



Instructions for Authors

Please read the following instructions carefully before submitting.

Summary of Abstract Submission Instructions

Step 1: Read the Instructions for Authors (this document)

Step 2: Using the online abstract submission portal, create your author account.

Step 3: Click on the "Abstract Submission" tab. You will be required to enter the following details prior to submitting your abstract for review:

- The title of your abstract (maximum 25 words)
- Theme and sub-themes
- Name and organisation of all co-authors and co-presenters
- A brief biography of the Presenting Author (maximum 150 words)
- Your completed abstract (maximum 300 words)
- Preferred mode of presentation (oral presentation, poster, lightning presentation)
 - Oral presentation – an oral presentation of 10 minutes (plus 3 minutes' questions) to be delivered at the conference. Requires a full paper to be developed.
 - Lightning presentation – a quick, 3-minute oral presentation, which focuses on a single item: idea, finding, issue, challenge, questions etc. Only requires an abstract to be developed.

Abstract and Presentation Deadlines

17 March 2017	Abstract submissions close
17 April 2017	Authors' notification
26 May 2017	Author registration deadline
1 July 2017	Full paper submissions close

Complete papers will be made available to Conference delegates on compact disc or USB drive.

Conference Theme

We look forward to receiving abstracts on the Conference theme, **Transition to Transformation** and sub-themes. These themes are not restrictive, and we welcome suggestions on other aspects of adaptation to change in rangeland activities that could be of interest to delegates. A diversity of presentation styles is encouraged, including case studies, video and interview. The representation of diverse voices is also encouraged, to include land managers, indigenous experience, businesses such as mining that are based on rangeland resources, researchers and students.

External and internal factors are driving significant change across the Australian Rangelands as technology advances, social dynamics evolve, climate change impacts become more apparent and products and markets change. The communities and industries of Australia's rangelands are in a state of transition, which will result in major changes in how rangelands are appreciated, used, managed and governed. To explore this and seek to inform future developments we invite you to address the theme **Transition to Transformation**.

A number of sub – themes have been identified, which we believe encapsulate the broad range of changes currently underway and/or expected in the foreseeable future.

1. **Living with climate change.** Climate change is happening across all the rangelands, with a drying climate in much of the southern rangelands. How are environmental, economic and social systems coping? What changes to these systems are required? Is external assistance required and, if so, what form should it take?
2. **Transitioning to new industries.** Pastoralism and mining are still the predominant industries but what is happening regards new land uses such as defence, tourism, conservation management and niche agriculture? How is the carbon economy developing – what are the opportunities and constraints? Are there alternative approaches to energy generation that take advantage of the rangelands' characteristics?
3. **Regional development in the rangelands.** What part can regional development activities play in a time of transition? What partners should be involved? How do they relate to regional and state/national priorities?
4. **The changing grazing industries in the southern rangelands.** Pastoralism in the much of the southern rangelands has faced increasing challenges over the last decade. What is happening in the small stock industries? What is the influence of technology on day-to-day operations? What happens to natural resource management after 'landcare'? What are the research, development and engineering (R,D&E) imperatives?
5. **Northern Australian Development.** What part will the rangelands play in the Northern Australian Development Agenda? What is happening now in the northern pastoral industry and what can we see in the future?
6. **Changing face of Indigenous managed lands.** Indigenous owned/managed lands occupy a large part of the Australian rangelands in some states/territories. There is increasing diversity in how Indigenous peoples are using and managing their lands. What is happening at the property, community, regional and State levels and what plans are there for the future? How can policy and R&D assist?
7. **Coping with drought.** Much of eastern Australia is just emerging from severe drought and is still dealing with its consequences. How are individual businesses, communities, and landscapes coping? What are we learning that can be applied in the next drought? Has Australian politics and policy come to terms with the inevitable reality of drought? If not, can it ever?
8. **Monitoring after ACRIS.** Governments are withdrawing resources, but we still need accountability for rangeland use and management. What is required of landholders, industries and governments in the monitoring "space"? If we can document change, what should be the response, and who should respond?
9. **Capital flows in the rangelands.** A number of mega-trends relating to flows of human, financial, intellectual, social and built capital are becoming evident in the rangelands. There are areas and industries that are pulling in people, ideas, dollars and technology, versus areas where capital is being withdrawn or may be missing out. What happens to dependent towns after mining finishes? How should government, communities and the R&D sector respond?

Title

- Papers should have a concise and informative title preferably of one line (word limit 25).
- Please select your title carefully – people choose sessions to attend based on titles.

Author

It is the author's responsibility to ensure the title, author and affiliation details entered in the abstract submission site are correct and exactly as they should be published on the abstract and all Conference materials.

Keywords

Please select up to six keywords that best reflect your paper's main concepts.

Style

Abstracts must NOT contain tables, pictures or diagrams.

Refer to the 'Notice to Contributors' on The Rangeland Journal website <http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/202.htm>, or a recent issue of the Journal as a guide for **references, units, symbols, abbreviations**, and numbers in tables and text.

Tips:

- use the active voice for your abstract and presentation
- transmit your research results clearly and concisely
- avoid jargon

Students

If you are a student, please indicate your student status when requested through the Portal. The presentation must be about student work and you must be a current student or have graduated in the six months prior to the Conference.

Students can apply for a Travel Scholarship to obtain support to attend the conference. Details will be in the upcoming *Range Management Newsletter*, due out in November 2016.

Prizes

The Australian Rangeland Society awards three student prizes: best paper, best presentation and best poster.

Publication

- Abstract: Published on the ARS website in advance of the Conference, and in the Conference booklet.
- Papers: Published electronically at the time of the Conference.

Special Issue of The Rangeland Journal

All abstracts will be considered for the Special Issue of The Rangeland Journal, for publication after the Conference. The Editors of the Special Issue will invite selected authors to submit a paper for publication in the Journal. Invited Journal papers will be in the order of 5000 words.

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