

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE & AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS

Cordially invite you to attend their joint

2023 ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' DINNER

Friday 6th October 2023

Concord Golf Club, 190 Majors Road, Concord NSW

Cost: \$110 RACI/AIP Members & Partners; \$130 Non-members

Event information

Join us for the second joint Presidents' Dinner between the NSW Branches of the RACI and the AIP in an evening of celebration, networking and recognition marked by the presentation of following awards.

- RACI NSW Branch 2023 President's Award
- Nyholm Youth Lecturer Award

Our members and guests will be treated to a generous 3-course meals and a line-up of exceptional presenters. The RACI and AIP have a growing history of joint events bringing together exceptional speakers providing our members and guests with informative talks and stimulating conversation in a relaxed and social environment. We do hope you can join us!

Registration closes 29th September 2023

Presenters:

Dr Devika Kamath ARC DECRA

Fellow, Senior Lecturer in Astronomy and Astrophysics
Macquarie University

Mr Dave Sammut

Coordinator of the RACI Careers & Mentoring Program

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Schedule

5:30pm Arrival, Registration and Cash Bar drinks if required

6:00pm Welcome from the NSW Branch President of RACI (Dr Nigel Lengkeek) and NSW Branch Chair of AIP
(Professor Michael Lerch)

6:15pm Entrée served

6:45pm Guest speaker – Mr Dave Sammut on 10 years of RACI Careers & Mentoring

7:10pm RACI President's Award Presentation

7:20pm Main course (alternate menu)

8:00pm Guest speaker – Dr Devika Kamath, Macquarie University

8:45pm Dessert / Tea / Coffee station

10:00pm Close

About our speakers

Dr Devika Kamath ARC DECRA Fellow, Senior Lecturer in Astronomy and Astrophysics Macquarie University

Dr. Devika Kamath is an Astrophysicist and Lecturer in Astronomy and Astrophysics at Macquarie University. She is internationally recognised for her work on observational studies of dying stars and their implications on the origin of elements in the Universe. As a child, her evenings included spending hours with her grandfather, pretending to navigate through oceans using the night sky, a sextant, and a telescope. Fascinated by stars, she decided to become an astronomer at the age of 13.

On winning the International Postgraduate Research Scholarship, she left her small town in South India, to pursue a Ph.D. (2013, Australian National University), where she pioneered a hunt for rare stellar fossils; dying stars. This provided a gateway to reconstruct the life of stars and investigate their evolution and alchemy. During her postdoctoral research fellowship (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium), her discovery of a new class of stars proved that the evolution of stars in our Universe is more diverse and complex than what standard theories predicted.

Dr. Kamath has recently been awarded the prestigious Australian Research Council DECRA fellowship to further develop her research. She has produced over 50 scientific publications and won competitive access to telescopes around the world, for an in-kind value of more than a million AUD. Alongside her research, she is actively involved in student training and outreach programmes which benefit Australia's STEM community.

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About our speakers cont.

Mr Dave Sammut, Coordinator of the RACI Careers & Mentoring Program

Dave Sammut has degrees in both science and business, and has worked for over 25 years in active R&D, R&D corporate management and commercialisation, and in professional communications to government and investor audiences.

Dave is an entrepreneur involved in multiple successful businesses in hydrometallurgy and government grant consulting. In his spare time, he is a feature writer for Chemistry in Australia magazine and runs RAC's Careers and Mentoring programs for students and early career STEM professionals.

Dave specialises in facilitating the effective communications between different technical and non-technical disciplines, with a track record in creating value through innovation."

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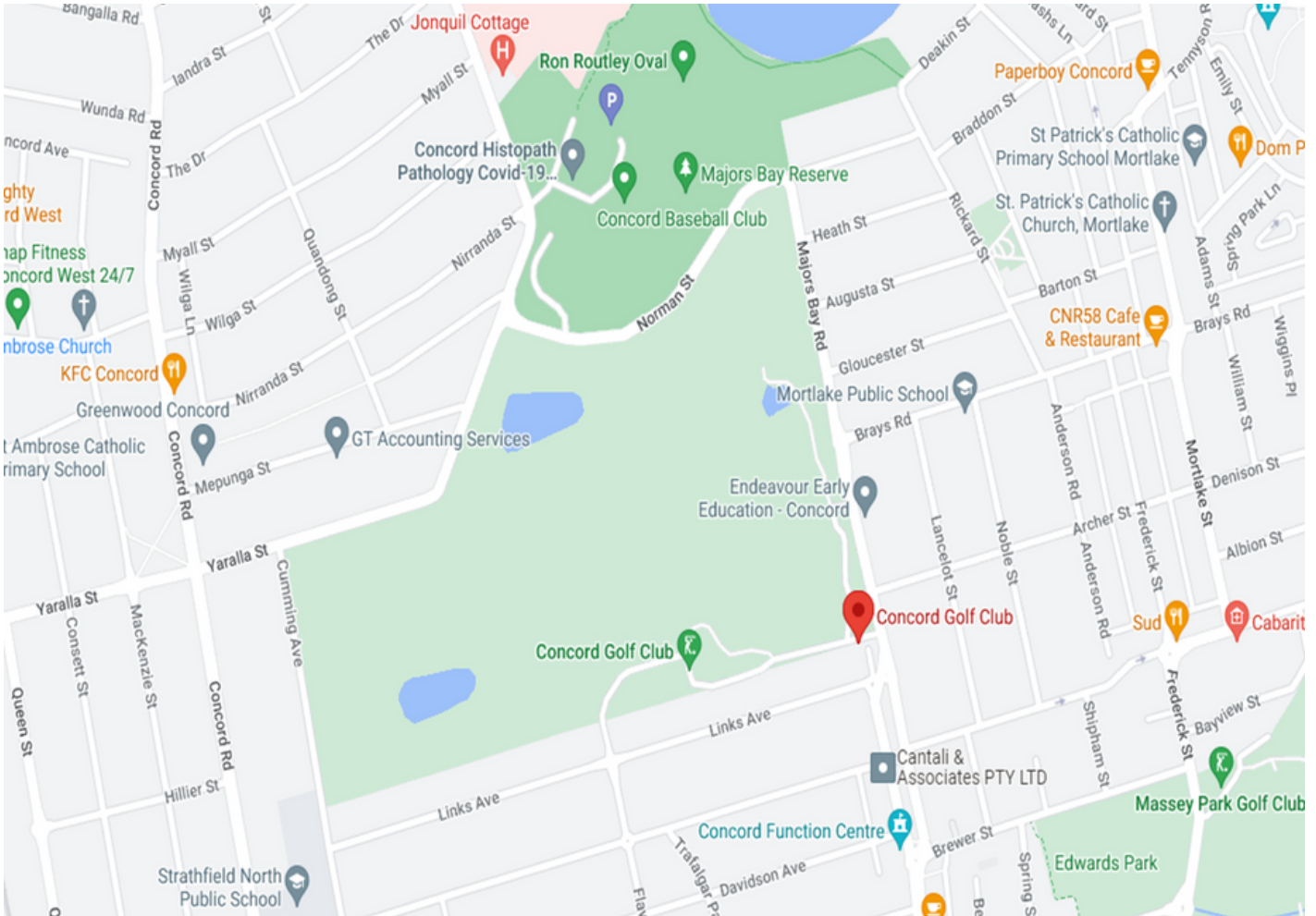
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