

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS  
28<sup>th</sup> Homebirth Australia Conference  
28 - 29 July 2012  
Hobart Tasmania

Submissions are now open for Presentations at the 28<sup>th</sup> Homebirth Australia Conference. Abstracts are welcome on any topic relevant to the conference themes. The deadline for abstract submission is 5pm Friday 28 October 2011.

### Conference Themes

Birth Rites

Human Rights in Birth

*Please note that all accepted presenters must register for the conference and pay the speakers registration fee and sign the speakers agreement which will be sent once the abstract is accepted.*

### Presentations

Presentations will be allocated a fifteen minute or thirty minute presentation time.

### Abstract Preparation Guidelines

#### Length and Structure

- Please limit abstracts to a maximum of 250 words excluding the title.

#### Spelling and Grammar

- All abstracts should be written in English and thoroughly checked for spelling and grammar before submission.
- Abstracts will be published exactly as they are submitted.

#### Layout and Format

- The title of the abstract should be written in upper case.
- List details of the presenter's name/s and presentation time required.
- Please note that double spacing should separate the title, presenter's name/s, affiliation/s and body of the text.
- Please let us know if you will have a powerpoint/DVD to accompany your presentation.
- Please note, your abstract may be re-formatted for publication in the program handbook.

### Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Closing date for abstract submission is 5pm Friday 28 October 2011.
- All abstracts must be submitted in electronic format.
- It is the submitting presenter's responsibility to ensure that the abstract has been received. The Conference Convenor will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received through submission errors as a result of submitter errors, internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events.
- Should you experience any problems with your submission, please contact the Conference Convenor - Alison Walker for assistance: email [alisonwalking@gmail.com](mailto:alisonwalking@gmail.com)
- Incomplete or incorrect submissions will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted immediately in the correct format to be considered for inclusion in the program. Please note that faxed submissions will not be accepted.
- If you wish to submit more than one abstract, please submit each abstract in individual submissions.
- Abstracts should be submitted by the presenter.

- Accepted abstracts may be published in the conference program handbook; submission of abstracts implies the presenter's agreement to publish the abstract in the conference program handbook.
- Please note that all presenters must register for the conference and pay the appropriate registration fee by the presenter registration deadline to ensure that their abstract(s) are included in the final program.

### **Checklist**

Please ensure you have included the following required information within your abstract prior to submitting an abstract electronically:

- Presenting author contact details (name, organisation, contact email and telephone number).
- Title of abstract.
- Name of any presenter/s and time required.
- Abstract prepared in the format specified under 'Abstract Submission Guidelines'.

A confirmation email will be sent to the nominated email address of the presenter following receipt of submitted abstract. If you do not receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your submitted abstract please contact Alison Walker.

Abstracts will be reviewed and selected by the Homebirth Conference Committee. Acceptance or otherwise is at the discretion of the Conference Committee and notification will be sent to the presenting author by email.

Final decisions regarding acceptance of papers will take into consideration a number of factors such as: total number of papers submitted, relevance to the conference themes, quality of paper conveyed by the abstract compatibility with other papers submitted and the need to achieve a balanced and varied program.

For Further Information

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