

Carers WA Conference 2024

Call for Abstracts - Guidelines



Thank you for your interest in presenting a session at the Carers WA Conference 2024.

The conference theme is “**Empowering the unpaid carer ... Navigating identity, belonging and change**”.

The program will include a range of diverse topics aligning to this theme, relevant to the carer role in WA.

Streams

Abstracts are sought to align with either, or both, of two streams:

Stream 1: Informational and/or research based presentations with a focus on carer supports and services.

Stream 2: Wellbeing based, with an holistic focus on health and continued capacity of a carer.

Type of presentation for which abstracts can be submitted

In person presentation.

A general presentation of 20 minutes duration, scheduled in one of the two concurrent streams. 5 additional minutes to be allowed for Author/s to answer questions from delegates.

Note: Other types presentations may be considered by Carers WA. Contact Carers WA Conference Officer.

Criteria for the review of abstracts

The criteria used by the Abstract Review Committee is be guided by, but not limited to:

Conference theme and streams: the presentation will offer something significant or unique for the delegates, relating to the theme and stream/s.

Important, current and relevant: the presentation will focus on issues affecting carers in WA and the supports and services available to them.

Innovative: the presentation will focus on a new, inclusive approach to the carer role and/or supports and services. It will provide new ideas or develop further what we already know or have shared previously.

Analytical: the presentation will provide more than a description of a program or service. It will convey insights, learnings and/or recommend new policies and actions.

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Diversity: the presentation will be considered in context with the overall program, ultimately to showcase a diverse range of information, insights and innovations.

Forward thinking: the presentation will focus on transitions in caring and future planning with an inclusive and innovative approach.

Abstract Guidelines:

- Abstract title should be no more than 12 words.
- Abstract must not exceed 300 words in length. (Relating only to the text, not the title, references, sources etc.)
- Abstract should concisely summarise the important points of the presentation, highlighting an outline, aim and relevance to the program.
- Abstract must be written in the English language.
- Ensure approval from all co-authors; the submitting presenter must ensure that all co-authors have read and approved the title, summary, presenter names and affiliations.
- Abstract must be the original work of the author/s. If citing research, sources must be appropriately referenced.
- Carers WA may collaborate with author/s to adapt the original format of their presentation for the final presentation.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual. However the splitting of a body of work into multiple abstracts is discouraged and consolidation into one abstract is preferred.
- By submitting an abstract, your permission is given for your abstract to be potentially made available on the Carers WA website and published more broadly.
- By submitting an abstract, in the event of it being selected, your permission is given for the session to be recorded and later made available on the Carers WA website.
- Include a biography (up to 100 words) of the presenting author/s.
- Submitted electronically via the abstract portal.

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Submission Instructions:

- Abstract should be submitted as a Word Document or PDF.
- Maximum file size = 5mb
- Abstracts must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 31 May 2024,
- Receipt of abstract submissions will be acknowledged by the website platform.
- Abstract submissions will only be accepted via this online portal link:

www.carerswa.asn.au/call-for-abstracts

Abstract Review Process

All abstracts received Monday 29 April – Friday 31 May 2024 will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee appointed by Carers WA. The Committee decisions are final. Authors will be contacted as to the status of their abstract on Monday 17 June 2024.

Successful Abstracts

Authors of a successful abstract will be offered a place on the conference program. Upon acceptance of the offer to present, conference authors agree to:

Register each presenting author after Friday 1 July, at no cost.

Have abstract potentially published on the conference website, other aligned platforms or in printed material.

Give Carers WA permission to film or photograph your presentation at the conference.

Give Carers WA permission for your presentation to be uploaded to the Carers WA website in the days or weeks following the conference.

Accept that a successful abstract does not imply provision of any costs associated with preparation, presentation of session or any costs associated with attendance at the conference.

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Key Dates:

Call for Abstracts open:	Monday 29 April 2024
Call for Abstracts close:	Friday 31 May 2024
Authors notified acceptance:	Monday 17 June 2024
Program Launched:	Friday 1 July 2024
Final Presentations due:	Friday 4 October 2024
Conference date:	Thursday 17 October 2024