ANZFSS NSW Branch Mini Symposium

Wednesday, 21 October 2026 | RESHub, University of Technology Sydney

Speed talk format: 5-minute presentation + 2-minute Q&A (7 minutes per presenter)

5:30-6:00 pm	**Arrival and registration for presenters** **Refreshments and informal networking**
6:00-6:10 pm	**Welcome and opening remarks**

Session 1

Time	Presenter	Presentation title
6:10 pm-6:17 pm	Diana Marshall	Using bacteria to estimate time since death
6:17 pm-6:24 pm	Maggie Clifton	Exploration of Foundational Knowledge of 3D Printed Toolmarks to Attribute 3D Printer Source
6:24 pm-6:31 pm	Guillaume Grenier	Navigating the Scene: Challenges in Trace Acquisition on Cryptomarkets
6:31 pm-6:38 pm	Hayley (Chae Rin) Song	Evolution of Handwriting Examination by Integrating with Forensic Intelligence: Beyond Human Intervention
6:38 pm-6:45 pm	Teresa Tiedge	Assessment of Forensic Evidence Used in Wildlife Cases in the Australian Judicial System
6:45 pm-6:52 pm	Kate Maddox	Same swab material, same swab performance? Comparison study of rayon swabs for Forensic DNA testing in NSW: Not all swabs are the same
6:52 pm-6:59 pm	Adheela Saifulla	Investigating Diamond™ Dye to Inform Best Practices for Trace DNA Recovery on Non-Porous Substrates
6:59 pm-7:06 pm	Leonie Giesler	Gloves as a vector for secondary DNA transfer between household surfaces
7:06 pm-7:13 pm	Araminta Abercromby	A sticky situation: assessing the downstream implications of tape lifting for DNA traces on latent fingermarks for development with 1,2-indanedione-zinc
7:13 pm-7:20 pm	Caitlin Rough	It was innocent: investigating the influence of fingermark age on faux bloody fingermark formation
7:20 pm – 7:26 pm	Margaret Maroon	Towards Standardised Fingermark Deposition: Evaluating Prosthetic Devices and Residue Simulants

7:30-7:45 pm	**Networking and refreshments**

Session 2

Time	Presenter	Presentation title
7:45 pm – 7:52 pm	Yingxiu Guo	A meta-analysis approach to improving Bayesian Networks for gunshot residue evaluation
7:52 pm – 7:59 pm	Ciara Di Scala	Comparison of algorithms for kinship inference using the Verogen ForenSeq® Kintelligence Kit
7:59 pm – 8:06 pm	Marina Charest	Exploring the role of rapid chemical profiling using NIR spectroscopy in forensic drug intelligence
8:06 pm – 8:13 pm	Minnuo (Min) Zhang	Assessing the accuracy and reliability of digital location traces from an iPhone 13 Pro Max
8:13 pm – 8:20 pm	Fatima Hassan	The Recognition and Classification of Crime Scene Exhibits using Automated GenAI Systems
8:20 pm – 8:27 pm	Matthew Leach	Persistence of Textile Fibres in Marine Environments
8:27 pm – 8:34 pm	Stefania Longo	The Occurrence of Anagen Hairs in Domestic Settings: Establishing Background Data from Bedroom and Bathroom Environments
8:34 pm – 8:41 pm	Mahsa Vaez Zadeh	Evaluation of DNA Recovery from Forensic Swabs Through Mechanical Modification of Extraction Protocols
8:41 pm – 8:48 pm	Rachael Hoffmann	An Integrated Evaluation of Trace DNA Recovery, Investigative Utility and Practitioner Decision-Making
8:48 pm – 8:55 pm	Kym Luke	From One-Off Study to Continuous Monitoring: Benchmarking Forensic Performance in NSW between 2015 and 2026
8:55 pm – 9:02 pm	S/Cst Penny Snars	A verification study of RSID™ Urine as a presumptive screening tool for forensic examinations.

9:05-9:10pm	**Judging deliberation**
9:20 pm	**Awards and closing remarks** **Presentation awards, acknowledgements and event close**

Event concludes at 9:30 pm sharp