

CALL FOR PAPERS 2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Recreating the Recreation Revolution”

**Virtual Conference
Thursday 18th and Friday 19th September 2025**

Australian Recreational Therapy Association invites presentation abstracts for our virtual conference. The conference provides an excellent opportunity for recreational therapy professionals, health professionals, academics, researchers and students across Australia and internationally 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 themes “Recreating the Recreation Revolution”.

Presentation formats

Authors are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration by the conference committee. Abstracts will be accepted by email until 15th May 2025. Submissions may be accepted after this date with special prior arrangement. As part of the submission process, authors are asked to indicate the presentation type they are interested in:

- Leisure Bite – big ideas in a small window (15 minutes)
- Recreation Recharged- sparking new ideas (30 minutes)
- Leisure Labs – deep dive into recreation innovation (45 minutes)

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 by 15th May 2025

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 or similar, and **single spaced**
- Abstract must be clearly written in English and a maximum of **300** words.
- Presentation title
- Preferred presentation format
- 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.

Receipt of abstracts will be confirmed by an acknowledgement email.

Abstracts will form part of the conference program and distributed to delegates prior to the conference. Some minor edits may be made, if necessary to enhance readability for the conference program.

Presenter Registration

Presenters will be required to register at least 6 weeks prior for the conference. A special conference rate is available for presenters.

Key dates

15th May 2025	Call for abstracts close.
15th June 2025	All applicants successful or otherwise will be notified.
30th June 2025	Abstract presenters' deadline to register and submit any changes to abstracts
July 2025	Full programme available

Awards

A number of awards will be presented at the virtual conference including 'People's Choice' and 'Best first time' or 'Student' presenter. More information to come.

For more information

Conference Convenor

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