



WorkSafe Tasmania Conference Presenters

*Expression of Interest Guidelines for the
Safe Bodies, Safe Minds Conference
Wednesday 31 July 2024*

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Acknowledgement of Country

In recognition of the deep history and culture of this island, we would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to all Tasmanian Aboriginal people; the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and work.

About the Conference

The Safe Bodies, Safe Minds Conference is an annual one day hybrid event funded by the WorkCover Tasmania Board and delivered by WorkSafe Tasmania.

The Conference, which will be held in Launceston on 31 July 2024, is an opportunity for those with a passion for work health and safety and injury management to come together to share best practice, be challenged by what they see and hear in presentations and to build valuable networks.

This opportunity to increase knowledge of WHS and Injury Management matters is vital in supporting us all to ensure workers return home safe and well every day.

The WorkCover Tasmania Board and WorkSafe Tasmania are seeking submissions for presentations.

The Conference will be delivered in-person at the Tailrace Centre, Launceston, and virtually. Presenters will have the option to present in-person or remotely via a virtual platform.

Presenters should keep in mind that the Conference may need to be entirely delivered and attended virtually due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a significant increase in COVID-19 in the community.

The audience

The 2023 Conference in Launceston was attended by over 300 delegates from industries including government, healthcare, education and mining, and in roles ranging from CEOs, directors and managers to HSRs, return to work coordinators and administrators.

With the opportunity to attend online and in-person, the Conference is again expecting more than 300 delegates to attend the 2024 Conference.

Guidelines for presentation submission

Each year the Conference receives huge interest from potential presenters wishing to take part. To simplify the process, the following guidelines will help you prepare your presentation submission for consideration for inclusion.



Streams and topics

The Conference is seeking presentations that fit into one of the three streams:

- Work health and safety
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Workers compensation and injury management.

Conference sub-streams may include but are not limited to:

- Creating positive safety cultures
- Creating mentally healthy workplaces
- Emerging technologies and the rise of Artificial Intelligence
- New ways of working, such as the gig economy
- New and young workers
- Health and safety leadership
- Health and safety risk management
- Industry sectors such as construction, manufacturing, transport and health care and social assistance
- Personal injury and disability in the workplace
- Prevention of Work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Managing the risk of exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust / asbestos
- Psychosocial hazards, including:
 - identifying and responding to psychosocial hazards in the workplace
 - harmful behaviours in the workplace, including work related harassment and/or workplace bullying and violence
 - job design/working environment factors including work pressure and mental stress
 - workplace trauma including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Return to Work/Recovery of workers with injuries
- Sedentary behaviour and chronic illness
- The ageing workforce
- Work health and safety investigation learnings
- Work health and safety law and compliance

Interested presenters are welcome to propose other topics that would benefit delegates, providing they fall under the theme and one of the streams of work health and safety, mental health and wellbeing, or workers compensation and injury management.

Presentation submission requirements

The WorkCover Tasmania Board and WorkSafe Tasmania are seeking submissions from presenters to deliver a 30 minute presentation, (including question time), either in-person or via a virtual platform.

Presentations:

- will run in the conference program as a concurrent session under one of the three streams
- will compliment invited keynote plenary speakers
- should provide delegates with practical takeaways or learning outcomes that can be applied at work
- should allow time for questions and/or the opportunity for interaction.

Presentations submissions must include:

- presenter contact details including title, first name, last name, organisation, work role, email and contact number
- presenter biography, (150 words). If there is more than one presenter please keep combined biographies to 150 words
- presenter/s CV
- presentation title (no more than 15 words)
- presentation stream and topic
- a detailed presentation outline including 'practical takeaways' or 'learning outcomes' and how they can be applied at work (350 words).

Approved presenters will be exempt from registration fees for the Conference.

The Conference will not provide support for accommodation, travel and expenses incurred in connection with being an approved presenter.

Presentation submissions of an overt product advertisement or marketing nature will not be accepted.

If a presentation submission is not included in the 2024 Conference, there may be potential to repurpose the content for other WorkCover Tasmania Board funded initiatives such as WorkSafe Tasmania Month.

Who can submit?

The WorkCover Tasmania Board and WorkSafe Tasmania are particularly interested in receiving presentation submissions from:

- academics and researchers
- business and industry leaders
- health and safety practitioners / professionals.

Submission instructions

You must:

- submit your expression of interest using the online submission form
- answer all required submission form questions
- be clear and accurate with the information you prepare and submit
- submit a separate form for each presentation if you are proposing more than one presentation
- ensure that all presenters have agreed to the submission and terms and conditions, if your event will have more than one presenter
- check the 'acknowledgement of terms and conditions' box when submitting.

Tips for a good conference submission

Review your submission a few times to ensure there are no errors. A good submission will:

- include a clear title
- clearly present your argument or ideas
- outline exactly what your presentation is about, what it will cover about the topic and problem presented, and identify the practical takeaways or learning outcomes
- communicate why your presentation will be valuable and interesting to the audience
- show how your presentation will address the conference theme and objectives.

An example of a good conference submission

Promoting mental health through nature based interventions in the workplace

In recent decades, research has uncovered the physical and mental health benefits of being in nature. This growing field of research is influencing how cities are designed and how healthcare is delivered, with governments around the world making significant investments in programs that encourage people to spend more time in nature. Now, researchers are trying to understand whether nature has a role to play in promoting wellbeing in workplaces.

This presentation covers the mental health benefits of being exposed to nature; explores leading theories about the connection between our mental health and nature; focuses specifically on the empirical impacts of nature-based interventions in workplace settings; and provides practical ideas for implementing nature-based interventions in the workplace.

Key dates

- 19 April 2024: Deadline for presentation submissions
- 24 May 2024: Presenters notified about the selection decision
- 31 July 2024: Safe Bodies, Safe Minds Conference

Further information

Should you need any further information, please contact WorkSafe Tasmania.

Phone: 1300 366 322 (within Tasmania)

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Who we are and what we do

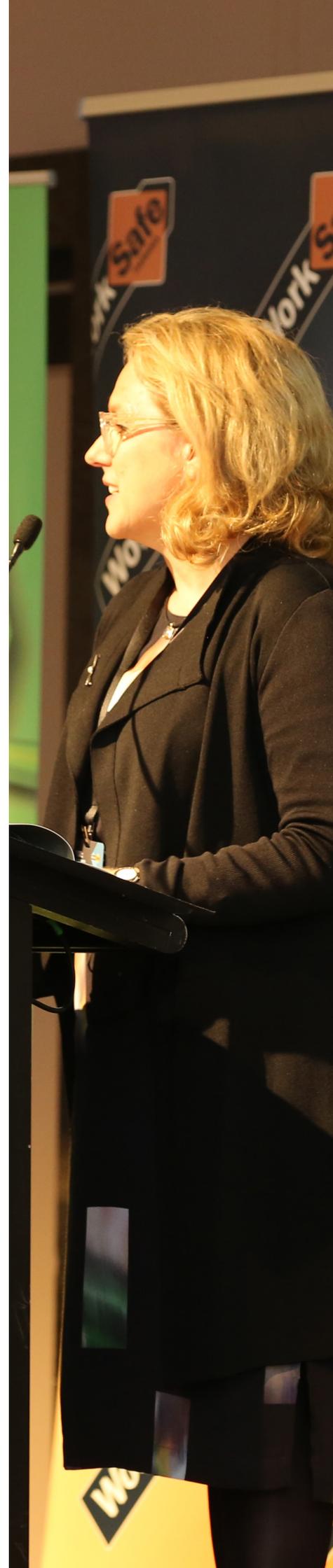
The WorkCover Tasmania Board provides strategic oversight to Tasmania's work health, safety and injury management schemes. It is supported in this by WorkSafe Tasmania and involves workers, employers, medical practitioners, licensed insurers, self-insurers, unions and others to ensure Tasmania has:

- a fair and equitable, efficient and affordable workers compensation scheme
- good return to work outcomes
- safer workplaces for all Tasmanian workers.

The WorkCover Tasmania Board monitors the performance of the scheme and provides ongoing advice to government on opportunities for improvement. It also funds WorkSafe Tasmania to deliver initiatives and programs with stakeholders to improve performance and regulate the workers compensation scheme.

WorkSafe Tasmania is the independent work health and safety regulator, providing education and advice to employers and workers, monitoring for compliance and taking enforcement action when needed.

The WorkCover Tasmania Board and WorkSafe Tasmania make sure that people who are impacted by our decisions are at the centre of our decision-making and that people with lived experience inform our responses and actions.



Terms and Conditions

1. By submitting a presentation submission, the presenter acknowledges that they have read, understand and accepts these Terms and Conditions.
2. The presenter acknowledges and agrees that these Terms and Conditions apply whether the Conference is delivered online, in person, a combination of in-person and online, or any other format. For clarity, the presenter is not entitled to deliver the presentation unless confirmation is provided to the presenter in writing by the Conference Organiser, WorkSafe Tasmania, that the presenter and submission has been selected and approved by the Conference Organiser for the Conference.
3. Presentation submissions must be completed using the online conference presentation submission form.
4. Presentation submissions must fulfill all requested information on the conference presentation submission form.
5. A presentation submission does not guarantee an opportunity to present at the Conference.
6. If your presentation submission is not included in the 2024 Conference, there may be potential to repurpose the content for other events such as WorkSafe Tasmania Month.
7. Presentation submissions of an overt product advertisement or marketing nature will not be accepted.
8. Presentation submissions will not be accepted after the closing date and time.
9. All presentation submissions received will be notified by email about the selection decision.
10. The Conference Organiser reserves the right to accept, decline or revoke a presentation submission at its absolute discretion at any time, including, but not limited to, situations in which the presenter, or a related person or organisation, has breached or is under investigation for possible breaches of legislation administered by WorkSafe Tasmania; or where the acceptance of an abstract may otherwise be detrimental to the objectives of the WorkCover Tasmania Board and WorkSafe Tasmania.
11. By submitting a presentation submission, the presenter agrees that they have all authorisations, permissions, approvals, licences and consents required to submit the abstract and provide the presentation.
12. Approved presenters authorise the Conference Organiser to use the presenter's name, photograph, and biographical data submitted to the Conference Organiser for the purposes of the Conference and for any purpose connected with the Conference and business of the Conference Organiser, including to provide or conduct future Conferences.
13. Approved presenters permit the Conference Organiser to: make any audio or video recordings of the presentation; photograph the presenter; create a digital record of the presentation; and/or create a transcript presentation recording.



14. The Conference Organiser will provide approved presenters with a copy of the presentation recording solely for their personal and private use.
15. The Conference Organiser reserves the right at any time to: change the format, content, location, timing or any other aspect of the Conference; postpone the Conference or any part of the Conference; or cancel the Conference or any part of the Conference, provided that such change, postponement or cancellation will only be actioned by the Conference Organiser if it is reasonably required in accordance with the Conference Organiser's legitimate business interests, by providing written notice to approved presenters in advance of such change, postponement or cancellation (to the extent reasonably practicable).
16. The Conference Organiser will not be liable for any damages, costs, losses or expenses of any kind incurred or suffered by the approved presenter as a result of or in relation to the Conference Organiser modifying, postponing or cancelling the Conference or any part of the Conference.
17. The Conference Organiser will not provide support for accommodation, travel and expenses incurred in connection with being an approved presenter.
18. All presentations during the Conference must include the same content and follow the same outline as that described in the submitted and accepted presentation submission.
19. All decisions of the Conference Organiser are final.

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