paediatric Wheelchair Cushions and Backs – Matching Technology and Need