

# WorkSafe Tasmania Conference 2021



# Call for abstracts

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The 2021 WorkSafe Tasmania Conference is a one day event delivered in a hybrid format, combining an in-person conference experience with a virtual components. The Conference is an initiative funded by the WorkCover Tasmania Board and supports the joint 2018-2023 Strategic Plan developed with WorkSafe Tasmania.



# WorkCover Tasmania Board

The WorkCover Tasmania Board works with workers, employers, medical practitioners, licensed insurers, self-insurers and others to ensure a fair and equitable workers compensation scheme, good return to work outcomes and safer workplaces for all Tasmanian workers.

To achieve this, the Board:

- Oversees Tasmania's workers compensation scheme and monitors the performance of scheme participants
- Promotes prompt and effective injury management
- Promotes safe and healthy workplaces by providing health and safety guidance.

## Relationship with WorkSafe Tasmania

- The Board has a strong relationship with the Department of Justice, with the Secretary of the Department fulfilling the role of Chair of the Board.
- The Board monitors and reviews the performance of functions, and exercise of powers, of the Work Health and Safety Regulator.
- WorkSafe Tasmania supports the Board's functions in overseeing the Tasmanian workers compensation scheme and ensuring effective injury management.
- WorkSafe Tasmania informs the Board of emerging national work health and safety issues, and developments in work health and safety matters in other jurisdictions.

The Conference supports the joint WorkSafe Tasmania and WorkCover Tasmania Strategic Plan 2018-2023, specifically:

- **Strategy 1:** Targeted Harm Reduction: Reducing harm in Tasmanian workplaces
- **Strategy 2:** Building Culture and Capability: Responding to current and emerging WHS issues

It also supports the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022.



# About the WorkSafe Tasmania Conference

The 2021 WorkSafe Tasmania Conference is an annual one day event that will be delivered in a hybrid event format, combining an in-person conference experience with a virtual component.

The Conference will be held on Wednesday 28 July. In-person attendance will be in Launceston.

## What is a hybrid conference?

A hybrid event is an innovative way to learn, connect and network. Delegates can attend either in person or online from wherever they are around the world. Delegates will experience all the usual event highlights including presentations, workshops and networking opportunities, just in a slightly different delivery model.

Through a virtual platform, delegates will also be able to explore live content, interact in live streamed Q&A discussions and engage virtually with other professionals.

Presenters will have the option of presenting in-person or remotely via virtual platform.

The 2021 WorkSafe Tasmania Conference will bring together people with a passion for work health and safety to share best practice, hear the latest research, be challenged by presentations and build valuable networks.

## Conference theme

'Safe Bodies, Safe Minds: Working together to ensure workers return home safe and well every day', emphasises the importance of safety, health and wellbeing at work, good return to/and stay at work outcomes.

## Conference streams

The Conference will explore contemporary issues through three streams:

- Work health and safety
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Worker's compensation and return to work.

Abstracts must support one of the above streams.

# Presentation Format

Presenters are invited to share their knowledge on the conference theme by presenting an oral presentation or workshop in-person or via a virtual platform in one of the three streams.

## Oral Presentation

Oral presentations will have 30 minutes to present including 10 minutes for Q&A and answers.

Presentations can be delivered in-person or via virtual platform.

Delegates will attend both in-person and virtually.

*Note: Presenters seeking to participate virtually should contact [naomi@eventsphere.com.au](mailto:naomi@eventsphere.com.au) prior to submitting an abstract to discuss presentation requirements.*

## Workshop

A workshop presenter will have approximately 40 minutes to present.

Workshops can be delivered in-person or via virtual platform.

Delegates will attend both in-person and virtually.

*Note: Presenters seeking to participate virtually should contact [naomi@eventsphere.com.au](mailto:naomi@eventsphere.com.au) prior to submitting an abstract to discuss presentation requirements.*

# Who can Submit an Abstract?

Anyone with an interest in work health, safety, wellbeing and worker's rehabilitation and compensation may be interested in presenting at the 2021 WorkSafe Conference.

The Conference Selection Committee particularly invites papers and participation from:

- academics and researchers
- university practitioners
- business and industry leaders
- policy makers (government and non-government).

# Abstract Submission Requirements

Submissions must include:

- presenter's contact details including title, first name, last name, organisation, position, email and contact number
- brief biography of presenter (up to 150 words. If there is more than one presenter please keep combined biographies to 150 words)
- presenters CV
- presentation title (no more than 15 words)
- conference stream
- presentation type
- alignment to the joint WorkSafe Tasmania and WorkCover Tasmania Strategic Plan
- presentation summary (up to 200 words)
- key messages for delegates

# How to Submit Your Conference Abstract

Abstracts must be submitted using the [online conference abstract template](#).

- Abstract submissions must answer all template questions and be prepared in accordance with the submission requirements.
- Abstracts of an overt product advertisement or marketing nature will not be accepted.
- If submitting more than one abstract, each abstract must be submitted separately.
- Where an abstract has more than one presenter, please ensure that all authors have agreed to the submission of the abstract.
- The presenting author must check the 'acknowledgement of terms and conditions' box when registering and submitting each abstract.
- Abstracts should be checked for clarity, spelling and grammar.
- A confirmation email will be sent upon successful abstract submission.
- Completing the [abstract submission form](#) will ensure the Conference Selection Committee has the information needed to complete the selection process.
- Abstracts will not be accepted after the closing date and time.

## Key dates

- 2 May 2021: Abstract submissions deadline
- Late May: Notification to presenters
- 28 July 2021: Conference date

## Presenter Terms and Conditions

1. By applying to be a presenter and/or submitting an abstract, the presenter acknowledges that the presenter has read, understands and accepts these Terms.
2. The presenter acknowledges and agrees that these Terms 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 provide the presentation unless confirmation is provided to the presenter in writing by WorkSafe Tasmania that the presenter and abstract has been selected and approved by WorkSafe Tasmania for the Conference.
3. Abstract submissions must be completed using the abstract template.
4. An abstract submission does not guarantee an opportunity to present at the Conference.
5. Abstracts must include all requested template information.
6. Abstracts will not be accepted after the closing date and time.
7. WorkSafe Tasmania reserves the right to determine the most appropriate content, presentation format and presentation length. This may mean that a submitted abstract may be preferred for a different presentation type or length of time. Presenters will be consulted prior to acceptance should this occur.

8. WorkSafe Tasmania reserves the right to accept or decline abstract submissions as appropriate and the decision of WorkSafe Tasmania is final.
9. WorkSafe Tasmania reserves the right to accept or decline an abstract submission at its absolute discretion, 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 WorkSafe Tasmania.
10. By submitting an abstract the presenter agrees that they have all authorisations, permissions, approvals, licences and consents required to submit the abstract and provide the presentation.
11. Approved presenters authorise WorkSafe Tasmania to use the presenter's name, photograph, and biographical data submitted to WorkSafe Tasmania for the purposes of the Conference and for any purpose connected with the Conference and business of WorkSafe Tasmania, including to provide or conduct future Conferences.
12. Approved presenters permit WorkSafe Tasmania 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.
13. WorkSafe Tasmania will provide approved presenters with a copy of the presentation recording solely for their personal and private use.
14. WorkSafe Tasmania 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 WorkSafe Tasmania if it is reasonably required in accordance with WorkSafe Tasmania's legitimate business interests, by providing written notice to approved presenters in advance of such change, postponement or cancellation (to the extent reasonably practicable).
15. WorkSafe Tasmania 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 WorkSafe Tasmania modifying, postponing or cancelling the Conference or any part of the Conference.
16. WorkSafe Tasmania will not offer support for accommodation, travel and expenses incurred in connection with being an approved presenter.

