WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025

Registration: 8.00am - 8.45am	
8.45am	Welcome
9.00am	How to succeed in college, graduate school and life with a traumatic brain injury **Keynote Speaker- Holly Kostrzewski**
10.00am	Advanced imaging of microstructural lesions in mild traumatic brain injury **Dr Ross Keenan**

10.45am	**Morning Tea**

Concurrent Sessions: Conway Rooms 1 - 3			
	Conway Room 1	**Conway Room 2**	**Conway Room 3**
11.15am	Return to driving after traumatic brain injury **Margaret Boyle and Jarrod Withers**	The use of music therapy with traumatic brain injury clients **Kimberley Wade and Renata Kuswanto**	Way Finders – What we do, How we help **Mel Walford**
12.00pm	Screening and outcomes of co-occurring traumatic brain injury among people with spinal cord injury **Dr Debbie Snell**	Creating re-connection for people with long-term disability following traumatic brain injury **Kirsty McDonald and Anneke Duyvestyn**	"Me, myself and an extension pole pruner" **Sam Johnson**
12.30pm	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for mild traumatic brain injury (ACTion mTBI): Feasibility study of effectiveness **Dr Josh Faulkner**	Vocational input and return to work following a mild traumatic brain injury **Jess Hope**	Traumatic brain injury and aphasia: Prevocational and vocational rehabilitation pathways, integrating cognitive neuroscience informed through lived experience **Garry Whittaker**

1.00pm	**Lunch**

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	Conway Room 1	**Conway Room 2**	**Conway Room 3**
1.45pm	Evidence-based interdisciplinary rehabilitation: Translating clinical practice guidelines into real world settings **Christine Canty and Warren Cossou**	Creating better outcomes by removing digital interface barriers **Chandra Harrison**	A tale of two perspectives: From nurse to patient and innocent until proven guilty **Sarah Raffell and Tori Dent**
2.30pm		An exploration of families' lived experiences of attention - related communication difficulties following traumatic brain injury attention **Dr Maegan Vansolkema**	****2.20pm** Headspace Hijiacked: A clinician's unfiltered brain injury journey **Brendon Vercoe**
2.40pm			Lived experience in supporting a kaimahi (staff member) back to mahi (work) following a significant traumatic brain injury **Katrina Berry**

3.00pm	**Afternoon Tea**

Concurrent Sessions: Conway Rooms 1 & 2		
	Conway Room 1	**Conway Room 2**
3.30pm	Patient-centred interdisciplinary rehabilitation **Nikki Sainsbury, Dan and Sharlie Kennard**	Neuropsychology and youth justice **Leanne Mathews**
4.00pm		"Who is this person I am tramping with and where are we going?" Neuropsychological formulation and real-life outcomes **Dr Nic Ward and Dr Siobhan Palmer**
4.45pm	Utility of a psychological screening tool early after mild traumatic brain injury **Dr Debbie Snell**	Do less **Bryony Matthews**

5.15pm	**Day end**

THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025

Plenary session	
8.30am	Kaihautū Tika Hauātanga Disability Rights Commissioner Prudence Walker
9.00am	Tramping to the top of Mt Brain Injury, reflections and lessons learned over 25 years **Keynote Speaker - Holly Kostrzewski**
10.00am	Nutrition provides an essential foundation for optimizing mental health: Application to traumatic brain injury **Prof Julia Rucklidge**

10.45am	**Morning Tea**

Concurrent Sessions: Conway Rooms 1 & 2		
	Conway Room 1	**Conway Room 2**
11.15am	Rugby and concussion – let's talk (Interview) **Steve Devine**	Working effectively with complex behaviours following traumatic brain injury **Leah Teschner**
11.45am	Should I stay or should I go? When to make the call **Dr Stephen Kara**	
12.15pm	The risks of repeated head impacts for long term brain health **Dr Helen Murray**	Integration of virtual reality into clinical practice (with a demo) **Peta Murphy and Jo Nunnerley**

1.00pm	**Lunch**

Concurrent Sessions: Conway Rooms 1 & 2		
	Conway Room 1	**Conway Room 2**
1.45pm	Instrumented Mouthguards - A new frontier: how can we use them to inform about player risk? And should parents be encouraged to monitor their child's contact loads? **Associate Prof Melanie Bussey**	From grief to growth, Tori's story **Neeka Aicken and Sandra Johnstone**
2.30pm	Efficacy of Gamebreaker Softshell Headgear in mitigating brain injury risk: Reducing linear and rotational forces during controlled drop tests **Annette Swale**	"His moment of misfortune, my years of learnings" A personal insight into life skills coaching a young adult with traumatic brain injury **Alan Signal**

3.00pm	**Afternoon Tea**

Plenary session	
3.30pm	The New Zealand Rugby Foundation - How we support our players **Lisa Kingi-Bon**
3.50pm	Tinnitus and hyperacusis following traumatic brain injury **Duncan Hann**
4.40pm	Early findings in the relationship between vestibular issues, noise sensitivity (hyperacusis), and psychological factors as predictors of the length of time to recover among adults with mild traumatic brain injury **Rebekah Miller**