

ANZCCART Conference 2026

Pre-Conference Tours – Tuesday 20 October 2026

Bookings for all Tours are through Eventbrite – see the website for the link.

- Tour itineraries and other details are subject to change.
- The tours are only available to delegates attending the conference in person.
- Due to limited capacity, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis once bookings open.
- Please do not apply for more than one tour – this helps ensure availability for as many delegates as possible.
- Costs are for transport only.
- Sessions may be combined if there is insufficient interest.
- Refunds will not be available for bookings cancelled less than 7 days before the tour.

TOUR 1: UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY CHARLES PERKINS CENTRE - BIOLOGICAL SERVICES UNIT

The Charles Perkins Centre is a multidisciplinary initiative focused on reducing the burden of chronic disease through collaborative, systems-based research. Within the Centre, Laboratory Animal Services (LAS) supports high-quality animal research for both internal and external partners through a team of technicians, facility officers, and veterinarians. The tour will showcase state-of-the-art rodent and large animal facilities, along with advanced preclinical imaging and hybrid theatre environments.

The following prerequisites for entry and also a confidentiality agreement are required for this tour. The relevant forms will be emailed to you and collected on the day of the tour.

- Not having entered another animal facility 48hrs prior to your visit
- Not owning rodents as pets
- Q Fever declaration for the large animal facility and masks will be supplied.
- Confidentiality agreement.

10.00 - 11.30am

12.30 - 2.0pm

Meet the Tour Host in the Rydges Hotel Lobby.

Cost: \$30 (includes bus transport)

TOUR 2: BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Australia's first museum, the Australian Museum, has a collection of more than 22 million specimens and objects and is home to the Australian Museum Research Institute (AMRI). AMRI specialises in taxonomy, genomics, ecology, and conservation projects that seek to better understand and protect Australia's extraordinary biodiversity.

Join this rare opportunity to go beyond the public galleries and see the science firsthand in a behind-the-scenes tour of the AMRI facilities and collections and also meet the scientists that work there. Numbers are limited.

10.00 – 11.15am

Transport: Meet the Tour Host in the Rydges Hotel Lobby.
The Museum is a 10-minute walk from the Hotel through Hyde Park.

Cost: Free for Conference delegates (registration required).

TOUR 3: UNSW RANDWICK ANIMAL SERVICES

The University of New South Wales is home to two purpose-adapted animal research facilities at its Randwick campus, supporting world-class biomedical research in surgical orthopaedic science, biomedical engineering and optometry. The facilities provide high-quality housing and care for rabbits and sheep sourced from interstate and rural suppliers, with a dedicated team of Animal Services technicians supporting their welfare throughout surgical procedures and recovery.

Join this unique opportunity to tour a sheep and rabbit holding facility at the heart of one of Australia's most prominent universities and discover the initiatives our team has implemented to optimise animal housing, enrichment and nutrition.

11.00am - 12:00pm

2.00 - 3.00pm

Meet the Tour Host in the Rydges Hotel Lobby.

Cost: \$30 (includes bus transport)

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