



2018 NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE

Abstract submission guidelines

On behalf of the Landcare community, Landcare Australia is pleased to call for the submission of abstracts for presentations at the 2018 National Landcare Conference, to be held between 10 and 12 October 2018 at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

We are seeking presentations for the concurrent sessions that showcase the Landcare approach to agriculture and natural resource management and touch upon the conference theme of *'Landcare – Building a Better Tomorrow'*.

Anyone involved in Landcare is eligible to submit an abstract, and we encourage farmers, volunteers, Landcare groups, natural resource management organisations, primary industry representatives, environmentalists and conservationists, academics and researchers and anyone else besides to consider whether they have a Landcare story to share.

We are also seeking poster exhibits to display at the conference. These can be summaries of Landcare or natural resource management projects that illustrate the outcomes and lessons from a project that you would like to share with conference delegates.

The 2018 National Landcare Conference is being delivered by Landcare Australia through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Submission guidelines

The 2018 National Landcare Conference provides a unique forum for Landcarers to share information, partnerships and take new ideas back to their communities and workplaces that help contribute to a resilient agricultural and environmental future.

Authors are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words which concisely outlines the aims and content of their proposed presentation. This presentation could be delivered as a separate presentation or as a contribution to a panel discussion.

All abstracts are to be submitted electronically in accordance with the guidelines below and should be submitted by 11.59 pm (EST) on **Wednesday, 27 June 2018**. Authors may submit more than one paper, but the program is limited and your submission(s) may not be included in the conference program.

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The following topics are the core of the conference program and your presentation should link to one of these:

- **Sustainable Agriculture - Innovation and Conservation in a Changing Landscape** Community
- **Community in Action - Grassroots with a Purpose**
- **Partnerships - Collaboration for Successful Outcomes**
- **Environment - Improving and Protecting our Natural Assets**

Presentations across the themes that highlight international experiences are also encouraged, as well as those that deal with increasing participation or focus on the broader profiling of the Landcare community.

In reviewing abstracts Landcare Australia and our Conference Steering Committee will be looking to have a balance of ideas and topics across the themes. The final themes that will be determined for the conference will be guided by the abstracts submitted and the overall final conference program. If there is a topic you would like to present on that is not covered by the above, you are still encouraged to make a submission.

The lodgement of an abstract does not indicate automatic inclusion in the conference program. All authors/presenters must agree with the content of the submitted abstract and have consented to authorship and accuracy of all information and referencing. For accepted abstracts the author(s) provide the right for their formatted presentation or poster including any photos to be used by Landcare Australia. All accepted abstracts and papers will be made available on the conference website and be provided to delegates attending the conference.

The receipt and acceptance of abstracts will be acknowledged to the person submitting the abstract. Further communication will be with the submitting author only unless otherwise directed. The author(s) of those abstracts that are successful will be required to submit their presentation or poster by 11.59 pm (EST) on **Monday 10 September 2018**. Following feedback from Landcare Australia, all final presentation/posters must be submitted by 11.59pm (EST) on Monday 1 October 2018.

All online submissions for abstracts should include the following information, style and order:

- TITLE IN UPPER CASE
- Author(s) in upper and lower case
- Email addresses and telephone number (essential contact)
- Author affiliation: Where there is more than one author, indicate the different affiliation for each author
- All abbreviations must be spelt out
- Check spelling and grammar thoroughly
- Include the conference topic it relates to, as outlined above

The abstract should cover a brief description of the initiative/topic, the objective, method/approach, key findings and conclusions. Use sentence case.

All Word Document submissions for abstracts should include the following information, style and order:

- TITLE IN UPPER CASE
- Author(s) in upper and lower case
- Underline presenting author/s
- Given name(s) then surname
- Email addresses and telephone number (essential contact)
- Author affiliation: Where there is more than one author, indicate the different affiliation for each author
- All abbreviations must be spelt out
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- Include the conference topic it relates to, as outlined above

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Presentation type

Please indicate if you wish for your abstract to be accepted as an individual presentation, as part of a panel discussion (where it will be one of four to six presentations) or as a poster display. It is at the committee's discretion which papers are accepted for individual presentation.

The thematic concurrent sessions will be timed and facilitated. All successful presenters will be notified of their allocated speaking time for presentations once the conference agenda is confirmed.

Presenters selected for a concurrent session will be granted a one-day conference pass. These presenters will then be responsible for their own travel, accommodation and incidentals in respect to attending the conference.

Call for Abstracts timeline

7 May 2018	Call for Abstracts opens
27 June 2018	Call for Abstracts closes
20 July 2018	Successful applications notified
10 September 2018	Presentation/poster submitted to Landcare Australia
20 September 2018	Feedback on presentations/posters provided by Landcare Australia
1 October 2018	Final presentation/poster submitted to Landcare Australia

Frequently Asked Questions

For any questions not addressed here, please email abstracts@landcareaustralia.com.au .

What is the deadline for abstract submissions?

The deadline for abstract submissions is 11:59 PM (EST) on Wednesday, 27 June 2018.

How can I submit my abstract?

Abstracts can be submitted either online or by emailing a Word Document to abstracts@landcareaustralia.com.au

How many abstracts can I submit as author?

Authors may submit more than one paper, but the program is limited and your submission(s) may not be accepted.

What is the maximum length for the title of my abstract?

The length of the title should be no longer than 20 words.

How many words can be included in my abstract?

The body of your abstract should be no more than 500 words. Title, author names, and contact details are not included in the total.

Do I have to enter my abstract in a specific format?

Please submit your abstract online or email the Word Document to abstracts@landcareaustralia.com.au

Can I include a table with my abstract?

Yes, one table may be included in the abstract. All characters in the table count toward the total character count. No figures or images may be included.

Who do I contact if I have any questions about the abstract process?

Please read these questions and if your question is not answered please email abstracts@landcareaustralia.com.au or call the events team on 02 8440 8800.

Who is eligible to submit an abstract?

Anyone involved in Landcare is eligible to submit an abstract, and we encourage farmers, volunteers, Landcare groups, natural resource management organisations, primary industry representatives, environmentalists and conservationists, academics and researchers and anyone else besides to consider whether they have a Landcare story to share. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept abstracts from any commercial entity who may be looking to sell a product.

Can I revise my abstract after it has been submitted?

You may make any changes before the deadline date.

Is there an abstract submission fee?

No.

If I would like to withdraw my abstract what should I do?

If the author wishes to withdraw their abstract from the Conference program, a request must be submitted by 6 July 2018. Any abstract withdrawal requests after this date will be considered on a case-by-case basis and cannot be assured removal from the *Conference agenda*.

When and how will I receive notification about the status of my abstract in the program?

Notification regarding acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be sent to the email addressed used to submit the abstract by 25 July 2018. The final decision will be made by the Conference Steering Committee regarding acceptance and presentation of abstracts.