



## Lightning Presentations

There is a new format for contributions to the 2017 Australian Rangelands Conference – Lightning Presentations. As the name suggests, these are short, sharp presentations that may present a flash of insight, fertilise the atmosphere, ignite fresh discussion and lead to fresh new shoots of enquiry.

In three minutes, present one idea, research finding, management observation, challenging issue or question of concern: 1 item, 3 slides, 3 minutes and you're done!

Lightning's are open to all attendees – especially students and those who don't normally present at these Conferences. Preference will be given to those who are not otherwise giving a Conference presentation.

As much as possible we'll program these on the first day before lunch, to give maximum opportunity for networking conversation during the rest of the Conference.

Please submit your abstract by 17 March where possible, and by 16 June 2017 at the latest\*. First in, best dressed!

And there'll be prizes given for best Overall Lightning and for best Student Lightning.

*\* Extended deadline for lightning presentations only – abstracts for paper and poster presentations are strictly 17 March 2017.*

### More details:

1. The purpose of the Lightning Presentation is to enable more people to present, to facilitate networking through knowing more about what people are doing, and to enliven the conference with snippets of interesting information on current or emerging issues
2. 3-minute presentation time, strictly enforced
3. Focused on a single item: idea, finding, issue, challenge, question etc
4. Does not have to be on an identified conference theme
5. 3 slides max. Can include a very short video – so long as the 3-min total limit is not exceeded. To avoid hold-ups, the video must be tested with the Conference IT staff in good time before your presentation.
6. There will be 1 minute transition time between presentations
7. An abstract is required, via the same portal as for other abstracts. Please indicate when submitting, that your abstract is for a Lightning presentation.
8. Aim to submit your abstract by the same 17 March deadline for the volunteered papers. We will begin selecting Lightning presentations then. First in, bet dressed! The absolute deadline is 16 June – but the Lightning program may fill up before then. We will advise you whether or not your Lightning presentation has been accepted, beginning 17 April and by 30 June
9. Those not otherwise presenting, or new to presenting, will have priority for a Lightning presentation
10. Lightning presentations will be programmed in a block before lunch on Day 1 (to promote networking), and scheduled so that similar topics are together. The block will be broken up with Q&A slots
11. There is a maximum of one (1) Lightning presentation per person
12. Lightning papers are open to all (including students)