

IAHA 2025 National Conference Abstract Guidelines

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...	
Call for abstracts open	24 March 2025
Call for abstracts closes	30 May 2025
Notification of selection outcomes	27 June 2025
Written acceptance of offer to present	18 August 2025
Deadline for presenter registration	12 September 2025

IAHA are seeking abstracts for the 2025 IAHA National Conference to be held at the **Novotel resort Sunshine Coast/Convention Centre**.

The conference theme, **Tradition to Transformation: Leading in Allied Health**, recognises the contribution that members, communities and organisations have made, and continue to make, to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including:

- building culturally responsive connections, partnerships and relationships;
- valuing cultures and diversity, respecting cultural ways of knowing, being and doing, and embedding the cultural determinants of health;
- contributing to the development of culturally safe and responsive practice within an allied health and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health context;
- strengths based solutions led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities to improve access to (allied) health services and education, training, and employment; and
- community-led, translational allied health and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research.

We are now calling for abstracts for concurrent oral presentations as they relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health and wellness.

Abstracts may be applicable across multiple themes and all innovative projects, programs, research and initiatives are encouraged to submit.

IAHA is looking for:

- Interesting and thought-provoking **20-minute oral presentations** (concurrent sessions)
- An extended more comprehensive **30-minute oral presentations** (concurrent sessions)
- Short snapshot **15-minute tabletop oral presentations** delivered 5 times in a 90-minute session to small rotating audiences (concurrent sessions)

Presentations that are **action-oriented, strengths-based and solution-focused led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander/First Nations people** will be given preference.

All abstracts must have an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presenter or co-presenter, or in the case of international submissions a First Nations presenter or co-presenter, who is leading or meaningfully partnering on the project, research, activity, or initiative to be considered.

IAHA provide a culturally responsive environment to share knowledge and encourages submissions from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce and students, researchers and educators, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community workers.

All abstracts will be peer reviewed by the IAHA Conference Committee in accordance with the process described herein.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

1. All abstracts must be:
 - a) structured providing an outline of the aim/s and content of the presentation. Additionally, abstracts should articulate clear learning objectives.
 - b) no more than 300 words long.
 - c) completed in full, including a biography of each presenting author. Photos are required and can be submitted on registration.
 - d) at least one of the presenters **must** be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander/First Nations **that is leading or partnering on the project, research, activity or initiative to be considered.**
 - e) submitted electronically via the [abstract portal](#)
 - f) submitted by 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on **30 May 2025**
 - g) Abstracts received after this date will NOT be accepted.
 - h) presented by the specified presenting author(s) except in an emergency, such as illness, where an alternative speaker can be nominated. The first author (as given on the abstract submission form) will be the main contact for any correspondence.
2. Accepted oral presentations must not exceed their allocated time (including questions) (20 minutes, 30 minutes and 15 minute tabletops)
3. Tabletop presentations to not have AV provided although you are welcome to use your personal laptop.
4. The IAHA Conference Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any paper.
5. The acceptance of an abstract does not imply funding by IAHA.
6. Successful applicants will be notified by 27 June 2025 and will have until 18 August 2025 to provide written acceptance of offer and 12 September 2025 to register at the speakers' registration rate.

Abstract Submission Process

Abstracts will go through the following process:

1. Abstracts will be assessed by the IAHA Secretariat for eligibility, including the presence of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander presenter.
2. All eligible abstracts will be reviewed by the IAHA Conference Committee.

- a. All abstracts will be considered based on the merit of the individual submission and will be assessed according to the following criteria:
 - i. Learning objectives addressed
 - ii. Importance of presentation topic Relevance of content to audience
 - iii. Contemporary or innovative issue
 - b. Abstracts submitted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presenters will be prioritised.
 - c. Abstracts with a clear evidence base will be prioritised.
3. The final date for submission of abstracts is the **30 May 2025**. Any abstracts received after this date will not be accepted.
 4. Authors will be notified of their abstract results by **27 June 2025**.
 5. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference app.
 6. IAHA requires written confirmation of successful applicants' acceptance of the presentation offer by **18 August 2025**.
 7. Presenters must have registered to attend the conference by **12 September 2025**. Payment of reduced rate speaker registration is a condition of presenting at the conference. Please register on the website to obtain the speaker rate available by **12 September 2025**.
 8. Please note that presenters are responsible for their own travel to and from the conference. IAHA secretariat staff will be available for assistance and recommendations when booking flights and accommodation.

Conflict of Interest

The IAHA Conference Committee requests that those submitting an abstract disclose any potential conflict of interest regarding their presentation within the abstract submission form. A potential conflict of interest may arise from a variety of relationships including employment, consultancy, investments, funding for research, family relationships and so on.

If deemed necessary, the conflict-of-interest declaration will be included in the published abstract, to ensure conference delegates are aware of potential objectivity issues of the presentation. Declaration of interests will allow the IAHA Conference Committee to take potential conflicts of interest into account when assessing the submission.

Abstract enquiries

For all abstract enquiries or you have not received notification of your abstract results by COB 27 June 2025, please contact Amanda Johnstone, Event Manager, at amanda@iaha.com.au or +61 2 6285 1010.