RACS SA, WA & NT ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2019

Robots in Surgery - Tsunami or just the next wave?

5 - 7 September 2019
Port Lincoln Hotel, Port Lincoln, South Australia

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to register and attend the 2019 joint Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory Regions of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

This year’s meeting will be centred on the theme ‘Robots in Surgery - Tsunami or just the next wave?’ As always, the meeting will provide a unique opportunity for attendees and presenters to come together in an engaging environment, to share their ideas and learn from one another.

We are pleased to have a broad cross-section of surgical specialities represented within this program to contribute to the theme by exploring the past, the present and the future of technology in surgery.

The meeting will be preceded by a symposium hosted by the South Australian Audit of Surgical Mortality looking at ‘Navigating safe patient transfer: What can go wrong?’. The symposium will feature a number of high-quality presenters detailing their experience in the field of retrieval and the impact of transfers on patient outcomes.

The ASM will kick off with a welcome to Port Lincoln, an informative presentation on tsunamis then presentations looking at the past, present and future of robotic surgery. The first day’s programme will feature a keynote presentation from Dr Johan Verjans, from the Australian Institute for Machine Learning, titled ‘Artificial Intelligence in Surgery - hope, hype or here already?’ Our other keynote speaker, Dr Tom Cundy, will educate us about what it takes to develop a new robot and what the next robots may look like.

The second day of the meeting features an address by Emeritus Professor Paul Worley, National Rural Health Commissioner, titled ‘Securing a technologically advanced surgical workforce for rural and regional Australia’. This will be followed by the South Australian Minister for Health and Wellbeing, the Honourable Stephen Wade, who will discuss ‘Securing a technologically advanced surgical workforce for South Australia’.

Audience participation will be a key feature of the meeting, and I am particularly looking forward to the ‘Sharks’ Tank’ component of the program where delegates will have a chance to vote on the best pitch delivered by individuals to the panel of sharks.

We will end the program with a debate ‘It’s the procedures that Australian surgeons reject that make Australian surgeons the best - how to sort the whiting from the whitebait.’ This will be a great way to summarise the best parts of the past, the present and the future and hopefully leave us with a clearer idea of the part technology should play in our surgical armamentarium.

An event in Port Lincoln would not be complete without experiencing the stunning landscape and local produce for which the area is renowned. The Thursday evening welcome event will showcase what this part of South Australia has to offer. Picture freshly shucked oysters, prawns, sashimi, local wines and presentations from abalone and tuna fishermen plus more!

The conference dinner will be held at the excellent Line & Label Restaurant on the Friday evening. We will be honoured to have our Joint Australian of the Year, SA anesthetist and cave diver Dr Richard “Harry” Harris OAM, SC, deliver the Anstey Giles Lecture ‘Anaesthesia in the Dark - The Tham Luang Cave Rescue.’ The venue has a limited capacity of 100 guests, please book early to avoid disappointment.

I look forward to welcoming you to Port Lincoln in September.

Warm regards,

Mr Phil Worley, FRACS  
Convener 2019
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MEETING VENUE & REGISTRATION DESK

Port Lincoln Hotel
1 Lincoln Highway
Port Lincoln  SA  5606

Conference Meeting: Lincoln Ballroom Function Area
Exhibition Area and Breakout Lunches: Foyer Area

Registration desk will be located in the foyer area from 7:30am on Friday 6 September 2019 and from 8:00am on Saturday 7 September 2019.

RACS CPD POINTS

This educational activity has been approved in the RACS CPD Program. Fellows who participate can claim one point per hour (maximum 11 points) in Category 4: Maintenance of Knowledge and Skills. Participation in this activity will be populated into your RACS CPD Online.

ANNUAL DINNER & ANSTEY GILES LECTURE

The Annual Dinner will be held on the Friday night at the Line & Label Restaurant, Port Lincoln. There is a capacity of 100 guests at the restaurant. We encourage you to register early to avoid disappointment.

Please note that a coach will depart the Port Lincoln Hotel at 5:15pm sharp transporting guests, delegates and industry to the Line & Label Restaurant. Return coach to the hotel at approximately 10:00pm.

The evening will commence at 5:30pm with pre-dinner drinks. Dr Richard “Harry” Harris will present the 2019 Anstey Giles Lecture. See more details about Dr Richard “Harry” Harris OAM, SC on page 12.

Attire: Lounge Suit  Cost:$160 per person
EXHIBITION DISPLAY

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The Exhibition Display will be held in the Foyer Area of the Port Lincoln Hotel. All meal breaks will be held in the same area.

The South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory Regions Offices of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons would like to thank the following companies and their representatives for their support of the meeting.
**FREE SEMINAR**

**SA Audit of Surgical Mortality**

Thursday 5 September 2019, 4pm - 6pm

Port Lincoln Hotel, Port Lincoln

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**NAVIGATING SAFE PATIENT TRANSFER: WHAT CAN GO WRONG?**

**FREE REGISTRATION**

Open to all health professionals

Please register [here](#)

Alternatively contact the

SAASM Office on 08 8219 1144

or at [saasm@surgeons.org](mailto:saasm@surgeons.org)

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**CPD/CME**

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Refreshments “**Tasting Port Lincoln**” after the Symposium

Foyer and Deck Area, Port Lincoln Hotel 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Followed by RACS SA, WA & NT Annual Scientific Meeting

“Robots in Surgery - Tsunami or just the next wave?”

Friday 6 September - Saturday 7 September

Port Lincoln Hotel

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TASTING PORT LINCOLN

POOL SIDE, PORT LINCOLN HOTEL

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

7:00pm  Welcome event showcasing local Port Lincoln food, wine and beer.

   Location:  Foyer and Pool Deck Area - Port Lincoln Hotel
   Dress:      Casual

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Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019

7:30am Registrations Open

Session 1:

8:00am - 10:00am The Initiation Chair: Mr Phil Worley - Convener, SA

8:00am Welcome to Country - Emma Richards of the Bargarla community
Welcome to Port Lincoln - Mayor Brad Flaherty

8:10am Welcome to the Annual Scientific Meeting

8:20am RACS President’s Address “Education and Professionalism - it’s more than passing a Fellowship Exam”
- Dr Tony Sparnon

8:30am The anatomy of a tsunami - Professor Richard Hillis, SA Scientist of the Year 2018, Adjunct Professor at the Australian School of Petroleum, University of Adelaide

The Past

9:00am The history of robotics in surgery - Mr Rick Catterwell, Urology

9:15am What we can learn from the shipwrecks of the past? Navigating previously chartered waters
- Mr David Walsh, General Surgery

9:30am Registries for implants/devices and new technologies - what we have done before and how we should do it in the future - Associate Professor Rodney Cooter, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

9:45am Questions / Panel Discussion

9:55am Morning Tea and Exhibition Display Foyer Area

Session 2:

10:15am - 11:55am The Split Co-Chairs: Mr David King, SA
Mr Mahiban Thomas, NT

The Present

How I do it. Tips for catching the perfect wave

10:15am “From ripples to waves - Journey from the engineering lab to the surgeon’s hands”
- Dr Tom Cundy, Paediatric Surgery Trainee

10:30am Ventral Hernia - Mr Darren Tonkin

10:45am Neurosurgery - Associate Professor Amal Abou-Hamden

11:00am Colorectal Surgery - Mr Christopher McDonald

11:15am Urology - Dr Andrew Fuller

11:30am Orthopaedic Surgery - Associate Professor Andrew Kurmis

11:45am Questions / Panel Discussion
FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019 CONTINUED...

11:55am Buffet Lunch and Exhibition Display   Foyer Area

Session 3: 12:40pm - 2:55pm The Amplification Co-Chairs: Mr Bernard Carney, SA
Dr Mary Theophilus, WA

The Future

12:40pm Vascular Surgery - Mr Peter Subramaniam
12:50pm Orthopaedic Surgery - Associate Professor Andrew Kurmis
1:00pm Neurosurgery - Dr Amal Abou-Hamden
1:10pm Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery - Dr John-Charles Hodge
1:20pm General Surgery - Mr Alex Karatassas
1:30pm Questions / Panel Discussion
1:40pm Tomorrow’s surf forecast - a preview of the next wave of robotic technology - Dr Tom Cundy, Paediatric Surgery Trainee
2:10pm Artificial Intelligence in Surgery - Hope, hype or here already? - Dr Johan Verjans, Australian Institute for Machine Learning
2:40pm Questions / Panel Discussion
2:50pm Afternoon Tea and Exhibition Display   Foyer Area

Session 4: 3:10pm - 4:30pm The Drawdown Co-Chairs: Dr Christine Lai, SA
Professor Mark Edwards, WA

3:10pm RP Jepson Medal and Justin Miller Prize presentations
4:30pm End of Day One

5:30pm for 6:00pm 2019 ASM ANNUAL DINNER and ANSTEY GILES LECTURE
The Line & Label Restaurant - Dress: Lounge Suit

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SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2019

8:00am  Registrations Open

Session 5:  9:00am - 11:00am  The Run-Up  Co-Chairs: TBC
Assoc Prof Matthias Wichmann, SA

9:00am  Drowning in red tape - how to get a new technique accredited? - Mr Sanjeev Khurana, Paediatric Surgeon

9:10am  Rural and regional robots. How to access a boat and then get your boat licence
- Mr Quentin Ralph, General Surgery

9:20am  When is it safe to remove the floaties? How to gain one's sea legs - the learning curve of new technologies.
- Professor Guy Maddern, ASERNIP-S

9:30am  Charging for our expertise with new technologies - should we “swim between the flags”?
- Mr John Batten, Orthopaedic Surgery, RACS Immediate Past President

9:40am  Medico / legal undertows. How to avoid the unseen rips
- Mr Mark Livesey QC

9:55am  **Sharks’ Tank - the Sharks are circling; can you get a bite?**
Presenters pitch a new technology idea to the Sharks’ Tank panel to try and secure funding.

**Sharks’ tank panel:**
Mr Jim Whalley, SA Chief Entrepreneur
Emeritus Professor Paul Worley, National Rural Health Commissioner
Dr Liz Murphy, Head of Colorectal Surgical Unit, Lyell McEwin Hospital

10:00am  Presenter 1:  Dr Tom Cundy, Paediatric Surgery Trainee
10:15am  Presenter 2:  Dr Andrew Fuller, Urology
10:30am  Presenter 3:  Dr Johan Verjans, AIML
10:45am  Presenter 4:  Dr Mary Theophilus
11:00am  **Sharks’ Tank conclusion**

11:05am  Morning Tea and Exhibition Display  Foyer Area

Session 6:  11:25am - 12:55pm  The Wash-Up  Co-Chairs: Mr Phil Worley, SA
Assoc Prof Julie Mundy, QLD

11:25am  Securing a technologically advanced surgical workforce for rural and regional Australia - how wide do we cast our net?
- Emeritus Professor Paul Worley, National Rural Health Commissioner

11:40am  Securing a technologically advanced surgical workforce for South Australia
- The Honourable Stephen Wade, Minister for Health and Wellbeing
SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2019 CONTINUED...

12:00am  Debate:
“it’s the procedures that Australasian surgeons reject that make Australasian surgeons the best!
- How to sort the whiting from the whitebait.”
Three teams of three; arguing for traditional surgical techniques, battling for the current level of technology and wrangling for technologies being developed.

- The Handline team: Mr Andrew Saies, Mr Vlad Humeniuk, Dr Christine Lai
- The Drag net team: Mr Darren Tonkin, Associate Professor Susan Neuhaus, Associate Professor Suren Krishnan
- The US guided robotic vacuum team: Mr David Walsh, Dr Mary Theophilus, TBC

The Adjudicators: Professor Guy Maddern, Director of Surgery, The University of Adelaide
Mr Mark Livesey QC, Professor Mark Edwards, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, WA

12:40pm  Debate adjudication and result
12:50pm  Closing Remarks and Presentation of RP Jepson Medal and Justin Miller Prize

1:00pm  Buffet Lunch and Exhibition Display

END OF CONFERENCE
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FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019

2019 ASM ANNUAL DINNER and ANSTEY GILES LECTURE

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The Anstey Giles Lecture will be delivered by Dr Richard “Harry” Harris

Joint Australian of the Year 2019 and South Australian of the Year 2019, Dr Richard “Harry” Harris works in anaesthesia and aeromedical retrieval medicine in Adelaide, South Australia. He is notable for his efforts in leading the rescue of a soccer team of 12 boys and their coach in Thailand’s Tham Luang cave in 2018.

Harry has a professional and voluntary interest in search and rescue operations, establishing the first sump rescue training course in Australasia. By building relationships with emergency services in Australia, he has been preparing for an event like the 2018 Tham Luang cave rescue, which presented an opportunity to put this training to work.

Harry has expertise in diving, wilderness and remote area health. His passion for cave diving goes back to the 1980s and has taken him to the corners of the globe in search of new adventures.

Among their many dives, Harry and his colleagues have explored some of the world’s deepest caves, including the Pearse Resurgence in New Zealand to 229m depth, Daxing Spring in China to 213m, and Song Hong Cave in Thailand to 196m.

He is an enthusiastic underwater photographer and videographer, with his images being published in magazines, books and documentaries worldwide.
Dr Johan Verjans is a Dutch cardiologist who has joined the group of Steve Nicholls at the Heart Health theme, combined with a senior lecturer position at the University of Adelaide. He combines clinical work and research, working as a Cardiology Imaging Fellow at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

His research career has predominantly focused on translational pre-clinical and clinical imaging research using advanced intravascular and non-invasive molecular imaging strategies to detect, track and predict disease at an early stage working with Prof. Jagat Narula in California and as a post-doc at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He continues this work at SAHMRI with preclinical projects, including MALDI imaging in addition to clinical molecular imaging of 18F-NaF uptake in human coronary arteries.

In recent years, his research has also focused on imaging biomarker detection using existing datasets, using supervised and unsupervised machine learning strategies on large biobanks. He was recently appointed deputy director of Medical Machine Learning at the Australian Institute for Machine Learning, one of the most productive computer vision groups in the world. His main role will be to connect world-class machine learning capabilities to the biomedical precinct in Adelaide.

He was assistant-editor of a JACC Supplement (focusing on the Vulnerable plaque), besides being author of several book chapters and articles. Currently he is reviewer for 10+ journals, and he is Associate editor of the Netherlands Heart Journal and member of the Publications Committee of the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance.

Johan is more than happy to discuss and collaborate on imaging and machine learning projects in a multidisciplinary setting (small/large animals, clinical research).

Dr Tom Cundy has a PhD in surgical robotics from the Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery at Imperial College London. He completed his doctoral studies as a John Monash Scholar under the supervision of Lord Ara Darzi. Tom’s lab work involved development of several master-slave robots including the Cyclops and Wellcome Trust funded i-Snake platforms. With engineer colleagues, he holds a patent for the Cyclops.

Tom is now a SET paediatric trainee based in Adelaide. In 2018, he received a Pickard Robotic Training Scholarship and was part of the team led by Mr Sanjeev Khurana who performed Australasia’s first public paediatric da Vinci procedure earlier this year. Tom has published more than 50 original peer-reviewed papers. His current research interests are in applying modern computer science to quality improvement projects through Learning Healthcare Systems.

Tom will be sharing tales of the trials and tribulations in the development pathway of surgical robots, as well as insight into tomorrow’s robots that are being developed today in laboratories around the world.
INVITED SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PROFESSOR RICHARD HILLIS

SA Scientist of the Year 2018
Adjunct Professor at the Australian School of Petroleum, University of Adelaide

Richard Hillis is Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Performance) at the University of Adelaide. He graduated BSc (Hons) from Imperial College (London) in 1985 and obtained a PhD from the University of Edinburgh in 1989. Richard then spent 18 years at the University of Adelaide where he was Mawson Professor of Geology, State of South Australia Chair of Petroleum Geology and Head of the Australian School of Petroleum.

From 2010 - 2018 he was CEO of the Deep Exploration Technologies Cooperative Research Centre (DET CRC) which developed transformational technologies for mineral exploration including coiled tubing drilling.

He has published ~200 papers principally in petroleum geomechanics and basin tectonics and has been involved in establishing and directing several technology and resources companies including JRS Petroleum Research, Petratherm and KCL Resources. He is currently a director of AuScope.

Richard is a Fellow of ATSE (the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering) and was South Australian Scientist of the Year 2018.

GUEST SPEAKER

THE HONOURABLE STEPHEN WADE

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

As Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Stephen Wade’s portfolio covers health, mental health, ageing, substance abuse and suicide prevention.

After graduating in Law and Economics from the University of Adelaide, he worked as a parliamentary adviser at State and Federal level, including for former Liberal Health Minister, Dr Michael Armitage.

Stephen has worked in corporate governance and on a range of Boards, including as Chair of Julia Farr Services Inc.

He was appointed to the Legislative Council in May 2006, and served as a Shadow Minister from April 2007.

He was appointed Minister in March 2018.
GUEST SPEAKER

MR JIM WHALLEY
SA Chief Entrepreneur

As South Australia’s first Chief Entrepreneur, Jim Whalley has been appointed to provide strategic advice to enable entrepreneurialism across all forms of business, industry and public sector in South Australia.

The Chief Entrepreneur, together with the Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, will support entrepreneurs to build their capabilities and their confidence, to make sure they have the skills to grow a business from concept through creation, bring their ideas to market and turn their innovations into commercial outcomes.

Jim is the Chair and co-founder of innovative defence industry company Nova Systems.

He is a former air force fighter pilot and test pilot and holds a Master of Business Administration, a science degree and has completed the Harvard Business School OPM Executive Education Program.

Jim is a member of the Sir Ross and Keith Smith Advisory Committee, the council of the University of South Australia, the board of the Adelaide Festival, the Federal Government’s Defence Innovation Steering Group and a non-executive director of Australian Naval Infrastructure.

GUEST SPEAKER

EMERITUS PROFESSOR PAUL WORLEY
National Rural Health Commissioner

Emeritus Professor Paul Worley was appointed as Australia’s first National Rural Health Commissioner.

Professor Worley has had a distinguished career in rural health, both as a practitioner and an academic. He studied medicine at the University of Adelaide, graduating in 1984 and has worked as a Rural Generalist in rural South Australia; first at Lameroo, and then in Clare, Barmera and currently at Yankalilla.

From 2007 - 2017 he was Dean of Medicine at Flinders University in South Australia, where he established Rural Clinical Schools and University Departments of Rural Health in both South Australia and the Northern Territory and guided the conceptualisation and development of the Northern Territory Medical Program with a clear focus on recruiting and supporting Indigenous students and staff. While at Flinders University, Professor Worley developed and nurtured programs which are now recognised globally as models for the establishment of rural medical, nursing and allied health education.

Professor Worley has long been a leading figure internationally in the rural health and medical education sectors, has held senior positions in the Rural Doctors Association of South Australia and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, was instrumental in establishing rural Divisions of General Practice across South Australia, has served as a Board Director for the Adelaide PHN and for AGPT Regional Training Organisations in the Northern Territory and South Australia, is Editor in Chief of the international journal, Rural and Remote Health, and is an elected Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences.

As National Rural Health Commissioner, Professor Worley is passionate about quality, equity and fairness for all, especially the underserved. Australia’s rural and remote communities and the health professionals who serve them, deserve an evidence-based, sustainable, cost-effective and well supported rural health system, designed by rural clinicians, grown in rural regions, and serving all who live across our vast land. We must have the right health professionals delivering the right care, in the right place at the right time.
GUEST SPEAKER

MR MARK LIVESEY QC

Admitted 15 December 1986: Supreme Court of South Australia, High Court of Australia, Victoria, Western Australia, Northern Territory, New South Wales and Queensland.

Signed Bar Roll July 2000

Appointed QC February 2006

Academic Qualifications
- LLB, University of Adelaide 1986
- LLM, University of Adelaide 1989

Areas of Practice
- Appellate
- Civil Litigation
  - Common Law - General
  - Professional Liability
- Commercial Litigation
  - Commercial - General
  - Corporations and Securities
  - Equity and Trusts
  - Insolvency, Bankruptcy and Liquidation
  - Trade Practices and Competition
- Insurance
- Medical Negligence
- Wills, Probate and Family Inheritance

Professional Experience
- 1986 Supreme Court Associate
- Partner Commercial and Insurance litigation (1989-2000)
- 1997-2000 Panel member Law Claims
- 2000 Commenced practice as a barrister at Edmund Barton Chambers
- 2003 Joined Bar Chambers
- 2014 Associate member Nine Selborne Chambers

Principal Litigation
- Philcox v King [2014]: mental harm or nervous shock; duty of care - effect of ss 33 and 53 Civil Liability Act 1936
- BHP Billiton Ltd v Hamilton [2013] [2014]: negligence; breach of duty of care; causation; effect of s 8 Dust Diseases Act 2005; general damages for mesothelioma, review of interstate damages awards
- Koufos v Northern Territory of Australia [2013]: negligence; landlord’s duty of care; exposure to lead, allegation of lead induced autism

INVITED SPEAKERS

RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 INAUGURAL GORDON PICKARD ROBOTICS SCHOLARSHIPS

MR RICK CATTERWELL

A structured training program for robotic bedside assistants.

DR THOMAS CUNDY AND MR SANJEEV KHURANA

A joint project “Introducing paediatric robotic surgery in SA, and establishing the Australian Paediatric Robotic Surgery Collaborative”.

DR ANDREW FULLER

An Observership at the Karalinska Institute in Sweden to develop skills in performing Robotic Cystectomy and Intracorporeal Urinary Diversion.

DR ALEX KARATASSAS

Travelling to the USA to develop ideas and techniques in robotic colorectal and hernia surgery.

MR ANDREW KURMIS

To undertake the Mako Advanced Robotics in Arthroplasty International Clinical Training Program in the USA.
GETTING TO PORT LINCOLN

Flying to Port Lincoln
Both Qantas and Regional Express (REX) fly direct to Port Lincoln from Adelaide. Qantas have connecting flights from Perth, Darwin and Alice Springs (via Adelaide) to Port Lincoln.

Qantas
On Thursday 5 September, Qantas flights depart Adelaide 13:45, arrive at Port Lincoln 14:40
depart Adelaide 16:55, arrive at Port Lincoln 17:50
Returning flights on Saturday 7 September depart Port Lincoln 18:10, and arrive at Adelaide 19:00

Regional Express (REX)
On Thursday 5 September, REX flights depart Adelaide 11:35, arrive at Port Lincoln 12:25
depart Adelaide 15:05, arrive at Port Lincoln 15:55
depart Adelaide 16:10, arrive at Port Lincoln 17:00
Returning flights on Saturday 7 September depart Port Lincoln 12:45, and arrive at Adelaide 13:35
depart Port Lincoln 17:20, and arrive at Adelaide 18:10

Taxi to / from Port Lincoln Airport
Taxis will be available at Port Lincoln Airport to take passengers to the city. The drive from Port Lincoln Airport to Port Lincoln Hotel is about 15 minutes and will cost approximately $35-$40.

Des’ Lincoln Taxis 08 8682 1222
Suburban Taxis Port Lincoln 08 8683 0888

Shuttle bus to / from Port Lincoln Airport
Port Lincoln Airport Shuttle Service buses can be pre-booked to take passengers to the hotel. The cost will vary depending on number of passengers and should be between $5-$10 per person. Buses will be booked to meet the REX flight arriving at 5pm and the Qantas flight arriving at 5:50pm on Thursday 5 September.

Port Lincoln Airport Shuttle Service 0428 830 608

Driving to Port Lincoln
Driving to Port Lincoln from Adelaide is just under 700km and will take about seven hours.

Taxis whilst in Port Lincoln
Des’ Lincoln Taxis 08 8682 1222
Suburban Taxis Port Lincoln 08 8683 0888
ACCOMMODATION IN PORT LINCOLN

Port Lincoln Hotel
Accommodation is to be booked direct with Port Lincoln Hotel.
08 8621 2000
reservations@portlincolnhotel.com.au
1 Lincoln Highway, Port Lincoln SA 5606
Please speak to Makenna or Katherine.
Reservation number is #245354
Room details (excluding breakfast)*:
- Town view rooms at $139.00 per room per night
- Town view balcony rooms at $160.00 per room per night
- Ocean view balcony rooms at $179.00 per room per night
- Deluxe spa suites at $199.00 per night
- Luxury ocean view suites at $239.00 per night

Bay 10 Accommodation
Accommodation to be booked direct with Bay 10 Accommodation.
08 8682 1010
reception@bay10accommodation.com.au
24 Lincoln Highway, Port Lincoln SA 5606
350m from Port Lincoln Hotel (conference venue)
Some room details (excluding breakfast)*:
- Queen rooms at $154.00 per room per night
- Ocean view suites at $214.00 per room per night
- Deluxe apartment at $195.00 per night

Limani Motel
Accommodation is to be booked direct with Limani Motel.
0488 030 739
bookings@limaniportlincoln.com.au
50 Lincoln Highway, Port Lincoln SA 5606
750m from Port Lincoln Hotel (conference venue)
Some room details (excluding breakfast)*:
- Standard queen rooms at $135.00 per room per night
- Executive queen rooms at $145.00 per room per night
- Family apartments at $200.00 per night

Kernilla House
Accommodation to be booked direct with Joanna Ralph.
0437 656 991
stay@kernillahouse.com.au
10 Normandy Place, Port Lincoln SA 5606
850m from Port Lincoln Hotel (conference venue)
Minimum stay 3 nights.
Sleeps 5.
$160.00 per night, plus $80 cleaning fee*

*All prices correct at the time of publication
THINGS TO DO IN PORT LINCOLN

Port Lincoln is a city nestled on the shores of Boston Bay on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia. With its beautiful coastal setting, pristine beaches and national parks, Port Lincoln is known as the “Seafood Capital of Australia”.

Activities
Check out the rare flora and fauna at the rugged Port Lincoln National Park, the scenery at Coffin Bay National Park or segway ride to meet local Australian wildlife at the Glen-Forest Tourist Park. https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/find-a-park/Browse_by_region/Eyre_Peninsula/
Get to meet some Great White Sharks up close in a shark cage dive. A shark cage dive is arranged for Sunday 8 September with Calypso Star Charters, see page 21 https://sharkcagediving.com.au https://adventurebaycharters.com.au
Go fishing at the numerous fishing spots around Port Lincoln. https://visitportlincoln.net.au/what-to-do-port-lincoln/recreational-fishing/
And for those that like to keep their feet more firmly on the ground, visit the Axel Stenross Maritime Museum which details historic seafaring with old vessel’s and a blacksmith’s shop. https://www.axelstenross.com.au/
There are several local tour companies offering two-hour, ½ day and one day tours. Try https://www.xploreeyre.com.au https://www.triplebaycharters.net.au and https://www.jackdaviesdiscovery.com/tours

Food
Take an oyster farm tour in Coffin Bay - see how oysters are grown and then try some direct from the sea. http://oysterfarmtours.com.au https://www.coffinbayoysters.com.au
For the sweet-toothed, visit the family owned Pope's Honey http://popeshoney.com.au/ or call 8682 3878 to arrange a tour.
Enjoy a seafood banquet at any restaurant in town or tour the Fresh Fish Place and stay for a cooking class. http://freshfishplace.com.au/

Drinks
Try the Beer Garden Brewing where they brew craft beers on site using local grains (they also have a selection of ciders and SA wines). www.beergardenbrewing.com
Do a wine tour or relax a while at a local winery. With Lincoln Estate Wines, Boston Bay Wines plus Peter Teakle’s vineyard (the setting for our Annual Dinner on the Friday evening); there may not be enough time https://lincolnestatewines.com.au/ https://bostonbaywines.com.au/
Tours can be booked via Port Lincoln Hotel reception reservations@portlincolnhotel.com.au 08 8621 2000 or the Port Lincoln Visitor Centre on 1300 788 378 https://visitportlincoln.net.au/
MORE THINGS TO DO IN PORT LINCOLN

Fly like the Red Baron or like a flying surgeon - take a joy flight with retired surgeon, Mr Mike Damp, in his classic bi-plane. 30 - 35 minutes in the air. One passenger and aerobatics $450, or two passengers also $450 (in total). For details and FAQs go to www.joyflightsportlincoln.com.au

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Port Lincoln Leisure Centre
Spend time at the recently refurbished Port Lincoln Leisure Centre - swim, gym, aquatics, spa, sauna, basketball, netball, futsal and water slides are all available. Perhaps a personal trainer session to combat some of the delicacies of Port Lincoln.

2 Jubilee Drive, Port Lincoln SA 5606  (08) 8683 4949
www.pllc@ymca.org.au

All tours can be booked via Port Lincoln Hotel reception reservations@portlincolnhotel.com.au or 08 8621 2000 or the Port Lincoln Visitor Centre on 1300 788 378 https://visitportlincoln.net.au/
SHARK DIVING IN PORT LINCOLN

Port Lincoln gives you the opportunity to get up close and personal with Great White Sharks.

Calypso Star Charters are offering a 10% discount on their one-day shark cage dive on Sunday 8 September.

Shark Cage Diving is an exciting and safe way to see the amazing Great White Sharks in their natural environment. Calypso Star Charters provides guests with the ultimate adventure through a one-day Great White Shark Cage Diving tour. Calypso Star Charters are licensed to use natural fish berley, giving the best chances at shark sightings. Tours depart from the Port Lincoln Marina (6.00am boarding) and give guests the opportunity to come face-to-face with the ocean’s ultimate predatory fish. Time spent in the cage depends on the shark activity on the day, to ensure that all guests have the same opportunity to see these majestic creatures in their natural environment, be mesmerised by their size and gracefulness, and learn why we must protect their existence whilst onboard.

No diving experience is required, it’s open to all ages 8+ and Port Lincoln is the only place in Australia offering this unforgettable experience.

Spectator options are available so you don't even have to enter the cage to see a Great White. Shark current and historic shark sightings are displayed on our website and updated daily to social media. The MV Calypso Star 2 is fitted with a Seakeeper Gyroscopic Stabiliser to enhance comfort and reduce the likelihood of seasickness.

Tours are $495 (less 10%) for dive cage experience and $395 (less 10%) for a spectator stay onboard option; both include all food and hot beverages with a bar open for soft drinks and alcoholic beverages.

Visit [www.sharkcagediving.com.au](http://www.sharkcagediving.com.au) or [admin@sharkcagediving.com.au](mailto:admin@sharkcagediving.com.au) or call 08 8682 3939 to find out more.

Use Promo code RACS to receive 10% discount.

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