

The Developmental Cognitive Neuropsychology Research Unit (decog), The Children's Hospital at Westmead was established in March, 2000 as an outreach unit of the Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science based at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. The Unit is a joint initiative between the two institutions and aims to establish a centre of excellence in developmental cognitive neuropsychology research. The decog unit has a well established research programme in the areas of developmental cognitive neuropsychology and neuropsychological outcome of a range of disorders.

The theme of the conference is clinical and research perspectives in developmental neuropsychology. While still historically in its infancy the field of paediatric neuropsychology has emerged as a major field in clinical neuropsychology practice and research. The developments in research and changes in clinical practice have led to changes in our understanding of brain behaviour relationships in a developmental context. The aim of this meeting is to present current issues in clinical and research practice as they relate to assessment, diagnosis and management in a range of paediatric conditions.

The conference will be of relevance primarily to paediatric clinical neuropsychologists but also to other health professionals, researchers and educators working with children with central nervous system dysfunction.

Keynote Addresses

Thursday 30th March - morning

Developmental disorders of language and literacy Professor Max Coltheart

ARC Federation Fellow & Scientific Director, Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science; James Packer Professor of Educational Research, The Children's Hospital at Westmead & Academic Director of The Children's Hospital Education Research Institute.

Thursday 30th March - afternoon

Developmental impairments of working memory: Implications for learning

Professor Susan Gathercole

Applied Psychology
University of Durham, Queen's Campus
United Kingdom

Friday 31st March

Do children's brains really recover better?

Professor Vicki Anderson

Professor/Director, Psychology, Royal Children's Hospital & The University of Melbourne; Director, Australian Centre for Child Neuropsychology Studies.

Registration

To register for the conference please complete the registration form attached and return with payment by the due date. The conference runs for two full days from approximately 8.30am to 5pm. Registration fee includes morning and afternoon teas, lunch and cocktails on Thursday 30th March as well as a book of abstracts. A detailed program will be provided to all registrants in early 2006.

Registration Form

Title: _____ Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Ph: () _____ Fax: () _____

e-mail: _____

Conference Registration

(please select one of the following registration options)

	Early Bird before 17/2/06	Late after 17/2/06
Full Registration (2 days)	\$220	\$260
Day Registration *	\$180	\$220
Student Registration (2 days)#	\$130	\$170
Student Day Registration*#	\$90	\$110

* please circle day: Thursday 30th OR Friday 31st

please attach proof of full-time student status

Please note all prices inclusive of GST and are in Australian Dollars

Payment Total: \$ _____

Please forward registration form and a cheque or bank draft in Australian Dollars for the total registration fee (payable to Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children) to:

Clinical & Research Perspectives in Developmental Neuropsychology
Developmental Cognitive Neuropsychology Research Unit
The Children's Hospital at Westmead
Locked Bag 4001
WESTMEAD NSW 2145 AUSTRALIA

All enquires should be emailed to decog@chw.edu.au

Location

The conference will be held at The Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW), Cnr of Hawkesbury & Hainsworth Rds, Westmead. Room details and a map of location will be sent on receipt of registration. Please note The Children's Hospital at Westmead is a separate campus from Westmead Hospital though located adjacent to it along Hawkesbury Road.

A map is available on the CHW website at www.chw.edu.au/about/location/. This website also contains additional information about travel to and from the hospital.

Transport

Westmead is about 10 minutes drive from Parramatta, and about 45-60 minutes from the centre of Sydney via the M4 or M2 motorway. Travel via both motorways incurs a toll of \$2.20 for the M4 and \$3.80 on the M2.

Parking

The availability of parking at CHW is limited. The carpark is located past the main entrance on Hainsworth Street, and is clearly signposted. Parking costs \$12 per day and is payable before exiting. Parking is also available at Westmead Hospital campus and is accessible via coin operated boom gates. The fee is \$6 per day and correct change is required on entry. The Westmead Hospital carpark is a 5 minute walk from CHW campus. Street parking is extremely limited.

Train

Westmead railway station is approximately 10-15 minutes walk from CHW. Trains from Central Station in the centre of Sydney take approximately 45 minutes. For timetable and fare information for train travel phone 131500 or visit www.131500.com.au.

Ferry

The Parramatta River Cat departs from Circular Quay in the centre of Sydney and travels to Parramatta via Rydalmere. Travel time from Circular Quay is about 50 minutes. A shuttle

bus is available at Parramatta Wharf for travel to CHW. Bus travel time is approximately 20 minutes. For timetable and fare information for ferry travel phone 131500 or visit www.131500.com.au.

Shuttlebus

The red and yellow Westbus shuttlebus (number 609,711 or 717) travels to CHW approximately every 20-30 minutes. It connects with rail and ferry interchanges at Parramatta. For timetable information visit www.westbus.com.au

Accommodation

The following motels/hotels are located convenient to CHW. For accommodation in the centre of Sydney a website is available at www.sydney.citysearch.com.au/section/visitor-guide. For accommodation listed below please co-ordinate all reservations directly with the hotel/motel and ask for corporate/government rate where applicable. Rates below are correct at time of printing but are subject to change.

Best Western Wesley Lodge Ph: +61 2 96351233
175 Hawkesbury Road, Westmead
www.wesleylodge.com.au
\$110 per night (Deluxe)
\$120 per night (Executive)

Crowne Plaza Parramatta Ph: +61 2 9689 3333
30 Phillip Street, Parramatta
\$195 per night (room only) Government Rate

Pacific International Suites Parramatta Ph +61 2 9685 1600
Cnr Parkes Street & Valentine Avenue, Parramatta
\$149 per night (room only)
\$159 per night (includes breakfast)
www.pacificinhotels.com/suites_parramatta



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