



# 2025 National Landcare Conference



## 2025 National Landcare Conference Submission Guidelines the for the Call for Abstracts and Posters

The 2025 National Landcare Conference is Australia's largest knowledge sharing and networking event for Landcarers. The bi-annual conference provides a unique forum for landcarers and others involved in agriculture and natural resource management to explore best practice and innovation, share information and stories, connect and create partnerships, take new ideas back to their communities and workplaces.

The theme for the 2025 National Landcare Conference is **Landcare: Nature, Agriculture, Land and People Positive** which affirms the inclusivity of landcare, showcasing that the landcare ethos is truly for everyone. Landcare is at the nexus of sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation, with a mobilised network of groups in communities across Australia with expertise and experience to respond to the challenges of a changing climate, and the opportunities of the emerging nature repair market.

### Abstracts for the Concurrent Stream Sessions

Landcare Australia is seeking abstracts from individuals, groups and organisations for the concurrent stream sessions hosted on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23, September 2025 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The call for abstracts campaign is open to volunteers, landcare groups and other community-led environmental groups, Traditional Owners and First Nations organisations, land and sea Indigenous Rangers, landholders and farmers, researchers and academics, government organisations, and young adults. Eligible organisations are those involved in protecting, enhancing, restoring and educating others about the natural environment in their local community through sustainable land management and conservation activities.

Abstracts must align with the conference theme and focus on one or more of the following areas: nature repair, climate adaptation, restoring biodiversity, environmental conservation and land management, sustainable agriculture, partnerships, innovation and technology, mental health and wellbeing, First Nations Traditional Knowledge, communications and storytelling, volunteering, future focus of people leading landcare.

### Poster Abstracts

We are seeking poster exhibits to display at the conference. The posters are summaries of landcare and natural resource management projects that **visually illustrate** the project objectives, outcomes and learnings. The artwork must be emailed in an A3 sized poster in portrait format. Poster exhibitors are not expected to present their poster face-to-face at the conference. In the entry form, please indicate that you are submitting a poster abstract.

### Eligibility

Those eligible to submit abstracts or posters are:

- Volunteers
- Farmers, primary producers and farming systems groups
- Agricultural co-operatives and industry associations
- Landcare groups, networks, and volunteers
- Landcare facilitators and coordinators

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- Traditional Owners, First Nations organisations, First Nations land and sea Rangers and managers
- Bushcare, 'Friends of', Coastcare, Rivercare, Dunecare, Wildcare and any community 'care' group
- Landholders
- Natural resource management agencies
- Government agencies
- Research agencies and universities
- Junior Landcare educators (primary and secondary schools)
- Young adult groups
- Environmental not-for profits
- Environmental educators.

Abstracts will **NOT** be accepted from commercial entities.

## Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words which concisely outlines the objectives and outcomes of their proposed presentation. The paper can be delivered as a separate presentation, or as a contribution to a panel discussion (please limit the panel to only three people).

Please address the following when developing your submission:

- Relevance to the stream topic description
- Short engaging title
- Originality
- Clear links to the 2025 National Landcare Conference theme
- Inclusion of your practical call to action for delegates – how can your presentation help others to adopt your learnings in their community?

### ***Other key points to consider with your submission where possible:***

- First Nations or young adult involvement
- Global experiences
- A concise overview with key messages on the benefits for landcarers
- Visit this [website](#) for some hints and tips for writing an effective conference abstract

## Deadline

All abstracts are to be submitted electronically in-line with the Submission Guidelines by 11.59 pm (AEST) on **Thursday 17 April 2025**. Authors may submit more than one paper.

## Concurrent Stream Session Themes

There are five concurrent stream sessions and your abstract speaker presentation must link to one of the following:

### **Nature Repair and Climate Adaptation**

***Addressing the twin challenges of climate adaptation and biodiversity restoration through innovation, enabling capital, and education.***

Topics of discussion - innovation and technology, climate change adaptation and mitigation, First Nations Traditional Knowledge, education for landholders and farmers on carbon and biodiversity nature repair



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## **Technology and Innovation for Landcare**

### ***Harnessing cutting-edge technologies and approaches for sustainable land management and restoration.***

Topics of discussion - new and emerging technologies for landscape and biodiversity restoration, First Nations Traditional Knowledge, changing use of technology in landcare.

## **Community-Driven Landcare**

### ***Strengthening community resilience through partnerships, storytelling, and inclusive participation.***

Topics of discussion - healthy people and resilient communities, partnerships, restoration, enhancement and protection of landscape, waterways and biodiversity, First Nations Traditional Knowledge, volunteering, communication and storytelling, landcare as an inclusive space.

## **Restoring Biodiversity Across Landscapes**

### ***Collaborative approaches to enhance biodiversity in rural, urban, and remote settings.***

Topics of discussion - community partnerships in action, rural and urban environmental projects, First Nations Traditional Knowledge, sharing knowledge.

## **Sustainable Agriculture and Soil Health**

### ***Innovations for balancing productivity and ecological health on farms***

Topics of discussion - excellence in productive and healthy landscapes, innovation and technology, First Nations Traditional Knowledge, soil health, growing young farmers.

## **NextGen Landcare Summit, Sunday 21 September 2025**

We are seeking abstracts and posters for the NextGen Landcare Summit, which will be held on Sunday, 21 September. Abstract presentations for the summit should address the following:

### ***2025 NextGen Landcare Summit is a platform for emerging leaders to showcase fresh perspectives and how we can drive the landcare movement forward.***

Topics of discussion - building the future of landcare through cross-sectoral partnerships, landcare as an inclusive space (multiculturalism, gender diversity, disability inclusion, neurodiversity), climate anxiety and promoting mental health and wellbeing, strengthening youth involvement and intergenerational knowledge sharing, inspiring stories of innovation, resilience, and leadership in landcare, career development, succession planning, First Nations Cultural connection and succession, engaging young people in landcare in remote areas, barriers and opportunities to engaging young people, the changing use of technology in landcare including social media, and trends and motivations for young people to volunteer.

## **Abstract Assessment**

The 2025 National Landcare Conference Steering Committee will review all submitted abstracts for the concurrent stream sessions to ensure a balanced representation of ideas and topics across the conference theme and features speakers from diverse regions, across Australia.

Submitting an abstract does not guarantee 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. All submissions will be reviewed by an independent assessment panel for consideration on the 2025 National Landcare Conference program. For accepted abstracts, the author(s) provide the right for their formatted presentation or poster including any photos, to be used by Landcare Australia.



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All accepted abstract papers will be made available on the Landcare Australia website and other digital platforms, be provided to delegates attending the conference, and used for promotional purposes to promote landcare.

The receipt and acceptance of abstracts will be acknowledged to the person submitting the abstract. Further communications will be with the submitting author only unless otherwise directed. The author(s) of those successful abstracts are required to submit their presentation (using a branded PowerPoint templated, which will be supplied by the conference organisers) or poster to Landcare Australia by 11.59 pm (AEST) on **Friday 31 August, 2025**.

## Essential Information

- Author details including: Full name, organisation, address, email address and mobile 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.

## Presentation Type

Please specify whether you would like your abstract to be considered for an individual presentation, inclusion in a panel discussion, or a poster display. The final decision on whether abstracts are selected for individual or panel presentations is up to the conference Steering Committee.

**The concurrent stream 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 stream session will be granted 1x two-day conference delegate ticket including the evening Welcome Reception. If there are multiple speakers for your presentation, they will need to purchase a conference delegate ticket to attend and present. All concurrent session presenters will need to purchase a ticket to attend the 2025 National Landcare Awards Gala Dinner. All concurrent session presenters will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation and incidentals in respect to attending the conference.

Presenters will be expected to present in person at the Gold Coast Conference and Exhibition Centre. Landcare Australia will provide technical support and presenter hints and tips to all selected concurrent stream session speakers prior to the event.

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## Call for Abstracts Timeline

24 January 2025	Call for Abstracts and Posters opens
17 April 2025	Call for Abstracts and Posters closes
31 May 2025	Successful applications notified
31 August 2025	Presentation/poster submitted to Landcare Australia
Monday 22 and Tuesday September 2025	2025 National Landcare Conference Stream Sessions

## Frequently Asked Questions

For any questions not addressed here, please email [digital@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:digital@landcareaustralia.com.au).

### What is the deadline for abstract submissions?

The deadline for abstract submissions is 11:59 PM (AEST) on Thursday 17 April 2025.

### How can I submit my abstract?

Abstracts are to be submitted [online](#).

### How many abstracts can I submit as the author?

Authors may submit more than one paper.

### 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.

### 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 [digital@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:digital@landcareaustralia.com.au)

### Who is eligible to submit an abstract?



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- Natural resource management agencies
- Government agencies
- Research agencies and universities
- Junior Landcare educators (primary and secondary schools)
- Young adult groups
- Environmental not-for profits
- Environmental educators
- Commercial entities who can demonstrate how they are working with landcare groups and stakeholders on a landcare project.
- We will NOT 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 changes before the deadline date by submitting a new abstract.

## Is there an abstract submission fee?

No. There is no fee to submit an abstract.

## 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 email to [digital@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:digital@landcareaustralia.com.au) before Thursday 17 April, 2025.

## 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 in May 2025. The final decision will be made by the 2025 National Landcare Conference Steering Committee regarding acceptance and presentation of abstracts.

The 2025 National Landcare Conference is funded by the Australian Government through the Natural Heritage Trust. Landcare Australia administers the event on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.