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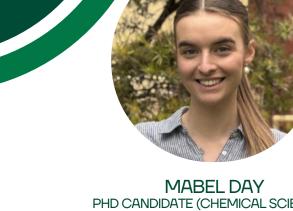
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#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

1200	Conference Registration Opens	
1300	Conference Opening Remarks & Welcome to Country (Robert Taylor)	
1325	<b>2025 Graeme Batley Medal Recipient</b> Prof. Malcolm McLeod, <i>Drug Checking: Getting in Before the Harm</i>	
1355	Session 1: Processes for Environmental Remediation  Chair: Rachael Matthews (Organising Committee)  Delroy Sheng Yu Huang, Enzymatic Degradation of Environmentally Toxic Resin Acids, [19]  Gimhani Danushika, A Greener method for quantifying Epoxide groups in Graphene Oxide, [33]  Abdullah Aloufi, Variation, Source Identification and Apportionment of Ultrafine Particles in Auckland, [35]  Bjoern Kolbe, Eco-friendly sanitisers born from lightning: Plasma-activated water as novel food sanitisation approach, [44]  Mikaela Radke, Assessment of groundwater contamination using novel non-targeted analysis methodologies and toxicity testing, [51]	
1510	Afternoon Tea	
1540	Platinum Sponsor Talk Sviat Eliseenko, Waters Australia, Advancing Chromatographic Performance for Acidic Molecule Analysis Using Waters Premier Technology	
1600	Session 2: Microplastics & Nanoplastics  Chair: Harrison McAfee (PhD Student)  Theresa Lam, A city-wide investigation of small microplastics in urban road dust in Melbourne, Australia,  [58]  Lloyd Straatsma, Detection of Nanoplastic Particles Using Capillary Isotachophoresis, [60]  Chloe Broeckelmann, Towards a Multimodal Workflow for Assessing the Recyclability of Medical  Plastics, [63]  Adam Kolobaric, The use of near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy to screen microplastic contamination in black soldier fly larvae reared on food waste, [65]	
1700	Closing Remarks Day 1	
1800	Welcome Reception @ The Golden Wattle	



### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

0845	Opening Remarks Day 2	
0855	<b>2025 Environmental Chemistry Medal Recipient</b> Prof. Youhong Tang, <i>Bring aggregation-induced emission luminogens to small aquatic organisms for</i> environmental monitoring	
0925	Session 3: Wastewater Treatment  Chair: Ani Baker (PhD Student)  Ziyue Li, Monitoring organic UV filters in wastewater/sludge in New Zealand, by wastewater-based epidemiology, [5]  Ammara Waheed, Advancing Hospital Wastewater Treatment via Continuous Adsorption in a Coiled Flow Inverter Reactor, [13]  Rabia Sabir, Engineering of Arsenic Removal from Natural Water Using a Coiled Flow Inverter, [14]  Tuhin Das, Biocatalytic oxidation of Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) found in wastewater, [25]  Madara Weerasooriyagedara, Seasonal Dynamics, Removal Efficiencies, and Environmental Risks of Contaminants of Emerging Concern in Wastewater Treatment Plants in Victoria, Australia, [54]	
1040	Morning Tea	
1110	Platinum Sponsor Talk Caroline Noble, Agilent Technologies, Going Anywhere: Careers Outside of Research	
1130	Session 4: Renewable Energy Chair: Tom Small (Early Career Researcher) Tom O'Dea, MOF-Templated Synthesis of Homogeneously Doped SrTiO3:La/Rh, [11]  Harrison McAfee, Singlet Fission Sensitization of Non-fullerene Acceptors for Photocatalytic Hydrogen Evolution, [22]  Andrew Dolan, Photo-induced exciton dissociation in high performance organic semiconductors, [26]  Zi Goh, Size-Dependent Photocatalytic Activity of Organic Semiconducting Nanoparticles, [36]	

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#### **Afternoon Program Overview**

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

1230	Lunch δ Poster Session A	
1330	Invited Speaker Talk A/Prof. Brad Clarke, The Chemical Experiment: The Hidden Cost of Convenience	
1400	Session 5: PFAS: Identification & Detection  Chair: Xueying (Lucy) Li (Honours Student)  Wejdan Alghamdi, Evaluating PFAS Contamination in Australian Tap Water: Baseline Quantification and Exposure Implications in Regional and Urban Areas, [2]  Jayamini Bimali Koongolla, Quantitative Profiling of PFAS in Water and Sediment Across Urban Creeks Using Targeted Analysis, [7]  Jordan Partington, Microsampling for PFAS analysis: Cheap high-resolution biomonitoring, [53]  Ellis Mackay, Urban Possums as Sentinels for Environmental Contamination: First Evidence of PFAS in Australian Marsupials, [57]	
1500	Afternoon Tea	
1530	Session 6: Biological Applications of Mass Spectrometry  Chair: Mei Tieng Yong (PhD Student)  Elaheh Eskandari, Mass spectrometry-based insights into investigating links between lipid metabolism and protein post-translational modifications in Alzheimer's disease, [10]  Emily Sunnucks, Evaluation of chromatographic and mass spectrometric approaches for postmortem metabolome and lipidome analysis, [32]  Rosemary Bergin, A Multi-Modal Tyramide-Ruthenium Tag for amplified Elemental-Mass Spectrometry and Immunofluorescence Imaging, [38]  Huyen Nguyen, Method development for quantifying Chlorantraniliprole in water samples for toxicity testing, [40]  Shaun Ellis, Using Mass Spectrometry to Gain Insights into Snake Venom Proteins, [50]  Huysean Huot, Prevalence and Antimicrobial Resistance of Salmonella in Chicken and Beef in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, [61]	
1700	Closing Remarks Day 2	



### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

0845	Opening Remarks Day 3	
0855	<b>2025 Original Research Publication Award Recipient</b> Dr. Chen Hu, Direct detection of microRNA in liquid biopsies from single cancer spheroids	
0925	Session 7: Applications in Microfluidics Chair: Sarveenah Chandrasegaran (Organising Committee) Ayesha Sandaruwani, Advancing Green Chemistry: The Role of Microfluidic Technologies in Sustainable Chemical Engineering, [18]	
	Vijaykumar Bodarya, To design and engineer an array of sensing technologies, integrated into microfluidic platforms, to monitor key parameters of the manufacturing of mRNA vaccines in real- time, [21]	
	Kim Nicolau, High-resolution 3D printing and applications: Development of a microfluidic calibrated continuous flow nitrite water measurement system, [22]	
	Md Kawser Alam, Design and Fabrication Challenges of Spiral Inertial Microfluidics for Lab-on-chip Bacteria Detection Device, [43]	
	Rabin Duwal, Bioactive Isolation from Plasma-Deliberated Biomass via Batch and Continuous Micro- Flow Extraction, [46]	
1040	Morning Tea	
1110	Platinum Sponsor Talk  Karen Duong, Merck Life Science, Orthogonal Selectivity with Porous Graphitic Carbon: A Method  Development Essential	
	Session 8: Heavy Metals & Electrochemical Sensing  Chair: Gerardo Urbina (Organising Committee)  Heshani Mudalige, Co-occurrence of microplastics with heavy metals in freshwater sediment, [16]	
1130	Yucong Yuan, Temperature-Stimulated Electrical Signalling in Mimosa pudica: Generation and Propagation of Action Potentials Monitored by Multi-electrodes System, [24]	
	Ani Baker, Arsenic distribution and speciation in the novel extremophile nematode Tokorhabditis tufae, [28]	
	Muhammad Tahir Waseem, Fluorescent Sensor Arrays for the Detection of Metals in Biology and the Environment: A Multivariate Approach, [31]	



## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

1230	Lunch & Poster Session B	
1330	<b>Invited Speaker Talk</b> Prof. Oli Jones, The use of metabolomics in environmental science. Can we bring omic science out of the lab and into the field?	
1400	Session 9: PFAS: Removal & Destruction  Chair: Tom O'Dea (PhD Student)  Chantelle Falanga, ANbO3 (A = Li, Na, K, Ag) photocatalysts for the degradation of persistent organic pollutants, [4]  Alex Keltie, Advanced Catalytic Reduction Processes for the Breakdown of Fluorinated Pollutants, [29]  Mahmoud Gharib, Ra-Inspired Solution for Visible-Light Degradation of PFAS (Forever Chemicals), [45]  Mulugeta Akele, Optimizing Extraction and Clean-Up for Reliable PFAS Quantification in Soils, [59]	
1500	Afternoon Tea	
1530	Conference Closing Remarks & Awards	
1830	2025 R&D Topics Gala Dinner @ Adelaide Pavilion	

Poster Session A	Poster Session B
Navneet Singh [P2]	Akinyinka Akinnusotu [P1]
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Mahnaz Dadkhah Jazi [P6]	Salihu Abdullahi Kiyawa [P5]
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