

HTNA 30th Annual Scientific Meeting on Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine The Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart — September 7th to 9th 2022

Going To The Extreme

#### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

## Dr Richard Harris SC, OAM



### **Mr Chris Lemons**



In June 2018, a few days after a boy's football team went missing in Thailand's fourth longest cave system, Dr Richard Harris, an Anaesthetist from Adelaide, applied his rare combination of cave-diving and critical care skills in the resulting rescue mission.

Established relationships in the international cave rescue community, allowed site British experts to specifically request his expertise to assist with the extraction of the boys and their coach.

In 2018 the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, awarded 'Harry' the Pask Award (his most cherished award!), in recognition of his bravery during the cave rescue of the Wild Boar football team. The Edgar Pask citation is given to those who've rendered distinguished service, either with gallantry in the performance of their clinical duties, in a single meritorious act, or consistently and faithfully over a long period.

Whilst he still practices medicine, life is very different now for Harry as he pursues his interest in documentary film making. Chris has been a commercial diver for over 14 years, and currently specialises in deep sea Saturation diving, operating almost exclusively in the Oil and Gas Industry. This highly specialised form of diving involves living in the claustrophobic confines of a decompression chamber for up to 28 days at a time, commuting daily to the sea bed in a diving bell, and working at depths of up to 900 feet for 6 hours at a time.

In September of 2012, a freak failure of the dynamic positioning system of the vessel he was working under, resulted in the umbilical which provides him with breathing gas, light and heat being severed completely. He was left on the seabed, in complete darkness 300 feet below the surface, with only the 5 minutes of breathing gas he carried in the emergency tanks on his back, and no way to protect himself from the freezing temperatures.

Chris was resigned to ending his days alone in the dark water knowing every breath was potentially his last. It took his heroic rescuers over 40 minutes to come back and fetch him, and his miraculous survival story has baffled experts ever since.

His extraordinary story was subsequently immortalised in the hit Netflix/BBC documentary 'Last Breath,' whilst Chris continues to dive to this day.

Chris was born in Edinburgh, raised in Cambridge, and now lives in the Scottish Highlands with his wife and daughter.

#### **ADDITIONAL INVITED SPEAKERS**

Prof David Smart, AM
Dr Juan Carlos Ascencio-Lane
Dr Darren Meehan

Prof Michael Bennett, AM
Dr Alicia Tucker
Ms Joanna Smart

Prof David Cooper
Dr Elizabeth Elliott
Tom Workman

Keep an eye on the HTNA website as we update the program with more speakers as the program evolves!

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

## Wednesday September 7th 2022

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	DAY ONE MORNING SESSION	
0800—0900	Conference Registration	
0900—1000	HTNA/ANZHMG Annual General Meeting	
1000—1030	Morning Tea	١,
1000—1130	Conference Registration	
1130—1230	Lunch	1
	DAY ONE AFTERNOON SESSION	
1230—1300	Opening Address—HTNA President	
1300—1500	Invited speakers presentations	
1500—1530	Afternoon Tea	
1530—1730	Invited speakers presentations	
1830—2030	Molnlycke Cocktail Party — Henry Jones—IXL Atrium	









### **Thursday September 8th 2022**

	DAY TWO MORNING SESSION	
0800—0850	Conference Registration	
0850—1030	Invited & guest speakers presentations	
1030—1055	Morning Tea	
1055—1200	Invited speaker presentation	
1200—1300	Lunch	
	DAY TWO AFTERNOON SESSION	
1300—1445	Invited speaker presentation	
1445—1515	Afternoon Tea	
1500—1610	Guest speakers presentations	7
1610—1700	Keynote speaker Mr Richard Harris — Thai Cave Rescue	Т
1830—2030	ConvaTec Murder Mystery — The WaterLine Lounge	



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# Friday September 9th 2022

	DAY THREE MORNING SESSION
0800—0900	Conference Registration
0900—1015	Invited speakers presentations
1015—1030	Morning Tea
1030—1200	Guest speakers presentations
1200—1300	Lunch
	DAY THREE AFTERNOON SESSION
1300—1350	Keynote speaker Mr Richard Harris — Hydrogen in Deep Bounce Diving
1350—1420	Afternoon Tea
1420—1550	Keynote speaker Mr Chris Lemons — Last Breath
1600—1700	Reports from Individual Hyperbaric Facilities & Closing Address—HTNA President
1900—2300	Conference Dinner— The Hobart Function Centre













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