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Sunday 1 March 2026 – Welcome

Time	Topic
5:00pm	Welcome Reception - Exhibition Hall <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> Sponsored by  </div>

Monday 2 March 2026 – Education Day

Time	Topic
8:30am – 8:45am	Welcome
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 5px;"> ASSEA FAMANZ </div>
8:45am – 10:00am	<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1; padding-right: 10px;"> <p>Technology session Deep dive – what’s out there? What problems could be solved with innovation?</p> </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>Risk Assessment for Elongate Mineral Particles (EMPs): Scientific Findings and Practical Methodology <u>Presenter: Andrey Korchevskiy</u> Asbestos and other fibrous minerals remain critical occupational and environmental concerns. This session introduces frameworks for exposure assessment and risk characterisation, including quantitative risk models for mesothelioma and lung cancer across varied scenarios. Participants will learn to distinguish asbestiform fibres from cleavage fragments and explore relative potency among mineral types. Through real-world case studies, the session addresses risk acceptability criteria for workers and the general population, with examples such as tremolite in talc, legacy asbestos in buildings, community exposure near former mines or plants, and naturally occurring asbestos at recreational sites. <i>Travel arrangements sponsored by</i>  </p> </div> </div>
10:00am – 10:30am	Morning Tea – Exhibition Hall
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10:00am – 12:00pm	<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1; padding-right: 10px;"> <p>Technology session Deep dive – what’s out there? What problems could be solved with innovation?</p> </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>Workshop continued <u>Presenter: Andrey Korchevskiy</u></p> </div> </div>



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12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch – Exhibition Hall	
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1:00pm – 2:30pm	Cradle to Grave: The asbestos lifecycle (live build)	Exposure monitoring for asbestos fibres Presenters: <u>Linda Apthorpe and Samantha O’Callaghan</u> This session will explore the critical role of air monitoring in managing asbestos risks and projects. The session will cover sampling methodologies, and analytical techniques for detecting airborne asbestos fibres, it will highlight practical considerations for monitoring programs, interpreting results, and ensuring compliance with health and safety standards.
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Afternoon Tea – Exhibition Hall	
	ASSEA	FAMANZ
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Cradle to Grave: The asbestos lifecycle (live build)	Enclosure management – the good, the bad and the ugly Presenters: <u>Kevin White, Samuel Jackson and Libby Nanai</u> Enclosure management is critical for safe asbestos removal, but projects rarely go exactly as planned. This session is for removalists (and those who want to learn more) and presented by removalists. It explores best practices for designing and maintaining enclosures, including negative pressure systems and integrity testing, supported by real-world case studies of projects that faced unexpected challenges. Learn how to troubleshoot failures, adapt to changing site conditions, and implement contingency plans without compromising safety or compliance.

EDUCATION DAY – ASSEA Workshop Overviews

What technologies to support proactive removal of asbestos are available and emerging? What others are required? And what obstacles and opportunities impact implementation?

ASSEA’s 2030 Blueprint describes a risk-based, proactive approach to asbestos removal that is safe, feasible, and accepted.



A key strategy for accelerating the rate of removal from Australia's built environment is the use of new technologies on every step of the asbestos waste journey. New hand-held devices are coming onto the market to facilitate accurate detection of asbestos-containing materials quickly and in situ. Air monitoring devices are being developed to detect fibres in the air. New technologies are being developed to process asbestos waste into products and materials that no longer are harmful. In this workshop, new and emerging technologies will be reviewed and their implementation discussed in context. Those technologies are being developed in Australia and internationally.

This workshop is a chance to gain insights into what is happening across Australia and around the world, and to provide on-the-ground insights to help inform guidance, developed by ASSEA, about the use of new devices, the contexts in which they can be used, and how. The economics of a more technological approach to asbestos removal also will be considered, especially around disaster management, waste handling, and disposal.

Where is the current system working well and where is it failing?

Australia's Asbestos National Strategic Plan 2024-2030 aims to promote an increased rate of asbestos removal where exposure risks are controlled at each step of the asbestos journey – from accurate in-situ identification through to safe removal and disposal.

Join this workshop for a deep dive into what is needed for an effective end-to-end asbestos system, including regulatory requirements, industry practices, workforce capacity and capability. This is a great opportunity to share your experiences on what works and what doesn't. Your insights will further inform national actions and ASSEA's 2030 Blueprint for a risk-based, proactive asbestos removal approach that is safe, feasible and accepted.



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Tuesday, 3 March 2026 – Conference Day One

Time	Topic		
8:30am – 8:45am	Conference Open – Conference Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome to Country- ASBESTOS 2026 Conference Co-Chairs		
8:45am – 9:00am	Opening address		
9:00am – 9:30am	Opening Keynote Presenter: Paul Signorelli OAM, Founder and Executive Chairman, Biaggio Signorelli Foundation		
9:30am – 10:20am	Keynote Speaker 1 Presentation Topic: Early detection of mesothelioma and advances in treatment Presenter: Assoc Professor Anthony Linton, Academic and Research Director, Asbestos and Dust Diseases Research Institute		
10:20am – 10:50am	Morning Tea – Exhibition Hall		
AWARENESS – building knowledge and understanding			
10:50am – 11:40am	Keynote Speaker 2 Presentation Topic: Global standards and new analytical technologies Presenter: Frank Ehrenfeld, Director of Technical Services, Eurofins Built Environment Testing		
11:40am – 12:20pm	Keynote Speaker 3 Presentation Topic: Defining the problem: fibrous minerals, asbestiform fibres, cleavage fragments and elongated mineral particles. Presenter: Dr Laurie Glossop, Director, Glossop Consulting		
12:20pm – 1:20pm	Lunch – Exhibition Hall		
Concurrent Sessions			
Themes	International Challenges	Asbestos Evidence Base	Understanding Risk
1:20pm – 1:40pm	Title: TBC Presenter: TBC	Title: Australian Worker Exposure Survey Presenter: Phillp Wise	Title: Thinking ‘outside the box’ – all the time! Specific asbestos investigation techniques during very reactive, high risk and/or ‘client-perceived’ emergency situations in the workplace Presenter: Jason Green

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1:45pm – 2:05pm	Title: Presenter: TBC	Title: Seeing the unseen – data-powered asbestos eradication in Victoria Presenter: Ben Davis	Title: Asbestos, Asbestos Everywhere and Even the Beaches Aren't Spared Presenter: Dr Terri-Ann Berry
2:05pm – 2:25pm	Title: Presenter: TBC	Title: TEM Analysis - From Knowing Nothing to Knowing Something Presenter: Matthew Owen	Title: Climate Change Impacts on ACMs Presenter: Shai Malone
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Afternoon Tea – Exhibition Hall		
3:00pm – 3:20pm	FAMANZ Competency framework		
3:20pm – 4:10pm	Keynote Speaker 4 Presentation Topic: Respiratory Protection: What you need to know: Australia's new respiratory protection standards Presenter: Mark Reggers, Chair of the SF-010 Respiratory Protection Australian Standards Committee		
4:10pm – 5:00pm	Panel Session Discussion Topic: Health risk assessment of mineral fibres Panellists: TBC		
5pm	Day 1 Close		
6:30pm – 10:30pm	Gala Event and Awards evening Doltone House Darling Island	Sponsored by 	

Wednesday, 4 March 2026 – Conference Day Two

Time	Topic
8:30am – 8:50am	FAMANZ Update Presenter: Brian Eva, FAMANZ Chair
8:50am – 9:10am	ASSEA Update Presenter: Jodie Deakes, Chief Executive Officer, ASSEA
9:10am – 9:20am	Active Environmental Solutions 2025 Award winner presentation Presenter: Dr Terri-Ann Berry, MSAA Trust
9:20am – 9:30am	AirMet Scientific Derek Miller Award winner presentation Presenter: Pierina Otness
ACTION – Best Practice & Practical Solutions	
9:30am – 10.15am	Keynote Speaker 5 Presentation Topic: Review of Asbestos Regulations and Update on Silica Regulations Presenter: Marie Boland, Chief Executive Officer, Safe Work Australia



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10:15am – 10:45am	Morning tea - Exhibition Hall		
Concurrent Sessions			
Themes	Asbestos Removal	Preventing Exposure	Innovating Action
10:45am – 11:05am	Title: Asbestos removal and demolition of herbarium and recovery of materials (case study) Presenter: Kevin White	Title: Integrating Health Surveillance and ALARP Evaluation in Asbestos Cleaning Manpower Planning: Evidence from Refinery & Petrochemical Subholding Presenter: M. Rifki Al Ikhsan	Title: Progress in Real-Time Asbestos Detection: Updates on our Novel Fluorescence Asbestos Sensor Presenter: Erik Schartner
11:10am – 11:30am	Title: Negative air systems: New Technologies - Particulate analysis tools Presenter: Stuart Keer-Keer	Title: Reclaiming and reuse of timber from asbestos removal/demolition jobs Presenter: Jeremy Trotman	Theme: AI advances in photo analysis, building analysis, report quality checking, customer service, agentic AI Title: AI Innovations for Asbestos Surveyors Presenter: Robin Bennet
11:35am – 11:55am	Title: How Blind Spots in WHS Regulations Enable Unverifiable Asbestos Air Monitoring Results Presenter: Richard Wilkinson	Title: From Guidance to Practice: Learnings from Implementing the National Guide for Asbestos Surveys Across Complex Portfolios Presenter: Sebastian Tiller	Title: Machine Learning-Based System for Identifying Asbestos-Cement Roofing Presenter: Malgorzata Krowczynska
11:55am – 12:45pm	Lunch – Exhibition Hall		
IMPACT – Health, Care & Future Outcomes			
12:45pm – 1:30pm	Keynote Speaker - 6 Presentation Topic: Managing our asbestos legacy into the future - a practical regulatory approach to waste recovery and recycling Presenter: Carolyn Walsh		



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Concurrent Sessions			
Themes	Understanding and communicating future asbestos risk	Improving health outcomes through novel treatments and care plans	Managing our asbestos legacy into the future.
1:30pm – 1:50pm	Title: The Australian Mesothelioma Registry – overview and update Presenter: Tim Driscoll	Title: Enhancing immunotherapy efficacy in pleural mesothelioma through gut microbiome modulation Presenter: Huaikai Shi	Title: Influencing Decision Makers: Best Practices for Asbestos Removal and Environmental Governance in the EU Presenter: Ewa Wilk
1:55pm – 2:15pm	Title: Reducing uncertainty in exposure risk assessment Presenter: Pierina Otness	Title: Novel circular RNA biomarker signatures to facilitate an improved diagnosis of pleural mesothelioma Presenter: Ben Johnson	Title: Regional ACM waste disposal in Western Australia Presenter: Samuel Jackson & Kevin White
2:20pm – 2:40pm	Title: Building future ready global asbestos expertise Presenter: Johnathan Grant	Title: Patterns of female pleural mesothelioma diagnoses in Australia: Emerging trends and implications for care. Presenter: Pamela Logan	Title: EPR Renewal of Asbestos-Cement Pipelines Presenter: Steve Nash
2:40pm – 3:00pm	Afternoon Tea – Exhibition Hall		
3:00pm – 3:45pm	Keynote Speaker 7 Presentation Topic: Asbestos related disease – What we don’t know. Presenter: Assoc Professor Peter Franklin, Director Occupational Respiratory Epidemiology, University of Western Australia		
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Panel Session Discussion Topic: Are asbestos related regulations future proof? Presenter: Peter Franklin, Carolyn Walsh, Rob McAllister, Julia Collins Facilitator: Jackii Shepherd		
4:30pm	Conference close – FAMANZ and ASSEA		