

2025 Stormwater Victoria Conference

2-5 JUNE 2025

WANGARATTA, VICTORIA



Call for Abstracts

**More than the sum of our parts:
the value of collective action**

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Abstracts for Concurrent Presentations are due by
Tuesday, 10 December 2024

Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by
Thursday, 20 February 2025

Full Program released
Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Final PowerPoint's are due by
Friday, 30 May 2025

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Invitation to Participate

The Conference Organising Committee are seeking presentation abstracts for the Stormwater Victoria 2025 Conference, with the theme of '**More than the sum of our parts: the value of collective action**'. The conference will be held in Wangaratta on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 June 2025, with optional pre-conference workshops planned for Monday 2 June and Technical Tour on Thursday 5 June.

Victoria faces a range of challenges from climate change, a growing population, and a critical need for housing development to meet the needs of that growing population. This could create the perfect storm for our urban water cycle, with the potential for unmanaged stormwater to exacerbate flooding and degrade waterway health.

On the other hand, thoughtfully managed stormwater presents a range of opportunities for our future cities and towns. With good planning, stormwater management can help ensure water security, reduce flooding, support urban waterway health, foster biodiversity, and create cooler, greener, and more resilient urban spaces.

No person or organisation can deliver these outcomes alone. Good stormwater management requires collaboration and integration across all stages – from initial planning to ongoing operation and maintenance. Through collective action, we are more than the sum of our parts.

In this spirit, we invite you to submit abstracts that align with one of the following conference streams:

- **Inspiring a Shared Vision:** Strategy, policy, and education
- **Innovation and Crossing Boundaries:** Science, research, and innovation
- **Fostering Collaboration and Building Trust**
- **Full Circle - Design to Operation and Back Again**

We look forward to receiving your submissions and learning together at the 2025 conference.

Emily Plymin

Conference Convenor

2025 Stormwater Victoria Conference



Conference Program and Audience

The Conference program will include two days of multi-stream sessions as well as a co-located trade exhibition, providing an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest in product innovation.

The primary audience includes industry professionals including engineers, asset managers, researchers, landscape architects, urban planners, developers, sustainability managers, policy development practitioners, politicians, and advisors at all levels from:

- Government agencies and non-government agencies
- Local government engineers, environmental scientists, and planners
- Water (including reticulated) related consultants and contractors
- Research and education organisations (academics, students, and community groups)
- Manufacturers and retailers of stormwater/WSUD proprietary products
- Regional NRM Bodies
- Urban Developers

The Conference will bring together thought leaders and innovators, and provide opportunities for the industry to share successes, as well as provide education that can be used to provide tangible benefits for the communities, businesses, and environment that we all share.

Call for Abstracts

The Conference Committee is seeking submissions to conduct concurrent presentations from stakeholders across all facets of the stormwater industry. Authors are encouraged to submit an abstract for review and possible selection as a concurrent oral presentation at the Conference. The Program Committee also welcomes case studies and examples, within presentations as they understand the importance they play.

For information on how to submit an abstract for consideration, please refer to the Abstract Submission Guidelines on the following pages.

Concurrent presentations will be offered **30-minute sessions** inclusive of time for questions.

Under the banner of '**More than the sum of our parts: the value of collective action**' the Conference is seeking concurrent presentations built around several streams.

The 2025 Stormwater Victoria Conference will showcase the learnings, advancements, and issues from all aspects of the stormwater industry. We welcome and encourage submissions on the various disciplines involved in stormwater management, including:

- Flood management and mitigation
- Stormwater volume reduction, flow controls and ecosystem protection
- Stormwater quality improvement
- Integrated water management and stormwater re-use
- Land-use planning and development
- Policy, planning, modelling, design, delivery, and ongoing management of these aspects
- Monitoring existing assets and improvement in biodiversity

Presenters will be required to indicate in which stream they wish their contribution to be considered in, including, but not limited to the concepts listed below:

Inspiring a Shared Vision (Strategy, policy & education)

- Engaging communities, traditional owners to incorporate diverse views for establishing policy – what have we incorporated so far. Findings, Learnings, room for improvement.
- Case study: policies and/or programs contributing to better outcomes.
- Climate change: what has been done so far. Are we on track to achieving set goals.
- Reflecting on the ARR 2019 version 4.2 climate change chapter update- how does it impact the industry.
- Project outcomes based on policy implementation. What have we done well & what can we learn from others (including other countries).



Innovation and Crossing Boundaries (Science, research and innovation)

- Potential to use AI in advancing our tools
- AI contribution in advancing research & development
- Are we disaster ready? Disaster preparation and resilience project examples.
- Sharing innovative data collection & management processes to empower others to act and be informed
- Bridging the gap between science, policy, and implementation
- Balancing risks, benefits and costs against community outcomes

Fostering Collaboration and Building Trust

- Managing competing priorities and how does it contribute towards a shared vision.
- Adapting to the changing world and learning resilience together.
- Identifying complexities in delivering collaborative projects. Lessons learnt.
- Working collaboratively with others to achieve common objectives, including with developers, Traditional Owners, and the community
- What data can and should we share for collective understanding and benefit.

Full Circle - Design to Operation and back again

- Are existing projects addressing identified biodiversity Issues, as expected. What's on the ground currently, is it working, what can we do to make it better.
- Are we measuring best practice outcomes in existing assets. Are we achieving the expected outcomes. What can be done better.
- Capacity building: Involving all key stakeholders throughout the asset lifecycle to build capacity and deliver better operational outcomes
- Operationalisation of water systems using smart technology. Improving testing requirements using smart technology.
- How do we foster continual improvement in our work and/or designs to provide lasting community benefit?
- Are current planning controls appropriate for the outcomes we want?

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The following guidelines apply for the submission of abstracts for all concurrent presentations.

- All abstracts must be submitted via the online [Abstract Submission Portal](#)
- In total, abstracts should be no more than **350 words in length**. Abstracts exceeding this limit **will not be considered**.
- Submissions must include a biography of the presenter of **up to 200 words**. Submissions not including a biography of the presenter **will not be considered**.
- Submissions must include the following information:

Author(s):	Preferred Given Name, and Surname of all Authors
Presenter:	Name of person/s who will conduct the presentation at the Conference. Multiple presenters are allowed.
Title: e.g.	Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mx, Dr, Prof for all persons listed above
Position:	Official job title of the presenter/s e.g., Stormwater Engineer
Organisation:	The organisation/institution with which the presenter/s are affiliated
Sector:	Type of organisation (e.g. local government, state government, consultancy, academic, manufacturer, etc.)
Contact Details:	Mobile and email details must be provided for the presenter/s
Presentation Title:	This is the title that will be included in the Program, Conference App, and promotional material for the Conference.
Stream:	Please indicate the most appropriate stream for your presentation based on the options outlined on pages 5 and 6 of this document.

- Abstracts for concurrent presentations should be submitted by no later than **Tuesday, 10 December 2024**. Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by no later than **Thursday, 20 February 2025**. (if accepted, further information such as PowerPoint requirements and upcoming due dates will be included in the acceptance email)
- Please note that the Conference Organisers and/or Committee will communicate only with the 'first author' of a presentation. In the case of co-authored presentations, it will be the responsibility of the 'first author' to pass on to the co-author(s), communications from the editors.
- All concurrent presenters are **required to register for the Conference**.
- If the number of abstracts received exceeds space available, we will preference quality submissions (evaluated against the below criteria), diversity of speakers/organisations represented and opportunities for new speakers.



Abstract Evaluation Criteria

Abstracts will be evaluated against the following criteria:

	Criteria and Guiding Questions	5 To an Outstanding Degree	4 To a Strong Degree	3 Somewhat or Mixed	2 To a Limited Degree	1 Unclear To No Degree
1	Consistency with the nominated stream Does the abstract contain questions/challenges and identify the answers that will be discussed? Must include a brief statement about how your abstract aligns with the nominated stream.					
2.	Originality and Innovation Is the paper an original piece of work, be it research, experience, case studies or policy development? Does the paper demonstrate innovation in stormwater management, e.g. testing or demonstrating novel techniques, technologies, or policies in stormwater management?					
3.	Significance of the subject/project Does the paper add to the knowledge, understanding and practical application of stormwater management?					
4.	Technical content and methods Is the paper structured to clearly outline the methodology used by the project?					
5.	Shared lessons and replicability Does the paper demonstrate solutions and provide information about the lessons learned? Can these lessons be applied by others, for example through future on-ground projects or policy/strategy development?					
6.	General quality of the material presented Is the paper clearly structured and coherently presented? Abstracts will also be judged on spelling, grammar, and layout.					
	Sub Total					
	Total		Average Score (between 5 and 0)			

Further Information

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