



# Conference Guidelines

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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

You're invited to the Natural Resources Management Science Conference 2018, to be held from 10-11 April 2018 at the University of Adelaide. #SANRM18

This conference is a chance to showcase the NRM science underpinning environmental decision making, policy and management in South Australia. Building on the success of the first two conferences, this year's theme is *Science for Policy in a Changing World*. The conference will be a space for NRM researchers and practitioners to come together to consider the new challenges that science faces in a post-truth world.

Big data, social media, and 'alternative' news sources are eroding traditional routes that turn science into policy action, how can our scientists and policy makers respond to these challenges to ensure better outcomes for South Australia?

It is a unique platform for NRM researchers and practitioners to come together and share their work. Through the conference, we aspire towards a more collaborative future that will lead to better outcomes for South Australia.

Abstract submissions will be accepted from 15 January 2018. These guidelines will assist you with the abstract submission process. Please read this document carefully.

## KEY DATES

Abstract submission open: 15 January 2018

Abstract submission closes: 23 February 2018

Registrations open: 29 January 2018

Conference: 10 -11 April 2018



## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Abstracts must be submitted through the conference website. Please use the online form and complete all relevant information. Abstracts will not be accepted manually or by email.

Submissions open on 15 January 2018 and close on 23 February 2018.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the organising committee. Presenters will be notified of the outcome by email.

The organising committee will allocate all dates and times for the presentations. Alternative times may be negotiated in extenuating circumstances.

Once abstracts have been reviewed, presenters will be emailed with further instructions about how to prepare for the day.

### **Presenter Details**

The author listed under 'Presenter Details' will be the main contact person. This person will be presenting the work. Other authors involved in the work may be listed under 'Authors' in the 'Presentation Details' section.

### **Presentation Types**

Presenters may select their preferred presentation type, which include:

- Graphical Abstract – Use of images and graphics to explain your work, similar to an infographic. 100 word limit.
- Flash Talk – 3 minute presentation using a single slide (you could use a graphical abstract as your slide). These presentations should give audiences a quick overview of your work.
- Oral Presentation – 12 minute presentation followed by 3 minutes of questions. Most oral presenters will also be asked to join a panel discussion at the end of their session.

Every effort will be made to accommodate the presenter's request. However, the organising committee may allocate a different presentation type if necessary.



## Themes

The overall theme of the conference is *Science to Policy in a Changing World*. Conference presentations will also be categorised according to the following themes:

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Climate Change – Science
- Climate Change – Social Adaptation
- Coastal and Marine
- Indigenous Knowledge
- Invasive Species Management
- Natural Capital/Environmental Economic Accounting
- Natural Hazard Management
- People Connecting to Nature
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Science Communication
- The bigger picture of NRM Science
- Water – Groundwater
- Water – Surface Water/Murray Darling Basin
- Water – Urban Water
- Wildlife Management
- Other

Abstracts should be aligned to one of the above themes. However, please note that the themes are subject to change and will be iterated based on the number and types of talks in the final program.

## Authors and Affiliations

Please list all authors that contributed to the work being presented. 'Authors' should be listed accordingly: Citizen, J (1). The number used should correlate to 'Affiliations', which should be listed as: (1) Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

If an author is affiliated to multiple institutions, please list accordingly: Citizen, J (1,2).



## **Abstract Title and Body**

The abstract title and body should be written in plain text with a 250 word limit . Please do not include any special characters, graphs, tables or other non-text media in these sections.

Please keep in mind that abstracts will be published online and read by diverse audiences that may not have specialist knowledge of your field. Therefore, be sure to keep your abstract as engaging and as simple as possible. Write in plain English, and avoid scientific jargon. For tips on writing a great abstract, [read our blog post](#).

## **Images**

The attachment of supporting images is available using the online form. Only image file extensions will be accepted (e.g. JPEG, PNG, etc). These images may include graphs, diagrams or other graphics that explain your research. Please ensure that you have the appropriate permission to use the images as they will be published online.

## **Consent to Live Stream and Web Upload**

With your consent, oral and flash talk presentations will be live streamed so that regional staff and community members can participate in real time. Presentations will also be published online following the conference. Only the presentation slides & audio will be streamed and recorded, not the presenter.

Please indicate your consent to live streaming and web upload in the abstract submission process. If you have any conditions or questions about the live stream or recording process please get in touch with the organising committee.

## **IT Requirements**

You will have access to a computer with PowerPoint, laser pointer, clicker, internet access and microphone. You may include any other IT requirements in the abstract submission form (e.g. video/sound requirements). Embedded videos need to be included as a separate file and loaded onto the computer in order to play properly in PowerPoint presentations. The computer will use a Windows Operating System. Please ensure that your presentation is compatible.

## **Publication of Abstracts**

Abstracts will be collated and published online through the conference website. Where applicable, images will also be included with the abstract text. Therefore, please ensure that you have appropriate consent to use any images provided.



## PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

### Graphical Abstract

Posters sessions are often used to showcase work at conferences, but they can also be the least effective – with poor attendance at sessions and little engagement. To overcome this, we're calling for graphical abstracts – image-driven infographics to captivate and clearly explain research.

You don't need to be a graphic designer to create a graphical abstract, just an ability to package up the key messages of your work and what it might mean to a general audience or some interesting facts about your project or industry.

Graphical abstracts will be on display during the conference and are a great opportunity to share your research to key stakeholders as well as the wider community. They will form a large part of our social media presence in the lead-up-to and during the conference, with your consent.

Graphical abstracts have a 100 word limit. For hints and tips on creating your own visuals, organising data and choosing the right visuals, [check out this blog post](#).

### Flash Talk

Flash talks can be an exciting way to talk about your work. But the challenge is to use just three minutes and a single slide to present your work to a non-specialist audience.

Flash talks should be clear, concise and exciting. To give an engaging flash talk, follow these simple steps:

- Tell a story, set the scene
- Surprise your audience
- Show your passion
- Use your voice to show emotion
- Have Fun!

For more information about flash talks and how to give a great talk, [watch this short video](#).

Flash talk presentations will occur alongside oral presentations. Flash talks will be live streamed and published online following the conference, with your consent. Only the presentation slides & audio will be streamed and recorded, not the presenter.



## Oral Presentation

Oral presentations will be 12 minutes long with an additional 3 minutes for questions. Presenters will also participate in a panel discussion at the end of their session. This will be moderated by the session chair.

PowerPoint, Prezi and PDF presentations will be supported, as well as video files and websites. Oral presentations will be live streamed and published online following the conference, with your consent. Only the presentation slides & audio will be streamed and recorded, not the presenter.

For inspiration, watch presentations from the [2014](#) and [2016 NRM Science Conferences](#).

## ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

The NRM Science Conference 2018 will be promoted through various communication channels, including online, email and social media. The [NRM RaIN Twitter Account \(@NRMRaIN\)](#) will be used as the main information hub on social media, and will be used to disseminate conference details, including presenter details and abstract summaries. You can follow the conversation on Twitter using the hashtag #SANRM18.

## CONTACT

For more information about the abstract submission process or the NRM Science Conference 2018, please visit the [conference website](#), or email us.

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