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Conference Call for Abstracts

Abstracts for Concurrent Presentations are due by
Monday, 10th December, 2018

Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by
Thursday, 31st January, 2019

Final PowerPoint's are due by
Friday, 24th May, 2019

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Invitation to Participate 2019 Stormwater Victoria Conference

On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee, we would like to inform you that we are now seeking Expressions of Interest for the conduct of concurrent presentations for the upcoming **2019 Stormwater Victoria Conference**, with the theme of **River for Liveability: Promote, Protect and Preserve**. The Conference will be held regionally, at the Vibe Hotel in Marysville on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th of June, 2019.

Victoria has a vast network of river and waterway systems that meander through the many cities, towns and suburbs across the state. These rivers are the life blood of our communities, providing many cultural, recreational, environmental, climatic, economic and life sustaining benefits. These waterways have been contributing to communities long before western settlement occurred within Victoria. Now, changes are being made to the landscape of our state daily. While population growth increases, and along with it the significant economic investment in infrastructure, this progress has the potential to have detrimental effects on our river systems and their health if not managed carefully. It's easy to see that much of inner Victorian agricultural and peri-urban areas are diminishing due to an ever-expanding urban growth ring around Melbourne. It has become clearer that the protection of our river systems is more critical now than ever.

Water sensitive urban design has long been at the forefront of our industry. We have all seen the positive impact of diverting stormwater flows away from the traditional piped network to a disconnected or alternative stormwater asset that treats, detains or adds to the general amenity of our urban environment. Whilst we have started to see the positive impact on our river systems, can we ensure that this approach will be enough to protect them for generations to come?

We have to consider; how can we ensure that our current methods for protecting our river systems are the most effective and sustainable? Are there more economical, lower maintenance, resource effective ways, that result in a greater benefit to our waterways? Can we implement new and more innovative concepts in the future to help preserve our river systems better?

With many competing factors in the wider industry, bringing issues relating to water quality and quantity management to the table can be a difficult task. This Conference wishes to explore ways in which we can:

- **Promote** the vitality of our river systems by generating wider interest in the importance of waterway health and through complementary drivers and outcomes
- **Protect** our river systems from harm and devastation through considered and targeted stormwater management practices
- **Preserve** our rivers and waterways for the environment and for the enjoyment of generations to come

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Conference Chair
2019 Stormwater Victoria Conference

Conference Program and Audience

The Conference program will include two days of multi-stream sessions as well as a co-located trade exhibition, providing an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest in product innovation.

The Conference will also feature the annual Stormwater Victoria Conference Dinner, to be held on the Tuesday evening 4th of June.

The primary audience includes industry professionals such as engineers, asset managers, researchers, landscape architects, urban planners, developers, sustainability managers, policy development practitioners, politicians and advisors at all levels of government from:

- Government agencies and non-government agencies
- Water related consultants and contractors
- Research and development organisations
- Makers and retailers of stormwater / WSUD propriety products
- Regional NRM Bodies
- Urban developers

The Conference will bring together thought leaders and innovators, and provide opportunities for the industry to share successes, as well as provide education that can be used to provide tangible benefits for the communities, businesses and environment that we all share.

Call for Abstracts

The Conference Committee is seeking Expressions of Interest for the conduct of concurrent presentations from stakeholders across all areas of the Stormwater industry. Interested authors are encouraged to submit an abstract of their topic for review and possible selection for oral presentation at the Conference.

For information on how to submit an abstract for consideration, please refer to the *Abstract Submission Guidelines* on the next page.

In 2019, Conference presentations will be offered as **30 Minute Concurrent Presentations**.

Under the banner of ***'River for Liveability: Promote, Protect and Preserve'*** the Conference is seeking concurrent presentations built around a number of streams.

It is anticipated that concurrent presentations will be approximately 30 minutes in length with an additional 5 minutes allocated for questions. Delegates will then be allocated 5 minutes to move to the next session.

Presenters will be required to indicate in which stream they wish their contribution to be considered in, including, but not limited to the concepts listed below:

Strategy, Policy and Education

- Liveability – what does it mean and how do we protect it?
- Are current planning controls appropriate for the outcomes we want?
- Engaging and considering diverse views in setting policy
- Creating community engagement and driving action
- Managing competing challenges
- Cultural changes to waterway management
- Healthy Waterways Strategy
- AR&R 2016 – how will this impact the industry and delivery of water to rivers?

Science and Innovation

- Innovative approaches to stormwater management from catchment to property scale
- Sustainable and resilient solutions to flood risk and damage
- Creating public spaces that collect, clean, and recycle water
- Balancing risk against outcomes
- Testing protocols and proprietary products

Collaboration and Integration

- Whose water is it?
- How can we work together to achieve better outcomes?
- How can we deliver the most value?
- Integrated Water Management Framework for Victoria
- Rural farms and agricultural linkages between farm and authorities
- Cultural recognition and collaborative outcomes

Infrastructure Management and Operations

- Case studies and examples
- Post bushfire management and regeneration
- How much do we know about our assets, and what else do we need to know?
- How can we sustainably manage our existing networks?
- Lessons learnt from past projects

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The following guidelines apply for the submission of abstracts for all concurrent presentations.

- All abstracts must be submitted via the online [Abstract Submission Portal](#)
- In total, abstracts should be no more than **350 words in length**. Abstracts exceeding this limit **will not be considered**.
- Submissions must include a biography of the presenter of up to 150 words. Submissions not including a biography of the presenter **will not be considered**.
- Abstracts must include the following information:

Author(s):	Preferred Given Name, and Surname of all Authors
Presenter:	Name of person/s who will present the presentation at the Conference
Title:	e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, Prof for all persons listed above
Position:	Official job title of all presenter/s e.g. Stormwater Engineer
Organisation:	The organisation/institution with which the presenter/s are affiliated
Contact Details:	Phone, fax and email details must be provided for the presenter/s
Presentation Title:	This is the title that will be included in the delegate workbook, conference website and promotional material for the Conference.
Stream:	Please indicate the most appropriate stream/s for your presentation as outlined in the dot points on page 5 of this document.

- **Abstracts for concurrent presentations** should be submitted by no later than **Monday, 10th December, 2018**. Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by no later than **Thursday, 31st January, 2019**.
- Please note that the Conference Organisers and/or Committee will communicate only with the 'first author' of a presentation. In the case of co-authored presentations, it will be the responsibility of the 'first author' to pass on to the co-author(s), communications from the editors.
- All concurrent presenters are **required to register for the Conference**.

Further Information

Should you require any clarification on this Call for Abstracts, please contact:

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