



Build Hope.
Drive Change.

18 - 20 MAY 2027
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Abstract Guidelines

We invite researchers, practitioners, people with lived experience, policymakers and community leaders to submit abstracts for the National Suicide Prevention Conference 2027.

Abstract submissions

If you would like to present a paper or poster, or host a workshop or deliver a panel-style discussion at NSPC27, submitting an abstract is the first step.

The abstract should ideally align with the conference theme, Build Hope. Drive Change. All submissions will be reviewed by the Conference Program Review Committee.

Submissions open: Wed 12 August 2026

Oral submissions close: Sun 11 October 2026

Poster submissions close: Sun 21 February 2027

All abstracts for the National Suicide Prevention Conference 2027 should be submitted via the online portal, [here](#).

2027 conference theme

Build Hope. Drive Change. reflects the belief that hope is something we create together through connection, compassion, evidence and action. NSPC27 brings together lived experience, research, policy and practice to help shape a more hopeful future for suicide prevention in Australia.

When we create space for honest, compassionate, and courageous conversations, we open the door to new ideas, stronger connections, and practical action that can save lives. Behind every solution is a community of people willing to show up, share their insights, and work side by side.

Hope is more than a feeling, it is something we build through evidence, collaboration and a shared commitment to doing better. At NSPC27, hope becomes practical, visible, and action oriented. This conference is an opportunity to be part of something bigger: a national effort to build hope, champion every voice and help create a safer, more hopeful future for all Australians.

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Presentation types

There are a range of ways in which people can present during the conference. Please note that the conference cannot facilitate virtual presentations.

Abstracts for presentation can include:

- Oral presentation (max 25 minutes including Q&A)
- Poster
- Lightning Talk (max 10 minutes including Q&A)
- Symposia, panel, or roundtable style presentation (max 55 minutes with a connecting topic or theme across multiple presenters)
- Pre-conference workshop or forum (max 3.5 hours on Monday 17 May 2027)

Each abstract is reviewed and scored independently by three reviewers. The Conference Program Review Committee are responsible for determining the successful abstracts, the details of the concurrent sessions and presentation types.

Please ensure you are physically available for the entire duration of conference from Tuesday 18 May to Thursday 20 May 2027. If you have submitted a workshop proposal, please ensure you are available for Monday 17 May 2027. The time you are allocated cannot be moved.

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

Potential abstract topics

- Lived experience
- First Nations and Indigenous
- LGBTIQ+
- 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 and AI
- Leadership
- Disability
- Veterans

Conditions

Presenters submitting an abstract for consideration by the Conference Program Review 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 by registering 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.
- **Please note:** Submission of an abstract, bursary application, or both does not guarantee acceptance or approval. All abstracts and bursary applications will be independently reviewed, and successful abstract presenters are not automatically awarded a bursary. Likewise, receipt of a bursary does not guarantee acceptance of an abstract.



Abstract submission process

All abstracts for the National Suicide Prevention Conference 2027 should be submitted via the [online portal](#). 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.
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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. Please type the title in sentence case (lowercase with only the first letter of the first word and proper nouns in capitals), without any punctuation. <u>Correct title example:</u> 'Title of my presentation for the conference.'
Presentation type	Select your preferred presentation type/s from the list below: • Oral presentation (max 25 mins including Q&A) • Poster (visible during the conference with a set poster session) • Lightning Talk (max 10 minutes including Q&A) • Symposia, panel, or roundtable style presentation (max 55 minutes with a connecting topic or theme across multiple presenters) • Pre-conference workshop or forum (max 3.5 hrs, Mon 17 May 2027)
Presenter(s) & author(s) affiliation(s)	Enter the abstract presenter and additional author affiliations. Please note that multiple affiliations can be included by clicking the 'Select Some Option' area. An affiliation for all authors is required to proceed.



Abstract content	Type or copy 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 • First Nations and Indigenous • 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 and AI • Leadership • Disability • Veterans
Presenter biography	When you register to attend conference, please ensure you enter your presenter biography. Please note, that the maximum is 200 words 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. If not applicable, please include a 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. We suggest using [Mindframe's resources on 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 is completed. Please complete all necessary fields and submit your abstract for review. If you need to edit the abstract after submitting it, it can only be edited up until the relevant abstract submission deadline.

Successful abstracts

Following the review process, presenters will be contacted about the outcome at the end of January 2027. Successful presenters will need to confirm and register for NSPC27 by **12 February 2027**.

Please also note that being accepted to present an abstract at NSPC27 does not guarantee the award of a bursary, should you have applied for one.

If you have any questions about the abstract submission process, please contact: nspc27@asnevents.net.au