



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Sustainability Sunday - Delivering a Sustainable Dermatology Conference**

The Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) is hosting their Annual Scientific Meeting at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney this weekend.

The conference has attracted over 1500 attendees, including exhibitors and as part of their commitment to pursuing socially and environmentally responsible business practices, ACD has been focused on making the event as sustainable as possible.

In order to highlight the importance of sustainability in practice ACD has earmarked today as Sustainability Sunday. In addition to the sustainability initiatives in place for the duration of the conference, Sustainability Sunday will feature a sustainably sourced menu, specially curated by ICC's in-house Director of Culinary Services Lynell Peck.

Alongside the sustainable lunch menu, ACD's Environmental Sustainability Group hosted a lunch time meet and greet where attending dermatologists were invited to share their ideas for more sustainable dermatology practice.

"ACD is committed to pursuing socially and environmentally responsible business practices that contribute to sustainability" ACD President, Dr Clare Tait said. "We are also committed to fostering these practices in our Fellows and trainees".

"We are pleased to be working with ICC and their sustainability partners to deliver a conference where attendees and exhibitors can all contribute to the minimisation of our carbon footprint" Dr Tait said.

"The past few years of COVID-19 restrictions have highlighted the value of being able to provide a valuable in-person networking and learning experience for our attendees. Minimising our carbon footprint whilst still delivering an outstanding experience is the focus of this conference" Dr Tait said.

Attendees and exhibitors at the conference are being encouraged to contribute to minimising their carbon footprint by producing exhibition stands and marketing collateral from recycled materials, donating left over sample products suitable for donation through the onsite donation bins to women's shelters, donation of any food not utilised during the meeting to homeless shelters, using the colour coded waste management systems to dispose of waste thoughtfully and water stations where attendees can refill their own refillable flasks.

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**About the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD):**

The ACD is the peak medical college accredited by the Australian Medical Council for the training and professional development of medical practitioners in the specialty of dermatology. They provide authoritative information about dermatology to Government, the media, other health professionals and the general public.

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