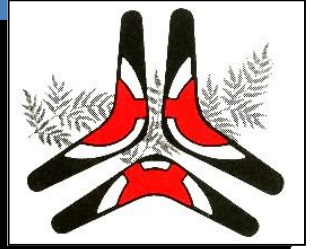


# ***12th Australasian Cleft Lip and Palate Association Conference***



***Doltone House  
Jones Bay Wharf  
Sydney  
4-6 May 2018***

## Invitation

On behalf of the Australasian Cleft Lip and Palate Association (ACLAPA) Executive, I would like to invite you to attend the 12th Australasian Cleft Lip and Palate Association Conference, to be held at Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf, Sydney. Please be aware that there are two Sydney locations of Doltone House and our venue is at the Jones Bay Wharf.



The ACLAPA Executive have organised what we hope will be a very stimulating educational experience with a theme of Quality and Team-based Care. There will also be a focus on the essential contribution of dental practitioners in the care of individuals with cleft lip and palate and craniofacial anomalies, as well as dedicated time for the Australasian Cleft Audit study (ANZCleft) and separate speech meeting.

We are delighted to announce the following guest speakers and extra sessions.

Our International speakers include, Professors Brenda Louw and Linda Vallino who will present on the importance of transitioning our patients from paediatric to adult facilities. Professors Brian Sommerlad and Robert Mann will present the management of the cleft palate and velopharyngeal incompetence. Professors Christopher Forrest and John Phillips from The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto will discuss robotics in cleft surgery and cleft orthognathic surgery. We also have a very special guest Dr Francis Smith who has a vested interest in craniofacial embryology.

Our national speakers include A/Professors Richard Widmer, John Winters and Dr Albert Tan, all from dental specialties. Professor Clare Collins represents physical activity and nutrition specialty and David Fitzsimons from speech and team-based care.

Our extra sessions will be two breakfast sessions and two meet the speaker sessions. The cost for attending these sessions will cover catering and extra staff.

Parents and support groups will be welcome to attend on 4 May—please advise your parent support groups and any interested parents.

## Free Papers

Abstracts are now invited for clinicians and researchers to present on all aspects of their work. Oral presentations and posters will be presented throughout the conference. Please complete the attached abstract submission form and return to

wendy.nicholls@health.wa.gov.au.

Abstract submission will close 21 February 2018.

## Registration and Accommodation

The registration and accommodation booking sites are now open. (Please refer following page). We have selected accommodation options close to the venue with reduced rates being offered.

On behalf of the ACLAPA Executive I would like to encourage you to come to Sydney and be a part of what promises to be a very special conference. Please talk to your colleagues, teams and parent support groups about the meeting and join us with a view to participate and collaborate. Surgeons will be able to remain on in Sydney for the RACS Annual Scientific Congress from 7th to 11th May 2018.

A draft programme will be disseminated shortly.

Should you have any comments, suggestions or requests to improve the experience, or queries about the conference, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the ACLAPA Executive as below:

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We look forward to seeing you all in Sydney soon!

**David Gillett**  
**& ACLAPA Executive Committee**





ACLAPA Meeting  
4-6 May 2018  
Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf  
Sydney



### On-line Conference Registration

- ◇ ACLAPA Members—Surgeons \$650.00 Allied Health \$350.00
- ◇ Non-Members—Surgeons \$750.00 Allied Health \$450.00 (includes 1 year ACLAPA membership)  
*(registration includes: attendance and catering at any session of the two and a half days and welcome cocktail reception)*
- ◇ *Breakfast meetings / meet the speaker \$50.00*
- ◇ Parent / Support Group \$150.00 for Friday 4 May only (includes welcome reception)

### On-line Conference Dinner Registration

- ◇ ACLAPA Members \$125
- ◇ Non-members and partners dinner \$135 cocktail reception \$35

*Doltone House JBW 7pm. Includes participation in the trivia night. Smart-casual dress code*

Please click or copy this link to register and purchase dinner tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/12th-australasian-cleft-lip-and-palate-association-conference-4-6-may-2018-tickets-37033215344>

### Accommodation

Conference National have negotiated discounted meeting accommodation rates for The Parkroyal, The Oaks, and The Holiday Inn for delegates:

**Booking Link:** <https://conferencenl.eventsair.com/australasian-cleft-lip-and-palate-association-conference/2018>



## OUR SPEAKERS

### [A/Professor Richard Widmer](#)

Richard Widmer received his Master's Degree in Paediatric Dentistry from the University of Melbourne. The majority of his paediatric clinical practice over the last 20 years has been at the Westmead Centre for Oral Health [WCOH] and The Children's Hospital at Westmead [CHW]. Richard is currently an Associate Clinical Professor in Paediatric Dentistry, The University of Sydney, and Director of the Dental Department at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. He is a very active clinician and lecturer, presenting to students and graduates in all branches of the Health Sciences as well as being invited to present at Conferences, both locally and internationally. Richard is a Past President of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry, as well as both the Australasian Academy of Paediatric Dentistry and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry. Richard has co-edited the very popular "Handbook of Paediatric Dentistry" now in its third edition and in seven languages. Recently Richard, with his Canadian colleague Gerry Wright has released "Paediatric Dentistry, dental care for children. A guide for parents".



### [Professor Brenda Louw](#)

Brenda is Professor and Chair at the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences East Tennessee State University, Tennessee. She is also Professor Emeritus of the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She was a member of the Cleft lip/Palate Team, University of Pretoria, South Africa for 23 years before moving to the US. She is the past president of the South African Cleft Lip and Plate Society (SACLPS), the past Vice President of the Pan African Association for Cleft Lip and Palate (PAACLP). She participated in Smile Train programs in various African countries. Professor Louw is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Confederation of Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies (ICCPRA). She is an invited CL/P Subject Matter Expert and collaborated with a team to develop the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Practice Portal pages for Cleft Lip and Palate. She has published articles and book chapters, edited a book and presented at conferences on six continents, mainly in the area of cleft lip and palate, early Intervention and multicultural issues.



### [Professor Linda Vallino](#)

Linda is head of the Craniofacial Outcomes Research Laboratory (CORL) in the Centre for Paediatric Auditory and Speech Sciences and Senior Research Scientist in the Department of Biomedical Research at Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware. She is also Clinical Professor of Paediatrics at Jefferson Medical College and Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Delaware. As a clinician and clinical speech scientist, Professor Vallino has more than 25 years of experience specializing in the assessment and treatment of speech and resonance disorders in children and young adults with cleft palate-craniofacial anomalies. She serves as the senior speech-language pathologist on the Nemours Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Team in Wilmington, Delaware. Professor Vallino holds dual certification in speech-language pathology and audiology from the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) and is also an ASHA Fellow. She has published papers, written book chapters and made presentations at scientific meetings in the area of cleft and craniofacial anomalies. She is co-author with Dr. David Zajac of the text, Evaluation and Management of Cleft Lip and Palate: A Developmental Perspective.



#### Dr Albert Tan

Albert has been a Consultant Periodontist at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, Perth for over 35 years, and was Past Chairman of the Dental Department. For nearly forty years, he has maintained his specialist private practice, together with an active role in teaching at UWA - both at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He retired from his position as Clinical Associate Professor at UWA at the end of 2014, but still maintains a keen educational interest by mentoring dentists pursuing postgraduate qualifications from The Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS). He has lectured extensively in national and international meetings and conferences. He is a Past President of The Australian and New Zealand Academy of Periodontists (ANZAP), his research has resulted in numerous publications has supervised several research projects undertaken by postgraduate students at UWA leading to specialisation. He remains committed to the care of children with special needs, especially in multi-disciplinary cleft lip and palate treatment.



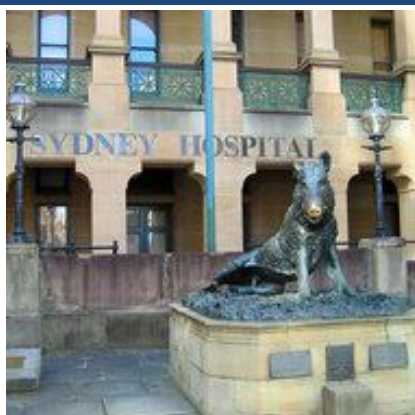
#### A/Professor John Winters

John is a Clinical Lecturer at the University of Western Australia Dental School, and also lectures to the Curtin University School of Dental Therapy and Hygiene. He is also a Consultant Paediatric Dentist and Chairman of the Dental Department at Princess Margaret Hospital continuing his twenty five year association with the State's only Paediatric Teaching Hospital. He is an active member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry, the Australasian Academy of Paediatric Dentistry, the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry, the Australian Dental Association, the Australasian Cleft Palate Association, and the International Association for Dental Research. He was the Editor of the journal Synopses for six years, and has served as the Federal President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry. His professional interests include endodontics in the primary dentition, rehabilitation of cleft lip and palate and related craniofacial disorders, early childhood caries, and oral health care for the physically and intellectually disabled.



#### David A Fitzsimons

David Fitzsimons is a Clinical Specialist Speech Pathologist from The Children's Hospital at Westmead in Sydney, Australia. He is the lead clinician on the Hospital's Cleft Palate Team and is highly experienced in the perceptual assessment of cleft palate speech as well as the objective assessment of velopharyngeal insufficiency (VPI). David is currently completing his PhD through the Faculty of Medicine at The University of Sydney, focussed on the development of a new assessment tool for the perceptual evaluation of VPI. David is also experienced in relational database development and has designed and constructed a number of hospital-based clinical databases including three systems specifically designed for the management of children with cleft lip and palate. David has a special interest in the development of systems that allow teams to map and manage the 'process' of delivering high quality team-based care.





#### Professor Clare Collins

Clare Collins is a Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics in the School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Health and Medicine at the University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia. Professor Collins holds a prestigious NHMRC Senior Research Fellowship. She is currently Director of Research for the School of Health Sciences and Acting Director of the Priority Research Centre in Physical Activity and Nutrition. She has published over 280 manuscripts and supervised 25 Research Higher Degree candidates to completion. Her research examines nutrition and dietary intake, and how this relates to changes in diet quality, food patterns, weight and health across all ages and stages of life. Professor Collins is a well-known Australian media commentator on nutrition and has conducted thousands of media interviews. She has been a spokesperson for the Dietitians Association of Australia for 17 years. She has co-authored six books for the public on weight loss and has been a nutrition consultant to the Shine Australia who produce the TV programs The Biggest Loser, The Bachelor, So You Think you can Dance and Australian Survivor.



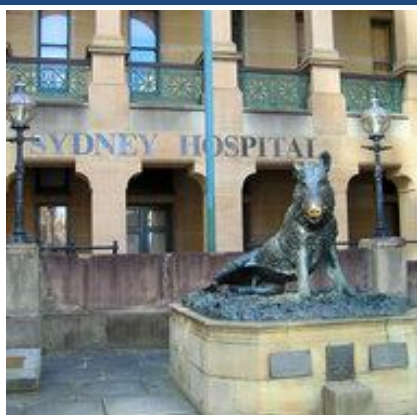
#### Professor Brian Sommerlad

Brian Sommerlad is an honorary consultant plastic surgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, and at the St Andrew's Centre for Plastic Surgery, Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford. He was the first Clinical Director of the North Thames Cleft Lip and Palate Service (GOSTA). Although involved in many aspects of plastic surgery, his main activity now is centred around surgery for children and adults with cleft of the lip and palate and associated conditions. He has been particularly involved in the development of the operating microscope for cleft palate repair and in refining surgery for repair of the muscles in cleft palate, and in re-repairing the cleft palate as an alternative to pharyngoplasty in some patients. He regularly visits countries where cleft lip and palate services are less well-developed, to work with local surgeons and to assist in their development of multi-disciplinary teams. He is a member of the Medical Advisory Board of Smile Train, a US based charity dedicated to empowering and supporting local surgeons and teams to carry out cleft lip and palate surgery. He is a member of the Medical Advisory Board of Smile Train, a US based charity dedicated to empowering and supporting local surgeons and teams to carry out cleft lip and palate surgery.



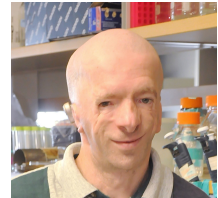
#### Professor Robert Mann

Robert Mann graduated from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in 1978. He works in Grand Rapids, MI and at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. He specializes in Paediatric Plastic and Craniofacial Surgery, in particular cleft lip and palate repair and craniofacial reconstruction. He is internationally known for his expertise in treating cleft lip and palate, has been extensively involved in research and teaching, and published in scientific journals. Dr. Mann is a pioneer and innovator in paediatric plastic surgery, having developed several techniques that revolutionized care, including the buccal flap approach and tongue-lip adhesion suspension.



### Dr Francis Smith

Born with the rare craniofacial disorder Treacher Collins syndrome in 1975, Dr. Francis Smith has faced over 20 facial reconstructive surgeries, tracheostomies, speech therapy, and bone-conduction hearing aids. Despite these medical and physical obstacles, along with school bullying in his youth, and with the encouragement of his adoptive family and his faith, Francis has persevered and made it his life's work to undertake craniofacial embryology and genetics research as well as public engagement for awareness and acceptance of craniofacial differences. Francis began his education and career in craniofacial sciences at King's College London in England (2004-2007), and went on to achieve his PhD in oral & craniofacial sciences at the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) in 2012. He did his first postdoctoral research fellowship, in craniofacial 3-D imaging and morphometrics at the University of Calgary (2012-2015). Currently, he is doing his second postdoctoral fellowship, in craniofacial biology, at the University of Colorado in Denver, focusing on craniofacial genomics and bioinformatics. He continues to devote his life to craniofacial awareness and advocacy using his unique life experience as an example.



### Professor John Phillips

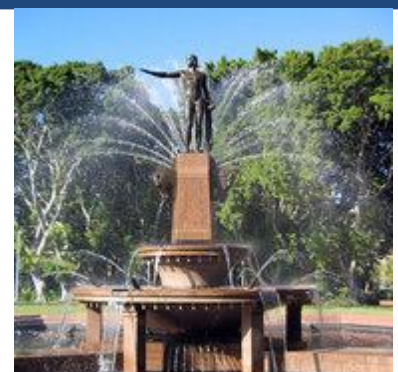
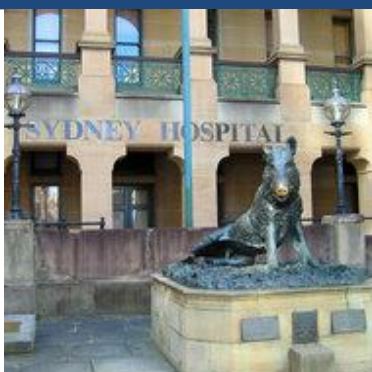
John was born in Toronto Ontario. He received his M.D. and Plastic Surgery training from the University of Toronto. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada and an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. He did his subspecialty training in Craniofacial Surgery with Dr. Ian Munro at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and Dr. Ian Jackson at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Wisconsin.



John began fulltime practice, in Paediatric Craniofacial Surgery at SickKids in 1992 and served as the Medical Director of The Hospital for Sick Children Craniofacial Program from 1993-1998. This is the largest program of its kind in Canada. He specialises in using innovative technology for skull reconstruction in cases of craniosynostosis. Within his current role, John also oversees the surgical side of the multidisciplinary Vascular Malformation Clinic. This clinic has seen a rapid growth over the past few years and has developed a national referral base.

### Professor Christopher Forrest

Chris is the chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery, and the medical director of the SickKids Centre for Craniofacial Care and Research. This is the largest centre of its kind in Canada, seeing 450 new patients each year and has approximately 5,000 active patients in its database. His main focus in paediatric craniomaxillofacial surgery. He holds a master of science from the University of Toronto, and runs an active basic science research program. His laboratory has studied the mechanism of radiotherapy-induced craniofacial bone growth retardation and the biology of osteoblast behaviour in infants with craniosynostosis. In addition to his research in basic science, Forrest has research experience in the field of craniofacial anthropometry with Dr. Leslie Farkas, CT-based craniofacial morphometry as well as, several clinically-based outcome studies in the field of paediatric craniomaxillofacial surgery. He was PI on two previous Medical Research Council grants and was the recipient of an MRC Scholarship. He has over 100 peer-reviewed publications, 150 presentations at scientific meetings and has maintained peer-reviewed scientific funding during his academic career. His achievements include a former MRC Scholarship, 2002 Herbie Doctor of the Year, 2003 American College of Surgeons Australia-New Zealand Travelling Fellow, 2009 American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons Scholar, 2010 Rotman Advanced Health Care Leadership Course and 2010 Arnis Freiberg Teacher of the Year.



# DRAFT PROGRAMME—Extra Sessions

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## 1: BREAKFAST MEETINGS

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### SATURDAY 5 MAY 2018

07:00 – 08:00

Professor Linda Vallino : *redefining compensatory articulation errors*

Professor Brenda Louw: *the application of ICF-CY to CLP*

### SUNDAY 6 MAY 2018

07:00 – 08:00

Professors John Phillips and Christopher Forrest : *robotic surgery masterclass*

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## 2: MEET THE SPEAKER SESSIONS

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### FRIDAY 4 MAY 2018

17:45 – 18:30

Professor Brian Sommerlad

### SATURDAY 5 MAY 2018

17:45 – 18:30

Professor Robert Mann

