



Call for Abstracts for the 2020 National Landcare Conference

On behalf of the Landcare community, Landcare Australia is pleased to call for the submission of abstracts for the 2020 National Landcare Conference. The biennial event will be held from Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 November 2020, at the International Convention Centre in Sydney.

We are seeking presentations for the concurrent sessions that demonstrate the Landcare ethos for the following streams:

Sustainable Agriculture

Innovation and technology, soil health, adaptation to climate change, integrating productivity and conservation

Farmers manage over half of the Australian landscape, and innovation in primary production and conservation of natural capital are critical to ensure a better future. This stream will focus on how farming and agriculture is adapting to an ever-increasing range of challenges, including climate change. Also, how Landcare is developing and implementing innovative farming practices to sustainably manage our productive natural assets.

Environment & Climate Change

How to encourage individuals to take positive action to mitigate climate change with Landcare?

With impacts of climate change increasing through extreme drought, fire and flood events, Australia's landscapes and biodiversity are under immense pressure. Communities and individuals need to have confidence in effective actions that will make a difference individually and collectively, and help restore, protect and manage our natural assets and our own wellbeing. This stream will demonstrate how various Indigenous, Bushcare, Coastcare and other Landcare community groups, as well as the organisations they work with, are contributing to successfully meet these challenges, and provide ideas for more people to take positive action with Landcare.

Community Partnerships in Action

Building community capacity and resilience, communication and storytelling, volunteering, partnerships, building and sharing knowledge.

Community participation is at the heart of Landcare. This stream will demonstrate the achievements of individual Landcare community groups and projects, and the value of actively investing in communities and successful partnerships. The stream will also explore how Landcare can enhance engagement with rural communities, support the sharing of knowledge and help breakdown the disconnect that exists between the city and the bush.

Landcare Impact

Landscape, biodiversity, community resilience, mental and physical health of individuals, community wellbeing, agriculture productivity, economy.

This stream will demonstrate the positive impact Landcare has in multiple areas including the environment, landscapes, agriculture, community, health, and the economy. Demonstrating the multiple impacts of Landcare is essential to help showcase to government, business, and philanthropic supporters the value of continued and increased investment into Landcare – as well as why ongoing investment is required now more than ever.



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WEDNESDAY 11 TO FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER



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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 2020 National Landcare Conference is being delivered by Landcare Australia through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Submission guidelines

The 2020 National Landcare Conference provides a unique forum for Landcarers and people interested in being involved in Landcare, to share information, create 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 can be delivered as a separate presentation, or as a contribution to a panel discussion. Please include a description of the types of outcome you would like to see from the delegates who attend your session.

All abstracts are to be submitted electronically in accordance with the guidelines below and should be submitted by 11.59 pm (EST) on **Wednesday 8 April, 2020**. Authors may submit more than one paper, but the program is limited and your submission(s) may not be included in the conference program.

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

- **Sustainable Agriculture** - Innovation and technology, soil health, adaptation to climate change, integrating productivity and conservation
- **Environment & Climate Change** - How to encourage individuals to take positive action to mitigate climate change with Landcare?
- **Community Partnerships in Action** - Building community capacity and resilience, communication and storytelling, volunteering, partnerships, building and sharing knowledge.
- **Landcare Impact**- Landscape, biodiversity, community resilience, mental and physical health of individuals, community wellbeing, agriculture productivity, economy.

Presentations across the themes that highlight global 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.

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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 26 October 2020**.

All online submissions for abstracts should include the following information:

- Author details including Full Name, Organisation, address, email address and phone number
- Title (keep this short and sweet)
- 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:

- Author details including Full Name, Organisation, address, email address and phone number
- Title (keep this short and sweet)
- Underline presenting author/s
- 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

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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

3 February 2020	Call for Abstracts opens
8 April 2020	Call for Abstracts closes
12 – 15 May 2020	Successful applications notified
26 October 2020	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, 8 April 2020.

How can I submit my abstract?

Abstracts are to be submitted online. If you prefer to provide a word document, please email abstracts@landcareaustralia.com.au for the template.

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 50 characters

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?

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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 12 April 2020.

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 15 May 2020. The final decision will be made by the Conference Steering Committee regarding acceptance and presentation of abstracts.