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Submission Guidelines the for the Call for Abstracts and Posters

The 2027 National Landcare Conference is Australia's largest knowledge sharing and networking event for the landcare movement. The bi-annual conference provides a unique forum for landcarers and others involved in sustainable agriculture, landscape restoration and environmental conservation 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 2027 National Landcare Conference is **Local Knowledge. Practical Action. National Impact**. From the bush to the beach, and from the boardroom to the classroom, the conference theme affirms the diversity of landcare people and projects across Australia. Speakers and delegates alike will share their local knowledge, their experiences of practical action and how together we are all making an impact. Landcare is at the nexus of sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation, with a mobilised network of volunteers and groups in communities across Australia with the 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 6 and Tuesday 7 September 2027 at the Adelaide Convention Centre in South Australia.

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, farmers and primary producers, scientists and researchers, government agencies, young adults, educators and environmental NGOs. 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.

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

Poster Abstracts

We are seeking poster exhibits to display at the conference. The landcare posters are summaries of sustainable agriculture, landscape restoration and environmental conservation landcare projects that **visually illustrate** the project objectives, outcomes and learnings. The artwork must be submitted via the Jotform link provided in an **A3 sized poster in portrait format**. Poster exhibitors **do not 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
- Traditional Owners, First Nations organisations, First Nations land and sea Rangers and managers
- Bushcare, 'Friends of', Coastcare, Rivercare, Dunecare, Wildcare and any community-led environmental group
- Landholders
- Natural resource management agencies
- Government agencies including local councils
- Scientists, 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.

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 2027 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 **Monday 8 March**. Authors may submit more than one paper.

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Concurrent Stream Session Themes

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

Nature Repair and Restoring Biodiversity
Productive landscapes and ecosystem restoration for the natural environment
Addressing the twin challenges of climate adaptation and biodiversity restoration through innovation and enabling capital; education and building trust with practical ways for landholders and farmers to engage with the carbon and biodiversity nature repair markets; First Nations Traditional Knowledge; and collaborative approaches to enhance biodiversity in rural, urban, and remote settings.

Technology and Innovation for Landcare
Harnessing cutting-edge technologies and approaches for sustainable land management and restoration.
New and emerging technologies for landscape and biodiversity restoration; First Nations Traditional Knowledge; the use of technology to support sustainable land management and conservation in productive landscapes; and systems for collective data capture so that we can share the landcare story more effectively.

Community-Driven Landcare
Strengthening community resilience through partnerships, storytelling, and inclusive participation.
Community-led partnerships in action; restoration, enhancement and protection of landscapes, waterways and biodiversity; First Nations Traditional Knowledge; healthy people and resilient communities; mobilising volunteers; communications and storytelling; landcare as an inclusive space.

Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Adaptation
Innovations for balancing productivity and ecological health on farms
Practical approaches to balancing farm productivity with soil health, biodiversity and ecological resilience; climate change adaptation and mitigation; innovation and technology in agriculture; First Nations Traditional Knowledge; and supporting the next generation of primary producers

NextGen Landcare Summit, Wednesday 8 September 2027

We are seeking abstracts and posters for the NextGen Landcare Summit, which will be held on Wednesday 8 September, 2027. Abstract presentations for the summit should address the following:

2027 NextGen Landcare Summit is an event for emerging leaders to showcase fresh perspectives and how we can drive the landcare movement forward.
Topics for the program include: building the future of landcare through cross-sectoral partnerships; strengthening youth involvement and intergenerational knowledge sharing; landcare as an inclusive space (multiculturalism, gender diversity, disability inclusion, neurodiversity); climate anxiety and promoting mental health and wellbeing; inspiring stories of innovation, resilience, and leadership in landcare; career development; succession planning, First Nations Traditional Knowledge; engaging young people in landcare in remote areas; the changing use of technology in landcare including social media; trends and motivations for young people to volunteer.

Abstract Assessment

The 2027 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 feature speakers from diverse regions across Australia.

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Submitting an abstract does not guarantee inclusion in the conference program. All submissions will be reviewed by an independent assessment panel for consideration on the 2027 National Landcare 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 abstract papers and posters 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. By submitting your abstract, you MUST ensure that you have permissions from any third-party content owners. Landcare Australia will not accept responsibility for any copyright infringement issues, we will direct any copyright issues directly to the person who submitted the paper to resolve the issue and pay any associated costs.

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 **Sunday 1 August, 2027**.

Essential Information

- Author details including: Full name, organisation, address, email address and mobile number
- Title (keep this short and engaging)
- 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.

Information for Presenters

Please specify whether you would like your abstract to be considered for an individual presentation, inclusion in a panel discussion in the stream session, or a poster display. The final decision on whether abstracts are selected 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 when the conference agenda is confirmed. Your presentation in the concurrent stream session will run for 25mins, including for any questions.
Presenters selected for a concurrent stream session will be granted **one conference delegate ticket** that includes Monday and Tuesday conferencing and the evening Welcome Reception only. This ticket

does not include the National Landcare Awards dinner, the events taking place on Sunday or Wednesday. You will need to purchase tickets for these events.

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 2027 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 must present in person at the Adelaide Convention Centre in South Australia. Landcare Australia will provide technical support and presenter hints and tips to the concurrent stream session speakers prior to the event.

Call for Abstracts Timeline

10 November 2026	Call for Abstracts and Posters opens
8 March 2027	Call for Abstracts and Posters closes
3 May 2027	Successful applications notified
1 August 2027	Presentation/poster submitted to Landcare Australia
Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 September 2027	2027 National Landcare Conference Stream Sessions

Frequently Asked Questions

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

What is the deadline for abstract submissions?

The deadline for abstract submissions is 11:59 PM (AEST) on Monday 8 March 2027.

How can I submit my abstract?

Abstracts are to be submitted online only via Jotform.

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?

No table, figure or images can be included in the abstract.

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 enquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au

Who is eligible to submit an abstract?

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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 enquires@landcareaustralia.com.au before Monday 8 March 2027.

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. The final decision will be made by the 2027 National Landcare Conference Steering Committee regarding acceptance and presentation of abstracts.

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