



SMBE 2026
***The 35th Annual Country Technicians’
Training Seminar and Conference***
“The Clinical Engineering Conference”
Albury/Wodonga 2026



Dates: 22 – 25 March 2026

Venue: Commercial Club, Albury
618 Dean St, Albury NSW 2640.

About the SMBE NSW Inc

The Society for Medical and Biological Engineering NSW Inc (SMBE NSW) was founded in 1966 to advance the cause of Biomedical Engineering in New South Wales.

Over the course of its history, SMBE NSW has become one of the largest Biomedical and Clinical Engineering organisations in Australia. SMBE NSW comprises biomedical engineers, technicians, managers and sales and service personnel from hospitals, service organisations and a wide range of medical equipment manufacturers and suppliers. Members come from not only NSW but many other states and territories of Australia.

About the Conference

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.

The annual Conference is the SMBE's main vehicle for networking and dissemination of knowledge on new equipment, technology and procedures. Annual seminars began in 1989 to bring much needed training and networking opportunities to the technicians working in regional and remote NSW. They now are well attended by city and country engineers and technicians across Australia.

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 22nd March 2026 in Albury. Venue TBA.

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will be held at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on the evening of Monday 23rd March 2026 at the Commercial Club, Albury.

SMBE (NSW) Annual Information Session

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

The Information Session will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 24th March, 2026 at the Conference venue.

Registration fees

Category	SMBE NSW Member	Kindred Society Member	Non-Member
Early Bird Registration (before 9 February)	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$300.00
Standard Registration (up to 14 March)	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Single Day Registration – Mon or Tues	\$110.00	\$125.00	\$130.00
Single Day Registration - Wed	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
Student Registration	\$150.00	N/A	N/A

Kindred societies include other SMBEs and Engineers Australia

Call for papers

SMBE NSW Inc is calling for Biomedics and industry representatives to submit papers for presentation at the SMBE 2026 conference. All presenters will receive complimentary registration for the conference. Please submit ideas for presentations to the President (Bruce Morrison) at president@smbensw.org.au

Some information about the Conference

Venue

The venue for the 2026 Conference will be the Commercial Club, Albury. This is the venue that the 2001 and 2011 conferences were held, and is located at 618 Dean St, Albury NSW 2640.

For general information about the venue contact the club on (02) 6057 2000.

Conference hours

The conference begins at 9:15am on Monday 23 March 2026 and runs until 12:30pm on Wednesday 25 March 2026. Sessions will conclude at 5:00pm on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March 2026.

Registration will commence from 8:00am on Monday 23 March 2026, although pre-registration may be available prior to the Welcome BBQ on Sunday evening 22 March 2026.

Some information about Albury and surrounding areas

Albury offers a blend of natural beauty, historical attractions, and cultural experiences, making it a good destination for a variety of travelers. Here are some facts about Albury

- Albury is a big city in the Murray region of New South Wales, Australia. ...
- Albury has about 53,677 people living in its urban area. ...
- The Wiradjuri people were the first known humans to live in the Albury area. ...
- Explorers Hume and Hovell reached the Murray River near Albury on November 16, 1824

Whether you're interested in exploring the outdoors, learning about the region's history, or enjoying the local arts scene, Albury has something to offer. Head north to discover the Holbrook Submarine, an unexpected marvel in the countryside. Enjoy the vibrant water tower mural and panoramic views from Morgan's Lookout in Walla Walla. Visit the Jindera Pioneer Museum for an immersive look into the region's pioneering history.

Travel east along The Great River Road, following the Murray River further upstream, for breathtaking vistas and charming villages. Explore the natural beauty of Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park and Cudgewa Bluff Falls.

Tour the renowned wineries of Rutherglen and enjoy award-winning pies and homemade gelato in the main street. Not a wine lover? Satisfy your taste buds at Corowa Whiskey and Chocolate. Journey to Beechworth, stopping at Woolshed Falls, to unveil the secrets of Victoria's gold rush. Visit the Old Beechworth Gaol, and taste nature's nectar at Beechworth Honey.

Natural wonders and adventures await in Bright. Ascend Mount Buffalo for breathtaking views and stop at Ladies Bath Falls for a refreshing dip

Albury Wodonga is surrounded by inviting landscapes and engaging tales. Let our team create a unique itinerary for your delegates to explore this beautiful region of Australia.

Getting there ...

Albury is easily accessed by road, rail and air. Located on the mighty Murray River, it is **the place to be** in March 2026.

Travelling by car:

- Drive from Sydney via the Hume Motorway/Hume Highway (M31) – 552km and 5 ½ hours.
- Drive from Melbourne via the Hume Motorway/Hume Highway (M31) – 310km and 3 ½ hours.
- Drive from Brisbane to Sydney via the M1 and then the M31 to Albury.

Travelling by bus:

- Several bus companies run daily services from Sydney and Melbourne to Albury

Travelling by plane:

- Fly from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Albury Airport on QantasLink.

Travelling by train:

- Catch a train from Sydney's Central Station to Albury – 7 ½ hours.
- Catch a train from Melbourne's Southern Cross Station to Albury – 3 ½ hours.

Accommodation

There are many choices for accommodation in the Albury/Wodonga area including:

Property Name	Phone Number	Category	Rating	No. of rooms	Location
Albury Commercial Golf Club Motel	02 6057 2850	Motel	4	77	5 minute drive to CBD
Astor Hotel Albury	02 60271922	Motel	3	45	70 min walk to Albury CBD
Atura Albury	02 60215366	Hotel	4	740	Albury CBD
Best Western Plus Hovell Tree Inn	02 6042 3900	Hotel	4.5	60	70 min walk to Albury CBD
Beer Deluxe	02 8322 2070	Hotel	4	78	Albury CBD
Mantra Albury Hotel	02 6048 8000	Hotel	4.5	746	Albury CBD
Mercure Albury	02 6027 6700	Hotel	4	60	Albury CBD
Quest Albury	02 60581700	Apartments	4.5	704	Albury CBD
Quest Albury on Townsend	02 60581700	Apartments	4.5	79	Albury CBD