

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

You are invited to submit paper and poster abstracts to present at the AAA2026 Conference. When submitting an abstract you will need to:

- ➔ Provide a title, author(s) and affiliation(s) – please submit in the lead presenter's name
- ➔ Nominate ONE session theme into which you would like your presentation scheduled
- ➔ Indicate whether the abstract is a 20 minute oral presentation, a 10 minute lightning presentation, a 10 minute workshop introduction or a poster.
- ➔ Provide a 300-word abstract (maximum 2,100 characters including spaces)
- ➔ Agree to abide by the AAA's Code of Ethics, Sexual Harassment Policy 2012, Discrimination Policy 2012, Equal Opportunity Policy 2012 and Website/Social Media Policies.
- ➔ Confirm that at least the lead presenter of the paper/poster is a current AAA member and will register to attend the conference by **4 September 2026**

The conference committee reserves the right to reassign your paper if they feel it is more appropriate for another session theme.

Lead presenters may only present one oral paper and one poster during the conference, although they may be co-authors on any number of other papers and posters.

Abstract submissions close at 11pm AEST on 3 July 2026.

Presentation Protocols

Delegates, presenters and session convenors are reminded of the AAA's Code of Ethics regarding protocols for the presentation of any data and/or interpretations of data that relate to Indigenous culture. These protocols require all session convenors and presenters to ensure that free prior and informed consent to collect, record, and present data and interpretations relating to Indigenous cultural materials is obtained from Indigenous collaborators and/or owners of data before any presentation is accepted into a session and subsequently presented at the conference, as either a spoken paper or poster. We take this opportunity to reiterate that breaches of AAA's Code of Ethics can result in the expulsion of members under section 32 of the Constitution.

Paper and poster presenters will be asked to agree to abide by the AAA's Code of Ethics, Sexual Harassment Policy 2012, Discrimination Policy 2012, Equal Opportunity Policy 2012 and Website/Social Media Policies during the submission process.

Session Themes

To find out more about each Session Theme, please [click here](#).

- ➔ A riverscape replete with meaning: Honouring Aboriginal lifeways on the River Murray, from deep time to the present
- ➔ Archaeological science in the past and in the future: ARCAS session
- ➔ Archaeology at the water's edge: Coastal, intertidal and underwater perspectives
- ➔ At the edges of the Act: Managing heritage where the framework doesn't fit and other misfits
- ➔ Building knowledge through practice: Insights from consultancy archaeology
- ➔ Decolonising archaeology beyond Australia: Reclaiming local narratives and Community authority in global archaeological practice
- ➔ Disability in archaeology: A path forward
- ➔ Grand challenges in Australian archaeology
- ➔ Ground stone tools come of age
- ➔ Plants in Australian archaeology revisited
- ➔ Remembering how people are shaped by cross-cultural interaction, trade and exchange
- ➔ Remembering in practice: Consulting archaeology and the future of cultural stories
- ➔ Revisiting the histories of Australian rock art through shared stories and reimagined futures
- ➔ Shared stories, rethinking futures: Australasian archaeologies in and with Southeast Asia
- ➔ The archaeology of submerged landscapes
- ➔ The ethics of advocacy in archaeology and heritage management
- ➔ Understanding Sea Country: Indigenous led submerged Aboriginal cultural heritage and palaeolandscapes research

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