

## **“Recreation: The missing piece”**

**Novotel Parramatta NSW  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Australian Recreational Therapy Association invites abstracts for presentation at the first national conference under our new corporate identity. The conference provides an excellent opportunity for recreational therapy professionals, health professionals, academics, researchers and students from across Australia to showcase their work, engage in networking, and critical discussion to encourage growth in clinical practice, research, and education, policy and workforce development. Abstracts from a range of practice areas should explore, lead and inform delegates on recreational therapy interventions, service development and current industry trends.

### **Themes**

Authors are encouraged to submit an abstract summarising interesting and topical programs, initiatives and research as they align to the conference theme. Please select from the subthemes below to which your presentation is best suited.

- Aged care/Dementia care
- Disability
- First Nations Health
- Justice/Forensic Health
- Mental Health/Drug Health
- Neurological Disorders
- Palliative Care
- Rehabilitation
- Youth Health
- Consumer engagement/Partnerships
- Digital health/Technology
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Education/Research
- Environmental sustainability
- Innovation and creativity
- Leadership
- Private Practice
- Quality and safety

### **Presentation formats**

- Paper - oral presentation (45 minutes)
- ePoster – electronic posters (PowerPoint) and displayed during the conference on LCD screen/s in the venue.
- Leisure bite - introduction of a concept or intervention/program (15 minutes)
- Practical session – demonstration/interactive presentation (45minutes)

Guidelines will be provided to those authors whose abstracts are accepted and these will vary depending on the presentation type.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to:  
ARTA Conference Convenor, c/- [enquiries@recreationaltherapy.au](mailto:enquiries@recreationaltherapy.au) by  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

## Abstract Submission Details

Abstracts should be a summary of the material that is to be presented at the conference:

- **Microsoft Word** format, Arial 12pt font, **single spaced** type
- Abstract must be clearly written in English and a maximum of **300** words.
- Presentation title
- Preferred Presentation format
- Theme
- Author name/s, qualification, or course of study
- Position and employment details
- Contact details including phone and email address.

The ARTA Conference Committee encourages submissions from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals, students, researchers and educators, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community workers.

## Selection and notification

Abstracts will be assessed for originality, quality, relevance and professional interest. The conference committee is keen to ensure that new graduates/early career therapists as well as experienced presenters are included in the conference program.

The conference generally has two streams where presentations are grouped to offer a balance of industry specific content as well as exploring contemporary issues that affect professionals.

Receipt of abstracts will be confirmed by an acknowledgement email.

Abstract submissions not accepted for oral presentation may be considered for an ePoster display.

Abstracts will be printed in the conference program and distributed to delegates at the conference.

## Presenter Registration

Presenters will be required to register for the conference by paying the associated Presenter Fee and are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

### Key dates

<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2023</b>	Call for abstracts close.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	All applicants successful or otherwise will be notified with appropriate timeframe to register during the Early Bird Registration period.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	Abstract presenters' deadline to register and submit any changes to abstracts
<b>31<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	Full programme available

## Awards

A number of awards will be available and awarded to presenters during the conference including: Best ePoster, People's Choice and Best first time/student presenter. More information to come. ARTA Award for Excellence will also be announced.

### For more information

Conference Convenor

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