



STORMWATER
VICTORIA
2018 CONFERENCE

WATER SENSITIVE COMMUNITIES
Inevitable OR Pipe Dream?



MELBOURNE, VICTORIA | JUNE 2018

Conference Call for Abstracts

Abstracts for Concurrent Presentations are due by
Friday, 17th November, 2017

Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by
Friday, 8th December, 2017

Final PowerPoint's are due by
Friday, 25th May, 2018

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Invitation to Participate – 2018 Stormwater Victoria Conference

On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee, we would like to inform you that we are now seeking Expressions of Interest for the conduct of concurrent presentations for the **2018 Stormwater Victoria Conference**. The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Melbourne Hotel, Victoria on Wednesday 6th and Thursday, 7th June, 2018.

Like much of the world, Victoria faces the following challenges: population growth and aging; changes in lifestyle and values; climate change and climatic variability; and challenging economic conditions.

Water underpins our economy, recreation, health and surrounding environment, representing one of our nation's most important natural resources. It also holds significant cultural heritage value, particularly where local indigenous communities are concerned. The values these communities ascribe to local waterways have much to teach everyone about their importance, hence it is crucial that these values are appropriately recognised and understood.

A water sensitive community uses water in a way that is **productive** and **sustainable**, while acknowledging the need for the environment to be **resilient** to changes and **liveable** for all in it.

The theory of Water Sensitive Cities is well documented and understood. The three pillars of Water Sensitive Cities as articulated in Wong and Brown (2009) are:

- Cities as Water Supply Catchments
- Cities providing Ecosystem Services
- Cities comprising of Water Sensitive Communities.

Alternate water sources, reliability, environmental risk, cost and the difference between decentralised and centralised systems are commonly considered in projects. The benefits and creation of beneficial microclimates, carbon sinks, habitat and biodiversity are emerging themes.

Communities are complex and often comprise of disparate and diverse groups with differing social, economic and environmental needs. This Conference wishes to explore whether Water Sensitive Communities are still a pipe dream or whether definitive steps have been made in implementing and demonstrating why it is inevitable that we all live in a water sensitive community.

Ann Pugh and Andrew Thomas
Conference Chairs
2018 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 third day offers a Technical Tour showcasing practical examples of the stormwater management discipline on Friday, 8th June, 2018.

The Conference will also feature the Stormwater Victoria Awards for Excellence Dinner, to be held on Wednesday evening 6th of June.

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

- Government agencies and non-government agencies
- Water related consultants and contractors
- Research and development organisations
- Makers and retailers of stormwater / WSUD propriety 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 Expressions of Interest for the conduct of concurrent presentations from stakeholders across all facets of the Stormwater industry. Interested authors are encouraged to submit an abstract of their topic for review and possible selection for oral presentation.

Presentations of particular merit will be invited to prepare a non refereed paper for the National Stormwater Conference to be held in October 2018, which may go to publication in the Australasian Journal of Water Resources.

For information on how to submit an abstract for consideration, please refer to the *Abstract Submission Guidelines* on the next page.

In 2018, conference presentations will be offered as follows:

30 Minute Concurrent Presentations

Under the banner of '*Water Sensitive Communities – Inevitable or Pipe Dream?*' the Conference is seeking concurrent presentations built around the following themes:

- Cities as Water Supply Catchments
- Cities providing Ecosystem Services
- Cities comprising of Water Sensitive Communities.

It is anticipated that concurrent presentations will be approximately 30 minutes in length with an additional 5 minutes allocated for questions. Delegates will then be allocated 5 minutes to move to the next session.

Presenters will be required to indicate in which stream they wish their contribution to be considered.

Strategy, Policy and Education

- Is policy making the pipe dream inevitable?
- City as a Catchment, communities as ecosystems
- Engaging and considering diverse views in setting policy
- Creating excitement and action
- Competing challenges
- Are current planning controls appropriate for the outcomes we want?
- Liveability ... what does it mean and how do we create/protect it?

Science and Innovation

- Create public spaces that collect, clean, and recycle water.
- Multipurpose facilities.
- Sustainable and resilient solutions to flood risk and damage

Collaboration and Integration

- Whose water is it anyway?
- Efficient use of diverse available resources;
- Incorporating indigenous water values

Infrastructure Management and Operations

- Resolving legacy issues
- How can we sustainably manage our existing networks, and what will happen if we don't?
- How much do we know about our assets, and what do we need to know?
- Incorporating stormwater assets in greenfield developments-lessons and challenges facing developers and councils.

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 150 words. Submissions not including a biography of the presenter **will not be considered**.
- Abstracts must include the following information:

Author(s):	Preferred Given Name, and Surname of all Authors
Presenter:	Name of person/s who will present the presentation at the Conference
Title:	e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, Prof for all persons listed above
Position:	Official job title of all presenter/s e.g. Stormwater Engineer
Organisation:	The organisation/institution with which the presenter/s are affiliated

Contact Details: Phone, fax and email details must be provided for the presenter/s
Presentation Title: This is the title that will be included in the delegate workbook, conference website and promotional material for the Conference.
Stream: Please indicate the most appropriate stream/s for your presentation as outlined in the dot points on page 5 of this document.

- **Abstracts for concurrent presentations** should be submitted by no later than **Friday, 17th November, 2017**. Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by no later than **Friday, 8th December, 2017**.
- 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**.

Further Information

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