

Dr Arup Bhattacharya and the Goulburn Valley Movement Disorder Service presents

SHEPPARTON PARKINSON'S CONFERENCE

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2026

GV Hotel, 223 High Street, Shepparton, VIC, 3630

Empowering patients with Parkinson's

On behalf of Goulburn Valley Health and generously supported by the Darnley Montgomery Foundation Inc.

10.00 - 10.05am:	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country <i>Dr Arup Bhattacharya</i>	12.35 - 12.40pm:	Questions
10.05 - 10.25am:	'Empowering people with Parkinson's Disease' <i>Prof David Blacker, Senior Research Advisor, Perron Institute and Honorary Medical Director, Parkinson's WA</i>	12.40 - 13.15pm:	Lunch
10.25 - 10.30am:	Questions	13.15 - 13.40pm:	Patient Session
10.30 - 10.50am:	'Making the diagnosis of Parkinson's - how it's done and common pitfalls' <i>Prof Jane Alty, Professor of Neurology, University of Tasmania; Visiting Professor, Queen Mary University of London</i>	13.40 - 13.45pm:	Questions
10.50 - 10.55am:	Questions	13.45 - 14.05pm:	'Navigating Parkinson's challenges in older age' <i>Dr Frank Nicklason, Consultant Geriatrician, Royal Hobart Hospital</i>
10.55 - 11.15am:	'Early diagnosis of PD - what tools do we have?' <i>Prof David Finkelstein, Neuroscientist, University of Melbourne</i>	14.05 - 14.10pm:	Questions
11.15 - 11.20am:	Questions	14.10 - 14.30pm:	'Everything matters - things that you should bring up with your doctor' <i>Victor McConvey, Director of Clinical Services, Fight Parkinson's</i>
11.20 - 11.25am:	Morning Tea	14.30 - 14.35pm:	Questions
11.25 - 11.45am:	'Device-assisted therapies in Parkinson's Disease' <i>Dr Jillian Cameron, Consultant Neurologist, Austin Health, Melbourne</i>	14.35 - 14.45pm:	Afternoon Tea
11.45 - 11.50am:	Questions	14.45 - 15.05pm:	'How innovative speech therapy programs are changing the lives of our Parkinson's patients on the Sunshine Coast' using 'SPEAK OUT! (R) program' <i>Karen Malcolm, Certified Practising Speech Pathologist (CPSP-MSPA) and Board Director (RHPT)</i>
11.50 - 12.10pm:	'DBS demystified: current evidence, new techniques and real-world outcomes' <i>Mr Girish Nair, Neurosurgeon and Director, Neuroaxis, Melbourne</i>	15.05 - 15.10pm:	Questions
12.10 - 12.15pm:	Questions	15.10 - 15.30pm:	'Why Yoga for Parkinson's (and Chair yoga session)' <i>Kirsten Blacker, Yoga teacher</i>
12.15 - 12.35pm:	<i>Dr Kylie Ladd, Neuropsychologist, GV Health</i> 'Cognitive changes in Parkinson's Disease'	15.30 - 15.35pm:	Questions
		15.35pm:	Vote of thanks and close

TICKETS

\$100 Health Professionals – \$25 Students – \$25 for those with Parkinson's Disease and Carer(s)

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

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QUESTIONS?

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