



22nd Biennial Conference | 18 - 22 September 2023 | Broome, Western Australia

Call for papers – 22nd Australian Rangeland Society Conference, Broome WA, 18-22 September 2023

The Australian Rangeland Society and the ARS 2023 Organising Committee invite abstracts for presentations and posters from rangeland managers, practitioners and researchers who are keen to showcase how their work, connections, and experiences provide advances in managing the rangelands in a changing climatic, social and political environment.

The Biennial Conference of the Australian Rangeland Society provides an ideal forum for sharing and obtaining up-to-date information about the latest developments, exchanging ideas, identifying future trends and networking with the national and international community of rangeland managers, practitioners and researchers.

The 2023 Conference theme is: **ACTION STATIONS** which means we would like you to incorporate a 'call to action' into your presentation. This may be posing a question to provoke outside the box thinking, it may be a consideration of next steps or it may be focusing on adoption of your research? The following list illustrates some of the key topics we are looking to progress at ARS 2023:

- Coming to grips with carbon, green energy, natural capital and ecosystem services
- Science, satellites and success in grazing management
- Building resilience (people/land/animals/business) in a land of drought and flooding rains.
- Traditional Owners taking care of country and sharing knowledge
- Innovation in the rangelands. Where/what is the cutting edge technology?
- Building rangeland careers - passing the baton to the next generation

The list above are guidelines. We also welcome submissions on a range of other topics including rangeland conservation, biodiversity management, sustainable economic development, mining rehabilitation, tourism, disaster recovery and policy development.

Presentation format:

Authors must indicate their preferred form of presentation:

- Oral presentation: 12 minutes plus 3 minutes for questions
- Lightning oral presentation: 3 min plus 2 minutes for questions (can be combined with a poster)
- Poster Presentation (posters will be displayed throughout conference and dedicated end-of-day sessions)

The Organising Committee will decide on the final allocation of presentations depending on the number of submissions received.

Guidelines for abstract preparation:

- Provide a title, author name(s), and affiliation(s) of author(s).
- The abstract body should be 200–300 words, using clear and concise language with minimal jargon.
- Arial, font size (12), headings in bold and font colour black.
- Abstracts can include a figure or be a 'graphical abstract'.
- Ideas for lightning presentations or posters can be submitted using a text-based or graphical abstract.
- Abstracts must be submitted in the Word template that can be downloaded from the abstract submission page.

When loading your abstract onto submission page:

- Select your preference for presentation format. However, please be aware that there is no guarantee that an oral preference can be offered
- Specify the corresponding author.

Example abstracts can be viewed at:

- [Abstracts 21st Biennial Conference Longreach 2021](#)
- [Abstracts 20th Biennial Conference Canberra 2019](#)

Acceptance of abstracts and notification to authors

The Organising Committee will assess abstracts against the following criteria:

- Clear conclusions and/or perspectives / recommendations for future directions
- Relevance to identified topic(s)
- Quality of abstract presentation, within the word limit
- At least the corresponding author must be committed to attending the conference

Abstracts will be included in the Abstract booklet of the conference; this will be available online just before the conference.

Authors interested in preparing a full paper may submit it to the Rangeland Journal; there will also be a Special Issue of the Journal “Action Stations” arising from the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for abstracts open	15 December 2022
Registration opens	1 Feb 2023
Call for abstracts close	1 April 2023
Author’s notification of acceptance	1 May 2023
Early bird registration deadline and deadline for registration of presenters	1 June 2023
Booklet of abstracts published	30 August 2023

To submit an abstract or to seek further information please [Express your interest here](#).