



17th National Rural Health CONFERENCE *Imagine, inspire & innovate*

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

If you would like to be on the program for the **17th National Rural Health Conference**, providing an abstract is the first step.

The theme of the 17th Conference is '**Rural Health: Inspire, Imagine & Innovate**' and the program will include a wide range of topics linking to this theme, and how they relate to the health of people in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia. For more information on the theme visit the [17NRHC Website](#)

Questions about the abstract process may be directed to nrhc@thinkbusinessevents.com.au.

Everything you need to know about the Conference can be found on the [17NRHC Website](#)

Categories

Abstracts are sought in the following categories:

Research	Research reports, using quantitative and/or qualitative/mixed methods
Service review	Practical reports of projects on the ground in rural/remote areas and models of successful service delivery
Policy	Analysis of public policies (not necessarily in the health sector) that impact on health in rural and remote areas.
Arts	Arts and health activities with a rural or remote angle.

Types of presentations for which abstracts can be submitted

For each abstract, authors are asked to indicate the type of presentation for which it is submitted, from the following options:

Oral presentation

A general presentation is a 20-minute oral presentation presented in one of the concurrent sessions.

Workshop presentation

A workshop will be allocated 60 minutes approx. within a concurrent session. Abstract is to include details of topic, presenter(s), process and desired outcome.

Lightning presentation

A lightning presentation is a 10-minute oral presentation presented in one of the concurrent sessions.

Poster presentation

The poster is displayed at the conference. The author(s) should be available at nominated times to discuss the poster's content with people at the conference.

Criteria for the assessment of abstracts

The criteria used by the Abstract Review Committee will be as follows:

- **Current and relevant:** the presentation will have an emphasis on and/or relevance to current health issues in rural and/or remote Australia (ie it is a paper for this conference, not another).
- **Analytical:** the presentation will provide more than a description of a program or service; it will draw out insights, what was learnt, recommend new policies and/or actions.
- **New knowledge:** it will provide new ideas or develop further what we already know or have shared previously (ie it is new news, not old news).
- **Conference theme and topics:** it will offer something significant or unique relating to the conference theme.
- **Broadening health:** it may promote understanding of the range of factors and disciplines that impact on the health and wellbeing of rural and remote people.
- **Quality:** it is of high quality scientifically and/or in other ways.

Potential topics

Note: this list is to illustrate the breadth of possible topics relevant to the conference. It is not a comprehensive list and is provided only as a guide to the current priority areas that abstracts (and then papers) might cover.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing
- Artificial intelligence
- Child and adolescent health
- Innovative models of care
- Carers/Health Consumers
- Chronic illness and disability
- Culturally safe environments
- Determinants of health
- Digital health
- Economic impact
- Environmental challenges /climate change impact
- Gender – specific and sexual health
- Mental health social and emotional wellbeing
- Oral health
- Palliative/end of life care
- Preventive health
- Progressing health through the arts
- Rural and remote health workforce issues, infrastructure, education and training
- Scope of practice
- Translating research into practice
- Innovative models
- Healthy ageing
- Maternal health and the first 2,000 days

Conditions relating to abstracts

- Author names should not appear on the abstract itself; all abstracts will go through a 'blind' selection process, with no reference to author or affiliation details.
- Abstracts should be no more than 400 words and uploaded electronically via the [Submission Portal](#).
- Authors may submit abstracts for more than one presentation with abstract acceptance being advised after the review process. Submitting one or more abstract is no guarantee of a place on the conference program.

Abstract Guidelines

- An abstract should summarise the important points of the proposed presentation to the conference and highlight the original content to be communicated. It needs to be concise yet informative, and contain an outline of the aims, methods, relevance, results, and conclusions of the work undertaken.
- Abstract titles should be no more than 12 words
- Abstracts should be submitted online and be no longer than 400 words
- Abstracts should not include author details. The blind-review process requires that the abstracts are anonymous. However, as part of the online submission process, you will be asked to provide author details separately.
- Abstracts should not include tables, figures, photos or references.
- Your abstract must be written in the English language.
- Ensure approval from any/all co-authors: The submitting presenter must ensure that all co-authors have read and approved the title, summary, presenter names and affiliations.
- Accept Terms and Conditions: outlined in submission portal

Submission Methods

Abstracts submissions will only be accepted via the online portal linked here: [Submission Portal](#)

Abstract Review Process

Following a blind-review process by the Abstract Review Committee, authors will be contacted about the status of their abstract (refer to 'Criteria for the assessment of abstracts'). Successful authors may be offered the presentation type of their choice either oral, lightening or poster presentation.

Successful abstracts

Authors of successful abstracts will be offered a place on the conference program. After accepting the offer to present at the conference authors will be required to:

- Successful abstracts will be included in the conference proceedings to be published on the Alliance's website (see timeline on next page)
- submit a short 400-word bio for each presenting author
- register each presenting author at the **discounted speaker registration fee 14 July 2024**
- All abstracts are reviewed blindly by the 17NRHC reviewers. Their decision is final.
- By submitting your abstract, you agree to have your abstract (if accepted) published on the conference website, conference app and in printed material.
- You give NHRA & Think Business Events permission to film or photograph your presentation at the conference.
- You will immediately notify Think Business Events (the conference organiser) if you are unable to present or if the presenting author has changed.
- **The acceptance of an abstract does not imply provision of travel, accommodation or registration for the Conference, nor any other costs associated with preparation, presentation of the presentation, or any costs associated with attendance at the Conference.**

Timeline for abstracts and posters

Mon 5 February 2024	Call for abstracts opens
Sun 7 April 2024	Call for abstracts closes
Mon 27 May 2024	Authors of papers receive offers
Fri 14 June 2024	Authors confirm acceptance and provide 200-word biography
Fri 28 June 2024	Conditional program published on Conference website (subject to change)
Sun 14 July 2024	Authors registration deadline
16 – 18 September 2024	16 th National Rural Health Conference, Perth, W.A.