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WELCOME TO MELBOURNE



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to **MPL Association Thrive25** – a landmark gathering of over 250 senior leaders from the medical liability insurance, healthcare, legal and risk management sectors. Together, we will explore the theme of **Adaptive Leadership in Medical Indemnity** through an inspiring program featuring distinguished keynote speakers such as **Professor Enrico Coiera, Dr Dan Pronk and Amanda Johnstone**, among many others.

Melbourne provides the perfect backdrop for this event. Not only is it a vibrant global city celebrated for its cultural diversity, innovation and world-class health research institutions—it is also a dynamic setting for meaningful conversation and collaboration. From the newly renovated **Rydges Melbourne**—our venue located in the very heart of the city—to its thriving laneways, culinary scene and sporting precincts, Melbourne will both energise and enrich your conference experience.

Our program has been crafted to stimulate new thinking and forge strong professional connections. Highlights include the **pre conference Chief Medical Officer & Legal Forum**, featuring Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM, Professor Clair Sullivan and The Honourable Justice David Boddice, and vibrant panels on artificial intelligence, claims innovation, diversity in medicine and emerging risks. We conclude with a plenary featuring global thought leaders from Australia, Canada and the UK, discussing how to adapt, adopt and evolve in an era of rapid change.

I'd like to take a moment to recognise and thank our sponsors for their generous support. In particular, our Platinum Sponsors, Meridian Lawyers and Simplify, and our Gold Sponsor, Wotton Kearney. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the many other companies that have rallied behind this international conference – your contribution is truly valued.

Thank you for joining us at **Thrive25**. Your participation amplifies our collective capacity to lead, innovate, and to ensure the future of medical professional liability responds with resilience, insight—and most importantly—people at its centre.

Here's to three days of engagement, inspiration, and genuine impact. Enjoy the city—and the conversations!

Natasha Anning

*Conference Chair
MPL Association Thrive25, Australia*

CONFERENCE VENUES

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Round Table
MIPS Boardroom, Level 37, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne

CMO & Legal Forum
Rydges Melbourne, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

International Section Meeting | Board of Directors Meeting
QT Melbourne, 133 Russell Street Melbourne

Welcome Reception
Rooftop Terrace, Rydges Melbourne

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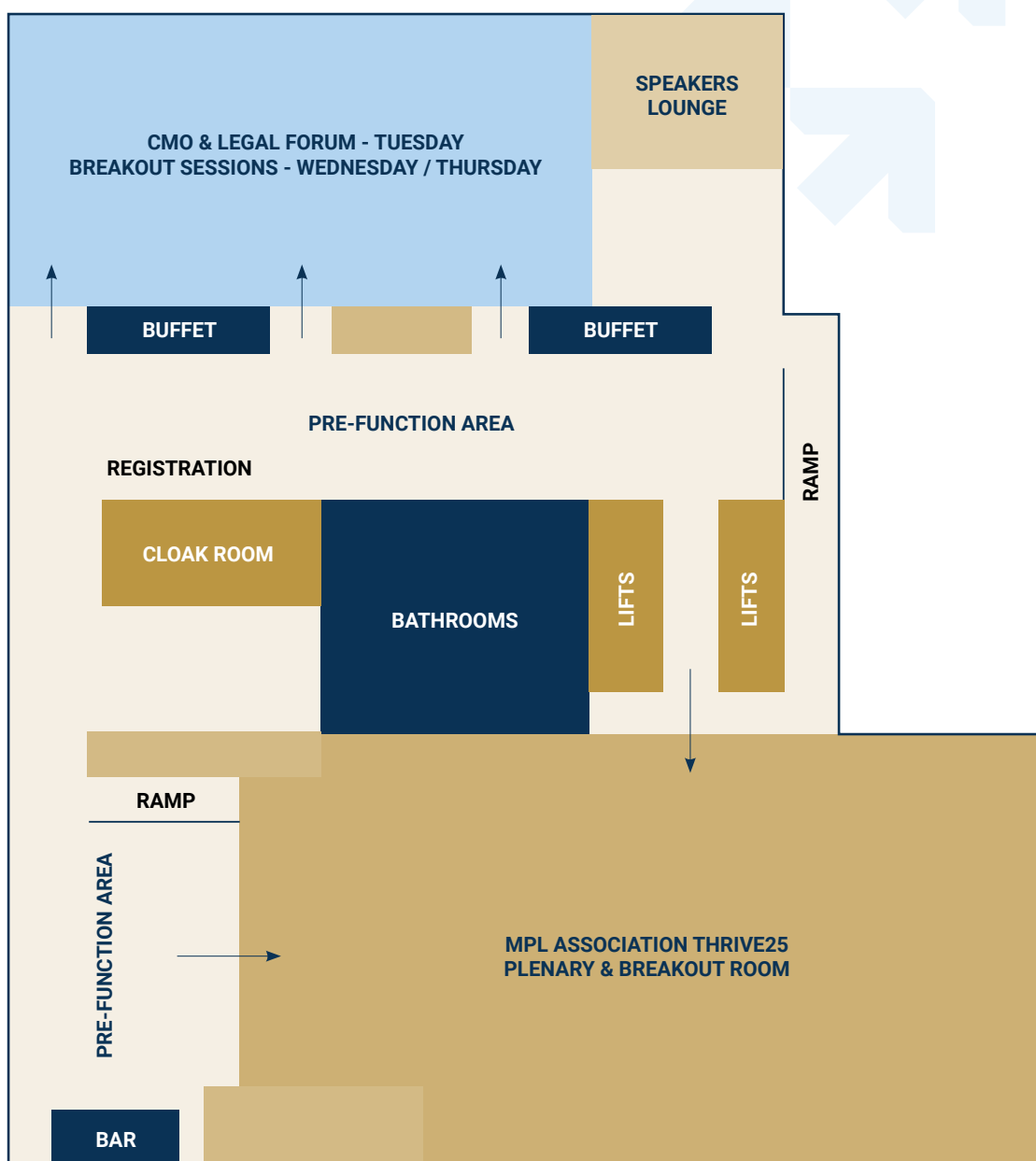
MPL Association Thrive25 Conference
Rydges Melbourne, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

MPL Association Thrive25 Conference Dinner
Zinc at Fed Square, Cnr Princes Walk & Russell St Ext.

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT RYDGES, MELBOURNE

The CMO & Legal Forum will be held in The Meeting Place, rooms 1,2 and 3 (Tuesday only).

MPL Association Thrive25 plenary sessions will be held in Centre Stage on Level 1 with the concurrent sessions running in Meeting Place 1 & 2.

We kindly request delegates to arrive promptly to their preferred sessions to avoid disturbing the speaker and to assist sessions to run on time.

REGISTRATION DESK

Please direct any questions you may have regarding the conference to the Leishman Associates team. The registration desk will be located on Level 1, and open at the following times:

Tuesday 21 October	10:00 - 17:30
Wednesday 22 October	07:30 - 17:00
Thursday 23 October	08:00 - 17:00

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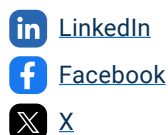
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Conference Sessions: **Smart or Business Casual**

Welcome Reception: **Business Casual**

Conference Dinner: **Cocktail or Semi Formal**

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PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025

DAY 1

09:00 – 10:30	Chief Medical Officer Roundtable meeting Attendees by invitation only	<i>MIPS Boardroom, Level 37, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne</i>
International Section Meeting Board of Directors Meeting		
Meetings & International Section Meeting		
10:30 – 12:00	MPL Association Board of Directors Attendees by invitation only <i>MPL Association Chair, Dr J. Michael Conerly</i>	<i>QT Hotel, Barclay Room, 133 Russell Street, Melbourne</i>
12:00 – 13:00	MPL Association Directors, CEOs and Chairs lunch Attendees by invitation only	<i>QT Hotel, Barclay Room Foyer</i>
13:00 – 15:00	Joint Meeting of MPL Association Board of Directors and International Section Meeting Attendees by invitation only <i>MPL Association Chair, Dr J. Michael Conerly</i> <i>Section Chair, Dr Matt Lee</i>	<i>QT Hotel, Barclay Room</i>

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TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025		DAY 1
10:00 – 17:30	Registration desk open	
10:30 – 11:00	Morning refreshments	
11:00 – 17:00	Inaugural Joint International CMO and Legal Forum: Diversity, Innovation and Developments in Law and Medicine	
11:00 – 11:10	Forum opening remarks Justine Beirne , Avant Welcome to country Tony Garvey , Wurundjeri Elder	
11:10 – 12:00	Diversity in medicine Chair: Selina Hunt , Avant Speaker: Dr Dinesh Palipana , OAM	
12:10 – 13:00	Artificial intelligence developments in medical law Chair: Maddalena Del Vecchio , Moray & Agnew Lawyers Speakers: Professor Clair Sullivan , UQ Digital Health Centre The Honourable Justice David Boddice , Supreme Court of Queensland, Court of Appeal	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:00	Innovation in the management of claims Chair: The Honourable Justice David Boddice , Supreme Court of Queensland, Court of Appeal Speakers: Pre-litigation pilot - Christopher Malla , Kennedys Data driven insights in claims management - Claire Petts , Clyde & Co Costs of care / models of care - Professor Natasha Lannin , Monash University Claims management initiatives in Canada - Domenic Crolla , Gowling WLG	
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon refreshments	
Room	Meeting Place 2&3	Meeting Place 1
15:30 – 16:10	CS1.1 Genetics, reproduction and the law Chair: Anjali Woodford , Kennedys Speaker: Associate Professor Karinne Ludlow , Monash University	CS1.2 Law's growing role in regulating non-communicable diseases and their risk factors Chair: Brit Mainhoff , HWLE Speaker: Professor Roger Magnusson , University of Sydney
16:15 – 16:55	CS2.1 Voluntary assisted dying Chair: Heidi Norville , Avant Speaker: Professor Ben White , Queensland University of Technology	CS2.2 Health law case review Chair: Caroline Tuohey , Avant Speaker: Neill Murdoch KC , Victorian Bar
17:00 – 17:10	Closing remarks Justine Beirne , Avant	
17:30 – 21:30	Welcome reception With thanks to our sponsor	

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DAY 2

07:30 – 17:00	Registration desk open <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>		WK WOTTON KEARNEY
7:30 – 15:30	Grab a barista coffee <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>		MORAY & AGNEW LAWYERS
08:30 – 08:45	Conference opening & welcome to country Jon Faine , Master of Ceremonies		
08:45 – 08:55	Welcome & introduction Natasha Anning , MIPS, Conference Chair MPL Association Thrive25, Australia		
08:55 – 09:55	Keynote address: AI in healthcare - evolution and revolution Chair: Rashi Bansal , Avant Speaker: Professor Enrico Coiera , Australian Institute of Health Innovation Centre for Health Informatics, Macquarie University		
09:55 – 10:55	Keynote address: How to lead and thrive in a time of uncertainty and change Chair: Justine Beirne , Avant Speaker: Dr Dan Pronk , Ex-Special Ops Doctor, Author Speaker		
10:55 – 11:25	Morning refreshments <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>		SAPIENS CoreSuite for MPL Powered by OASIS
11:30 – 12:30	What are the current and future emerging risks? Chair: Tim Plant , MDA National Dr Caroline Fryar , The MDU Dr Eric Zacharias , Copic Dr Robert Sheahan , Gowling WLG Dr Owen Bradfield , MIPS Professor Antonio Di Dio , Professional Services Review		
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>		WK WOTTON KEARNEY
Room	Centre Stage	Meeting Place 1&2	
13:30 – 14:30	CS3.1 Lived experience of AI - implications for claims management, healthcare and insurance Chair: Georgie Haysom , Avant Speakers: Marcello Negro , Finity Consulting Professor Paul Parizel , University of Western Australia Dr Graham Billingham , MedPro Trevor Hall , HIROC Chelsea Gordon , MinterEllison	CS3.2 Managing practitioner distress in regulatory processes Chair: Dr Mark Woodrow , Avant Speakers: Susan Biggar , AHPRA Emma Parfitt , MDDUS Dr Roger Sexton , Doctors for Doctors Assoc. Prof. Helen Wilcox , Doctors Health Advisory Services WA	

14:35 – 15:35	CS4.1 The Dutch restorative justice approach to gaining trust <i>Chair: Joel Tuccia, Miga</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Dr Caroline Heijckmann, Bernhoven Miriam Kroeze MSc, Medirisk	CS4.2 The importance of cultural diversity and cultural safety in healthcare <i>Chair: Rashi Bansal, Avant</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Dr Hashim Abdeen, Gold Coast Hospital Dr Paula Cashin, Canadian Medical Protection Association Dr Michael Wright, RACGP Dr Carrie McKenzie, MIPS
15:35– 16:00	Afternoon refreshments <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>	
16:00 – 17:00	Learning from experience: international perspectives on healthcare corporatisation <i>Chair: Julie Brooke-Cowden, Avant</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Anthony Mennillo, Miga Dr Lucy Gibberd, Medical Protection Society Dr J. Michael Conerly, Lammico	
17:00	Closing remarks	
18:30 – 23:00	Conference Dinner <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Associate Professor Kelvin Kong AM <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>	



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THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2025

DAY 3

08:00 – 17:00	Registration desk open <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>	
07:30 – 15:20	Grab a Barista Coffee <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>	
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome Dr Matt Lee , Chair, International Section, MPL Association	
08:40 – 09:00	MPL Association Awards Presentation: International Defender of the Year Dr J. Michael Conerly , Chair, MPL Association	
09:00 – 09:50	Adaptive leadership in medicine/law Chair: Anna Hinder , Searl Street Speakers: Professor Helena Teede , Monash University Dr Sarah Whitelaw , Royal Melbourne Hospital, AMA Sarah McPherson , Willis Tower Watson Justine Beirne , Avant	
09:50 – 10:20	Cyber resilience - a whole of system approach to mitigate cyber risks Chair: Dr Steve Hambleton , Australian Digital Health Agency Speakers: Win-Li Toh , Taylor Fry Shannon Sedgwick , MinterEllison Megan Lane , CyberCX	
10:20 – 10:50	Morning refreshments <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>	

Room	Centre Stage	Meeting Place 1&2
10:55 – 11:55	CS5.1 Claims inflation: a global perspective <i>Chair: Dr Michael Gannon, MDA</i> <i>National Speakers:</i> Bill Burns , MPL Association Jane Fiske , Lander & Rogers John Carroll , Australia & New Zealand, Reinsurance Solutions, Aon Jillian Chung , SwissRe	CS5.2 Beyond burnout: understanding and addressing moral distress in healthcare <i>Chair: Dr Jo Braid, The Burnout Recovery Dr</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Dr Pam Eisner-Parche , Canadian Medical Protection Association Dr Colm Harney , DPL Australia Julie Brooke-Cowden , Avant Dr Jack Marjot , Avant
12:00 – 13:00	CS6.1 The unexpected plaintiff - nervous shock claims <i>Chair: Heather Hibberd, Miga</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Philippa Nash , MDA National Domenic Crolla , Gowling WLG Claire Petts , Clyde & Co Kellie Dell'Oro , Meridian Lawyers	CS6.2 Legal liability issues arising from the use of AI <i>Chair: Paul Halley, Victorian Bar</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Peter Harris , Victorian Bar Marion Isobel , Victorian Bar Karen Miller , Medical Protection Society
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i>  Bennett Jones	
14:05 – 14:55	Keynote Address: Future of healthcare <i>Chair: Luke Thomson, MDA National</i> <i>Speaker: Amanda Johnstone, AI technologist</i>	
15:00 – 15:50	Leading into the future: adapt, adopt and evolve <i>Chair: Dr Matt Lee, The MDU</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Natasha Anning , MIPS Dr Lisa Calder , Canadian Medical Protective Association Tom Griffiths , Miga Tim Plant , MDA National Adrian Urquhart , Avant	
15:50 – 16:00	Close of MPL Association Thrive25 Conference Natasha Anning , MIPS Introduction to the next MPL Association International Conference Karen Miller , MPS Emma Parfitt , MDDUS	
16:00	Please join us for refreshments to farewell MPL Association Thrive25 Conference <i>With thanks to our sponsor</i> 	

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Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM

SENIOR RESIDENT DOCTOR, GOLD COAST UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM is a senior resident doctor at Gold Coast University Hospital. Despite facing numerous barriers, he became the first quadriplegic medical graduate and medical intern in Queensland. He was recently admitted as a lawyer.

As co-founder of Doctors With Disabilities Australia, Dinesh has worked with the Australian Medical Association to create first-of-kind national policies for inclusivity in medical education and employment. Dinesh is a doctor for the Gold Coast Titans physical disability rugby league team. He is also a member of multiple committees for disability advocacy and has spoken in world-renowned forums such as TEDx. Through COVID-19, he advocated for equitable treatment for people with disabilities, including as a witness to the Disability Royal Commission.

Dinesh has also contributed significantly to scientific advances in treating spinal cord injury and restoring function to people with paralysis. His national and global impact has been recognised with numerous awards, including Junior Doctor of the Year and the Order of Australia.

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Professor Clair Sullivan

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Professor Clair Sullivan is an internationally recognised leading practising and academic clinical informatician, and is helping drive digital health transformation in Queensland.

Clair is Director of UQ's Queensland Digital Health Centre, a collaboration across UQ and major Australian and international partners. She is a Consultant Endocrinologist at Metro North Hospital and Health Service. Clair serves on several national advisory boards for digital health and has generated \$66M in funding. Clair is widely published in clinical informatics and is ranked in the top 1% of Medical Informatics researchers globally.

In 2024, Clair was appointed as the inaugural Professor of Digital Health at the University of Queensland. Clair's work has been recognised with multiple honours including a 2022 Telstra Brilliant Women in Digital Award. She chairs the Australian Council of Senior Academic Leaders in Digital Health.



The Honourable Justice David Boddice

SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND, COURT OF APPEAL

Justice Boddice is a graduate of The University of Queensland – Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (1983). In 1984 Justice Boddice was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland and appointed Senior Counsel in 2001.

His Honour previously served as a member of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal (2006–2009), chair of the Queensland Nursing Tribunal (2007–2009), director (1993–2010) and chairperson (2006–2010) of Barristers' Chambers Limited, junior vice president (2006–2008), senior vice president (2008–2010) of the Medico-Legal Society of Queensland and member of the Continuing Professional Development Committee of the Bar Association of Queensland (2007–2009). Justice Boddice has been the legal patron of the Medico-Legal Society of Queensland since 2014.

Justice Boddice was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 2 July 2010.

Justice Boddice served as an additional Judge of the Mental Health Court from 2011 to 2014 and as President of that Court from 2014 to 2017.

Justice Boddice was appointed the Southern Region Judge of the Land Appeal Court in 2020.

Justice Boddice was appointed a judge of the Queensland Court of Appeal in 2023.



Amanda Johnstone

AI TECHNOLOGIST AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATOR

Amanda Johnstone is one of Australia's most globally recognised AI technologists and technology communicators. Named a Next Generation Leader by TIME and a Top Voice in Artificial Intelligence by LinkedIn, Amanda has spent two decades pioneering advancements in AI, EmotionAI, and digital health. She has consulted, and/or delivered keynotes to leading healthcare providers and insurers worldwide, leveraging AI to enhance decision-making, predict human factors, and improve patient safety.

Her work focuses on the intersection of AI, biosensors, and predictive analytics, transforming how we monitor health, anticipate risks, and optimise human performance. She has been instrumental in advancing the Internet of Bodies (IoB), where wearable, implantable, and environmental sensors provide real-time insights into human physiology, helping to mitigate risks in high-pressure environments.

Amanda and her team have developed EmotionAI, deployed mental health software across 80 countries, and contributed to AI-driven biosignal monitoring, photoplethysmography, and ingestibles. She has showcased how EmotionAI is used in vehicles for accident prevention, with similar biosensor technology now being adapted for patient monitoring, medical liability and legal accountability.

As an award-winning entrepreneur and thought leader, Amanda is a sought-after speaker on AI in healthcare, and human optimisation. Her insights on risk management, wearable and implantable technology, and AI-driven healthcare solutions position her as a leading voice in the next era of intelligent medicine and transhumanism.

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Professor Enrico Coiera

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Professor Enrico Coiera is Director of the Centre for Health Informatics, Australian Institute of Health Innovation, and Foundation Professor in Medical Informatics, Macquarie University. Trained in medicine with a computer science PhD in Artificial Intelligence (AI), he has a research background in industry and academia, with a strong international research reputation.

Professor Coiera spent 10 years at the prestigious Hewlett-Packard Research Laboratories, Bristol, UK, where he led numerous health technology projects and has overseen the development and trial of multiple e-Health interventions. Professor Coiera holds a NHMRC Leadership Investigator grant.

Professor Coiera founded and leads the Australian Alliance for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare (AAAiH). He was awarded the François Grémy Award by the International Medical Informatics Association in 2015, and was named the Australian Field Leader in Medical Informatics in 2021. In 2017, he was one of ~100 scientists worldwide elected as a Foundation Member of the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics.

Professor Coiera was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences in 2018, and a Member of the International Academy of Quality and Safety in Healthcare in 2020. His textbook Guide to Health Informatics 3rd edition is widely used internationally, translated into several languages. He has >400 publications, >25,000 citations in Google Scholar.

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Dr Dan Pronk

EX-SPECIAL OPS DOCTOR, AUTHOR & SPEAKER

Dr Dan Pronk studied medicine on an Australian Army scholarship before passing the punishing SAS selection course. He served on over 100 combat missions in Afghanistan as a special operations doctor. Casualties were fellow SAS soldiers and commandos, local civilians, and even the enemy. Battlefield medicine and the thrill of adventure gave Dr. Dan a sense of purpose. He pushed his medical skills and courage to the limits. But the despair of being helpless to save his friends in their final moments haunted him. Dr Dan's journey back to a fulfilling life started when he moved into medical leadership roles. The medical skills he honed in Afghanistan started saving civilian lives. Then, he began writing about his combat experiences. In 2019, he self-published a book that developed a surprising cult following. In 2021, he co-authored a bestselling book on resilience. In 2022, his memoir, *The Combat Doctor*, was released. Dr. Dan is also the lead medic on the hit TV show SAS Australia.

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Whether you're catching up with old colleagues or meeting new faces for the first time, the MPL Association Thrive25 social events are the perfect setting to spark conversation, share ideas, and build lasting professional relationships.

WELCOME RECEPTION

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025



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Kick off your Thrive25 experience with a relaxed evening of great food, drinks and conversation. Set on the rooftop of Rydges Hotel, this is your opportunity to meet fellow delegates, speakers and sponsors in a casual, friendly setting. It's the start of something great.

Time: 5.30pm-9.30pm

Venue: Rydges Rooftop Terrace, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

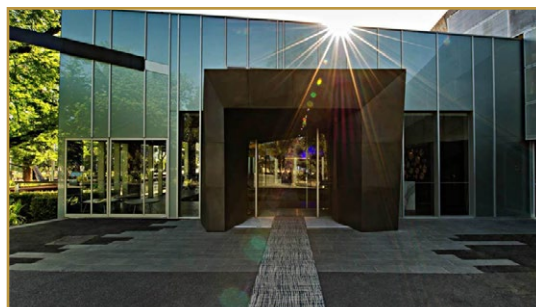
Dress: Smart Casual

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WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2025



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Time: 6.30pm-11.00pm

Venue: Zinc at Federation Square, Cnr Princes Walk & Russell St Ext.

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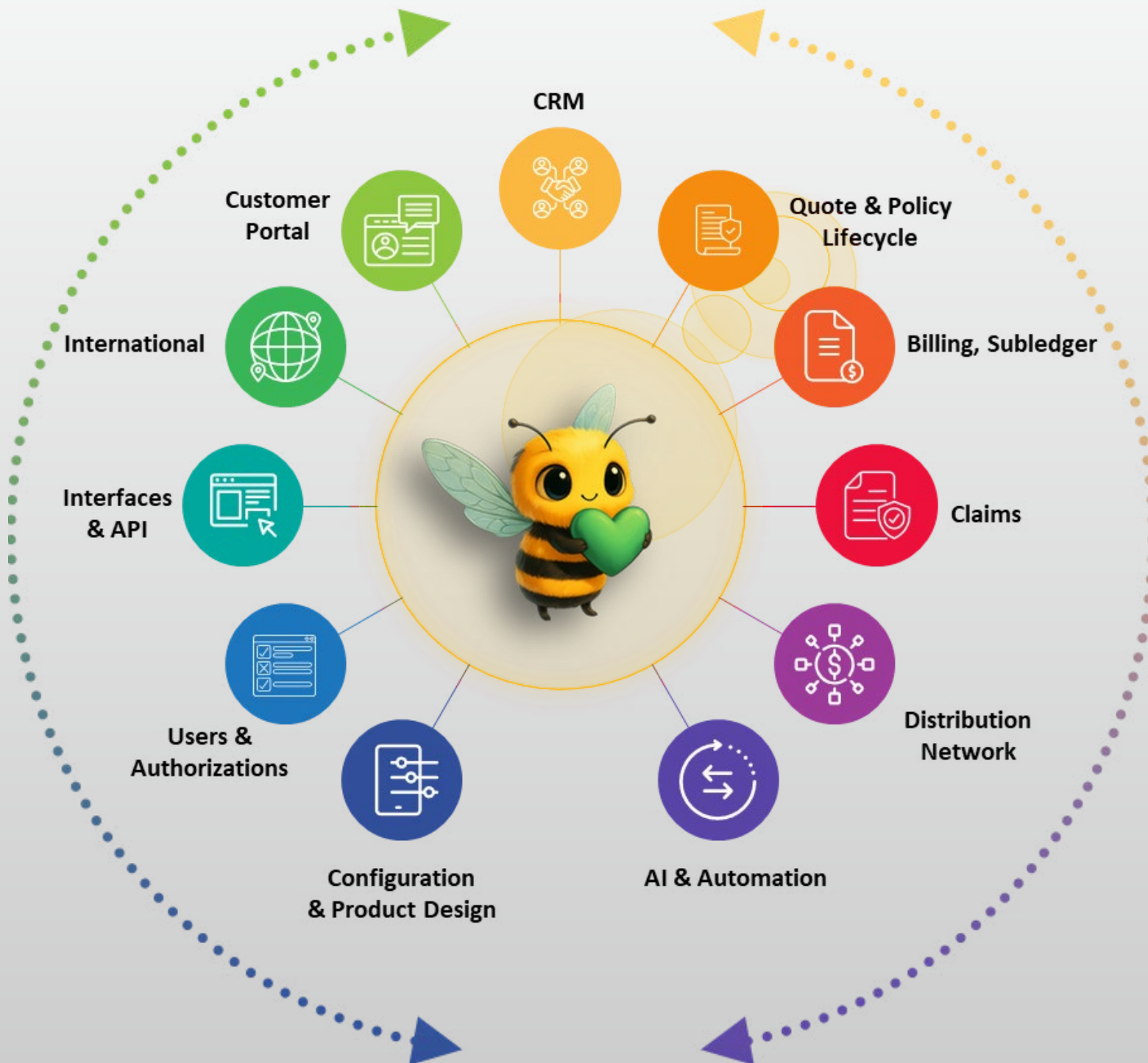
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