



SMBE 2024
The 33rd Annual
Biomedical Engineering Conference
“The Country Technicians’ Training Seminar”

*Celebrating the Biomedical Engineering Team’s Contribution to
Advances in Healthcare over the Past 33 Years*



Dates: 24th to 27th March 2024

Venue: Panthers Port Macquarie

1 Bay Street

Port Macquarie NSW 2444

What's it about?

The annual SMBE (NSW) training seminar is a not-to-be missed event for biomedical engineering personnel to meet and discuss common issues affecting their services, attend specialist training sessions on current and emerging technologies and to develop networking contacts.

What's on?

Technical Sessions on...

- New and emerging technologies,
- Service and support – managing your department,
- Clinical measurement and equipment,
- Clinical topics,
- Professional development – education and training,
- Technology management & integration of BME & IT, and
- “How to...” workshops conducted by trade exhibitors & sponsors.

Trade Exhibition

Companies, large and small will be there showing their latest test tools, medical equipment, software and repair services.

Hands-on training provided by medical equipment suppliers

Hands-on technical training returns again this year and as usual it will be provided by our sponsors and trade exhibitors.

What else is on?

Welcome Reception

The welcome BBQ will be held from 6.30pm on Sunday 24th March 2024 at Panthers, Port Macquarie.

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will be held at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on the evening of Monday 25th March 2024 at a venue to be confirmed.

SMBE (NSW) Annual General Meeting

Members of the SMBE (NSW) are invited to attend the SMBE (NSW) Annual General Meeting which will be held during the seminar.

The AGM will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 26th March, 2024 at the Conference venue.

Note: This is not an election year.

About Port Macquarie and the Mid-North Coast

Port Macquarie is a town at the mouth of the Hastings River on the mid-north coast of New South Wales, Australia. The climate is mild with average temperatures ranging from 18 degrees C to 25 degrees C in the month of March. "Port" as the locals call it, is a family holiday destination for thousands of tourists in the summer but it also has plenty of venues for a lively night life.

It's known for its beaches, wildlife and penal colony past. St. Thomas' Anglican Church was built by convicts in the 19th century.

A coastal walk from the town centre to the 19th-century Tacking Point Lighthouse offers views over waters home to whales and dolphins. Billabong Zoo is known for its koala breeding centre.

Getting there...

Easily accessed by road, rail and air, it really is a beautiful place and certainly **the place to be** in March 2024.

Travelling by car:

- Drive from Sydney via the M1 and Pacific Hwy/A1 (387 km)
- Drive from Melbourne via the Hume Highway M31 to Sydney and then the M1/A1 (1253 km)
- Drive from Brisbane via the M1 and Pacific Hwy/A1 (544 km)

Travelling by plane: Fly from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth to Port Macquarie Airport.

Travelling by bus: There are cheap bus options available. Premier and Greyhound services operating between Sydney and Brisbane stop in Port Macquarie.

Where can you stay?

The conference, welcome BBQ and dinner venues are in the heart of Port Macquarie where a wide range of accommodation types are to be found.

Check out the usual websites: www.wotif.com.au , www.booking.com , www.trivago.com.au , www.stayz.com.au , www.tripadvisor.com or www.lastminute.com.au

Registration

Financial member of SMBE (NSW) 2018 – 2020	\$200.00
Current financial member of Engineers Australia or another SMBE (Proof of membership required)	\$250.00
Non-member & non-financial member of SMBE (NSW)	\$350.00
Students undertaking relevant full time studies (Proof of studies required)	\$165.00
Day Registration for Monday or Tuesday - per day rate	\$110.00
Day Registration for Wednesday - per day rate	\$65.00
Accompanying Person to Conference Dinner	\$110.00
Accompanying Person to Welcome BBQ	\$55.00

Call for papers

SMBE NSW Inc is calling for Biomedics and industry representatives to submit papers for presentation at the SMBE 2024 conference. All presenters will receive complimentary registration for the conference. Please submit ideas for presentations to the Hon. Secretary (Bruce Morrison) at secretary@smbensw.org.au