Abstract Guidelines

We invite researchers, practitioners, people with lived experience, policymakers and community leaders to submit abstracts for the National Suicide Prevention Conference 2026.

Abstract Submissions

If you would like to present a paper or poster, or host a workshop or panel-style discussion at NSPC26, submitting an abstract is the first step.

The abstract should ideally align with the conference theme, United Voices, Brighter Futures. All submissions will be 'blind' reviewed by the Conference Program Review Committee.

Submissions open: Wed 6 August 2025
Oral submissions close: Sun 28 September 2025
Poster submissions close: Sun 22 February 2026

All abstracts for the National Suicide Prevention Conference 2026 should be submitted via the online portal, here.

2026 conference theme

United Voices, Brighter Futures, champions the power of lived experience, advocacy, and inclusive dialogue in shaping the future of suicide prevention in Australia.

At its core, the theme is about hope. It speaks to the strength of communities coming together to share, listen, and co-design solutions that are grounded in empathy and understanding. By fostering open conversations and embracing a diversity of perspectives, we can build resilience and inspire progress at every level.

United Voices, Brighter Futures calls on all of us, advocates, researchers, service providers, policymakers, people with lived experience and communities, to work in partnership. Together, our shared voices can illuminate a path forward and help shape a future where fewer lives are lost to suicide.

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Potential abstract topics

- Lived Experience
- Indigenous and First Nations
- LGBTIQA+
- CALD and refugees
- Workplace or Industry approaches
- Men
- Women
- Young People
- Older Australians
- Rural and Remote
- Trauma
- Social-economic-environmental determinants
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Postvention or Suicide Bereavement Support
- Means Restriction
- Training
- Data, Evidence and Translational Research
- Policy or Government
- Digital or e-Mental Health
- Leadership

Presentation types

There are a range of ways in which people can present during the conference including in-person presentations, pre-conference workshops and poster presentations.

Abstracts for presentation can include:

- Oral presentation (max 20 minute)
- Poster
- Symposia, panel, round table style presentation (max 55 minutes with a connecting topic or theme across multiple presenters)
- Workshop or forum (max 3.5hrs)

The Conference Program Review Committee is responsible for determining the successful abstracts, the details of the concurrent sessions and presentation types.

Please ensure you are available for the entire conference, 28 - 30 April 2026, until you have been informed of when you are presenting in the program. The time you are allocated cannot be moved.

Unsuccessful presenters may be offered an alternative presentation type from their original submission.

Conditions

Presenters submitting an abstract, for consideration by the Conference Program Committee are required to agree to the following conditions during the submission process:

- The presenter(s) have reviewed the abstract guidelines before submitting an abstract.
- The presenter(s) will apply safe, inclusive, and non-stigmatising language when communicating about suicide.
- The presenter(s) will avoid discussion of method and location when communicating about suicide. If the presenter(s) believes it is necessary to discuss details of the method and or location, please contact sharonb@suicidepreventionaust.org before submitting an abstract.
- The presentation will have an emphasis on and/or relevance to National Suicide Prevention Conference.
- Each presenter for accepted abstracts must confirm their participation and register before the specified date.
- Successful presentations must be presented by the submitting presenter(s).
- Acceptance or otherwise is at the discretion of the conference committee and abstract reviewer decisions are final.

Abstract Submission Process

All abstracts for the National Suicide Prevention Conference 2026 should be submitted via the online portal, here. The portal will require you to provide the following information.

1. Contact Information Tab

Contact Information (required)	Title Name Organisation / institution position Phone Email Address	This is the primary presenter and person with whom the conference secretariat will liaise regarding the status of this abstract. Co-presenters can be added in the abstract tab. **Please ensure the information is correct.**

After completing all contact information, please click save and continue and progress to abstract submission.

2. Abstract Submission Tab

Title of presentation	Provide a concise, descriptive title for your presentation that informs delegates of the topic. Max. 15 words
Presentation Type	Select your preferred presentation type/s from the list below. • Oral Presentation (max 20 mins) • Symposia, panel, roundtable discussion (max 55mins) • Workshop or forum (max 3.5hrs) • Poster Presentation
Interactive session audience participation	• Yes • No
Title	Enter the title of your abstract. Please type the title in sentence case (that is lowercase with only the first letter or the first word in capitals) and without any punctuation. A correctly formatted example follows: 'Title of my presentation for the conference.'

Presenter/s & Author/s Affiliation/s	Enter the abstract presenter and additional author affiliation - please note that multiple affiliations can be included by clicking the 'Select Some Option' area.
Abstract Upload	Type or cut and paste the text of your abstract/synopsis into the relevant field. Please ensure the abstract is no more than 400 words. (Does not include title, authoring or cited references)
Topics	Choose up to **3** topics for your abstract from the list provided • Lived Experience • Indigenous and First Nations • LGBTIQA+ • CALD and refugees • Workplace or Industry approaches • Men • Women • Young People • Older Australians • Rural and Remote • Trauma • Social-economic-environmental determinants • Alcohol and other drugs • Postvention or Suicide Bereavement Support • Means Restriction • Training • Data, Evidence and Translational Research • Policy or Government • Digital or e-Mental Health • Leadership
Presenting Author Bio	Enter the bio for the presenter/s bio. Please note, that the maximum is 1,000 words (less than 200 per presenter for multiple presenters).

Abstract Submission

All abstracts should be submitted online for consideration and should not exceed **400 words**. Your abstract submission should provide a concise overview of your presentation.

- Author names **should not** appear on the abstract itself; all abstracts will go through a 'blind' selection process, with no reference to the author or co-presenter.

High-quality abstracts considered for presentation will include:

- **Relevance/importance to National Suicide Prevention Conference audience:** The abstract for the presentation will have an emphasis on and/or relevance to current suicide prevention/postvention in Australia (i.e., it is a paper for this conference, not another).
- **Conference theme and topics:** The abstract will offer something of significant interest or highlight current research relating to the conference theme.
- **Inclusion of Lived Experience:** The abstract demonstrates meaningful incorporation of lived or living experiences of suicidal behaviour. Or the appropriateness of justification as to why the inclusion of lived experience is not possible or applicable.
- **Technical quality:** The standard of the abstract is of high quality and relevant to the presentation mode.
- **Safe language:** The abstract demonstrates the use of safe, inclusive, and non-stigmatising language when communicating about suicide.

Before submitting your abstract for consideration, please review your submission and make any necessary changes. When all mandatory components are completed, you will have the option to submit your abstract at the bottom of the 'submit' page.

If there are any remaining fields or sections to complete, you will only have the option to save your submission as a draft until it are completed. Please complete all necessary fields and submit your abstract for review.

Successful Abstracts

Following a blind-review process, presenters will be contacted about the outcome. Successful presenters will need to confirm and register for the conference by **Friday, 16 January 2026**.

If you have any questions about the abstract submission process, please contact
nspc26@asnevents.net.au