



CALL FOR PAPERS

Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia

2022 Virtual Annual National Conference

“Revitalising Life Through Leisure”

Dates: Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th September 2022

Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia invites abstracts from diversional therapists, recreation therapists, recreation activities officers, health professionals, academics, researchers and students. DRTA are seeking papers from a broad range of practice areas that reflect the conference theme “Revitalising Life Through Leisure”. Papers should share, lead and inform delegates on diversional and recreation therapy interventions which acknowledge and ensure positive health outcomes for individuals, groups and client populations.

Guidelines for abstract submission

Authors are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration by the conference committee. Abstracts will be accepted by email until 14th June 2022. Submissions may be accepted after this date with special prior arrangement. As part of the submission process authors are asked to indicate the presentation type they are interested in:

- Paper - traditional oral presentation, 45 minutes
- Leisure bite - introduction of a concept, or brief activity 15 minutes

A separate set of guidelines will be provided to those authors whose abstracts are accepted and these will vary depending on the presentation type. NB there may be some changes to presentation types described.

Subthemes

The following subthemes have been defined to assist authors when preparing their abstract:

- *Navigating a Covid World*
- *Community Engagement and Connection*

Abstract Format

- The abstract should be a summary of the material that is to be presented at the conference
- **Microsoft Word** format
- Arial 12pt font, **single spaced** type
- Abstract should be **no longer than 400** words

Title and author details

- Title of paper
- Presentation type
- Indicate the subtheme that best reflects your presentation
- Author's full name and title
- Qualifications or course of study
- Current position and employment details
- Contact details including phone, postal and email address

Abstract submission

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to:

DRTA Conference Convenor, c/- enquiries@diversionaltherapy.org.au by Tuesday 14th June 2022

Selection and notification

Criteria for selection will include originality, clarity of presentation, relevance and professional interest. The conference committee is keen to ensure that novice, as well as experienced presenters, are included in the conference program.

The conference will be held over 2 full days online, using the Zoom Webinar format. The program will be arranged to provide both industry specific content as well as exploring issues that affect all professionals. Abstracts will be printed in the conference program and distributed to delegates prior to the conference.

Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged by email – it is your responsibility to ensure your submission has been acknowledged.

All selected authors will be offered a discounted registration fee and are responsible for meeting all costs associated with attending the conference.

Timeline

14th June 2022: Final date for submission of abstracts (extension to this may be given if pre-arranged)

14th July 2022: Notification to authors of accepted abstracts (within 7 days of notification accepted authors confirm their participation)

31st July 2022: Final date for changes to abstracts

Aug 2022: Conference programme confirmed

Conference Date 23rd and 24th September 2022

**For more information contact Conference Convenor via the DRTA office
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