



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	Opening Keynote: <i>Wheeling Across Borders</i> – Umi Asaka (New Zealand)				
9.45	Tuesday Panel: <i>Applying an Equity Lens to Participation</i> – panel discussion. Umi Asaka, Riley Saban, Nathan Bray, Teina Boyd				
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	A1: <i>The last immobile child: re-examining how to close the mobility gap.</i> Andrina Sabet Cole Galloway (USA)	A2: <i>"Who Supports My Seating?" Exploring Postural Management Experiences of Adults with Complex Disabilities</i> Rachael McDonald (Australia)	A3a: <i>Measuring patient-centred outcomes in wheelchair provision: Staff and service user experiences.</i> Nathan Bray (Wales, UK) A3b: <i>Reliability of the Seating and Mobility Index</i> Rachel Hibbs (USA) A3c: <i>The impacts of power wheelchairs on health and participation for people with motor neurone disease.</i> Rachel Brown (NZ)	A4: <i>Flying with a Wheelchair: What the Seating Professional Needs to Know.</i> Jessica Presperin Pedersen (USA)	A5: <i>Functioning with Neuropathic Pain</i> Lucinda Austin (New Zealand)
11.45		A6: <i>Non-ambulatory children with cerebral palsy and intellectual disability – What should a physio do?</i> Karen Adams (NZ)			A7: <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	B1: <i>Activity-focused powered mobility practice: Applying the process-based tool Assessment of Learning Process (ALP)</i> Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden) Lisa Kenyon (USA)	B2: <i>Ableism and Mobility Milestones: What Do We Mean by 'Mobility is a Human Right'?</i> Heather Feldner (USA)	B3: <i>The provision of custom cushions via telehealth.</i> Rachel Brown Fiona Graham Robert Toller (New Zealand)	B4: <i>Considerations for Independence: Wheelchair Seating for Adolescent Manual Wheelchair Users</i> Rachel Hibbs USA)	B5: <i>Reverse Engineering: Unpacking a Wheelchair Prescription Process</i> Megan Ransley (NZ) Amanda Lowry (NZ) LIMIT TO 10 PEOPLE
15.00			B6: <i>Managing Postural Asymmetries from the bottom up.</i> Angela Rowe (Australia) Kim Vien (Australia) Niharika Dhillon (Australia) Marilena Onufrei (Australia)	B7: <i>Hot and Sweaty! Skin Microclimate, Pressure Care and Comfort.</i> Edward Milner (Australia)	

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

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 participants. Unlimited observers.
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)	
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	G1: AI on the Move: Innovation and ethics in wheelchair technology. Rachael McDonald (Australia) Emma Smith (Ireland)	G2: From MAT to THAT – Translating postural evaluation to wheelchair and seating solution Beth Knight Jedda Fulcher (New Zealand) LIMIT TO 20	G3: Pressure Mapping in Practice: Leveraging Technology to Inform Clinical Decision-Making. Elissa Barden (Australia)	G4: Beyond the Base: The Seating Professional's Responsibility of Educating on Manual Wheelchair Components. Bianca Brady (Australia)	G5: Night-Time Positioning – reframing our messaging about postural care. Interactive workshop. Jane Hamer Deb Wilson (New Zealand)	G6: Andrew Slorance
16.30			G7: Building a Resilient and Sustainable Wheelchair Workforce: Lessons from ISWP's Global Capacity-Building Initiatives Beth Sheehan (Australia)	G8: Transport Considerations: What to be aware of when prescribing a wheelchair in New Zealand. Colleen Naughton (New Zealand)	G9: Optimal sitting as part of 24hr postural care to reduce risk of developing pressure ulcers. Jackie Casey (UK)	
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	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 (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	I1: 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 I2: Sitting: A Reflection of Lying Jackie Casey (UK) 11.20 I3: Lessons from Low-Resource Settings: 24/7 Postural Management shift from Standard to Custom Devices Marie Barhouche Abou Saab (Lebanon)	I4: 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 I7: Side-by-Side – Client, Therapist and Wheelchair Technician Devised Pressure Care Solution for a Recreational Vehicle Andrew Congdon (Australia)		I8: NDIS and Assistive Technology: Overcoming Barriers to Timely Access and Participation Nikki Cousins Sarah Collison (Australia)	I9: 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: Beyond the Joystick: Real Cases of Custom Drive Systems. Jacelyn Goh (Australia)	J5: Exploring why powered mobility experiences can accelerate overall development in infants aged 3-12 months. Lisbeth Nilsson (Sweden)
14.00					J6: Will this wheelchair cushion work for my client? Measuring wheelchair cushion performance in clinical settings. Bart Van Der Heyden (Belgium)
14.30	Closing keynote: Riley Saban (Australia)				
15.10	15.10 – 15.30 Poroporoaki (Closing ceremony)				

Oceania Seating Symposium 2025

POSTER SESSIONS

Tuesday – 4th Nov

1. P1a: Lisa McAfee, Claire Montgomery (New Zealand)
Wheelchair Wellness: Video reel for quick tips for healthy skin care
2. P1c: Tilly Brook, Anne-Marie Dickinson (Australia)
Overcoming “It’s Too Difficult.” A Journey to Age-appropriate Mobility.
3. P1d: Tracee-lee Maginnity (Australia)
The Value of Goniometric Data in MAT Assessment – Empowering Clinicians towards Best Functional Outcomes.

Wednesday 5th Nov

1. P2a: Terri Davies, Megan Ransley (New Zealand)
Integrating the Four Pillars, Posture, Pressure, Pain and Performance (4P™) of Wheelchair Seating
2. P2b: Jane Hamer (New Zealand)
What caregivers say about sleep systems.
3. P2c: Jane Hamer (New Zealand)
Parent partnership – co-designing sleep system care.
4. 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

3. P3c: Claire Grey (New Zealand)
"Custom vs. Off-the-Shelf Sleep Systems: The Big Ws: What, When, and Why?"