Calling for Abstracts

The Annual NSW State Conference will be held in Wollongong on 31 August – 1 September 2018.

Midwifery: Coasting along or rising to the Challenge

Themes

Becoming political, challenges in practice, practice change, preparing the workforce of the future, working with diversity.

Key Note Speakers

Dr Helen McLachlan - Helen McLachlan is Professor and Discipline Head (Midwifery) at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, La Trobe University and has over 20 years’ experience in mother and infant health research. She has methodological expertise in randomised controlled trials, cohort studies, before and after studies, qualitative methods and health service evaluations. Her research interests including maternity models of care and place of birth, Aboriginal maternal and child health, perinatal depression, and breastfeeding. She is currently lead investigator on a large NHMRC partnership grant exploring the impact of continuity of midwife care on the health of Aboriginal mothers and babies.

Cathy Adams - Cathy is currently the Clinical Midwifery Consultant for Northern NSW LHD. Over her career she has worked in different countries as well as different areas of Australia across all levels of services from Tertiary facilities to stand alone birth centres and homebirth. Cathy recognises that all places are different as all women are different in our care and therefore it is not always possible to create a change that will be suitable or the same for all. Cathy has recently completed her Doctorate in Midwifery where implementation of change in maternity services became her focus. Cathy would like to share some of her observations and possible solutions to assess readiness for change that may be useful when considering practice change.

Jenna Price - Jenna Price is a journalist, academic, activist, family member and feminist. She is an enthusiastic contributor on a number of social media platforms including Twitter and Facebook, where much of her focus is on gender equality and fighting misogyny. Jenna is one of the co-founders of Destroy the Joint, an online feminist action group. She is a Fairfax columnist and regular contributor to independent online news and views sites such as The Conversation. Jenna is a major fan of midwives and has fond memories (and undying gratitude) of the midwives who supported her when she birthed her three babies in three very different ways.
The Call for abstracts has now opened. The Conference Committee warmly welcome you to submit an abstract.

The conference committee is inviting abstracts for the NSW State Conference, running 31st August – 1st September in Wollongong. We will be inviting midwives from all over NSW to come together to share their views, experiences and insights on birth.

Guidelines for abstracts

Abstracts should include the title of the proposed paper/poster submission, each author’s name with the name of the presenting author underlined and contact details, i.e. address, phone and email. Abbreviations may be used only after first defining the term. Use generic names for medicines. Write numbers as numerals rather than words.

Tables, figures, literature references and acknowledgements should not form any part of the abstract’s content.

The abstract should be presented in Microsoft Word format and be no more than 300 words in length and should include the following information.

**TITLE OF PRESENTATION**

| **Title:**  
| (Title needs to reflect the content of the paper to provide clarity for registrants. Needs to be limited to no more than 10 words) |
| **Author name/s:** |
| **Affiliations of the author/s:**  
| (Place of work, place of study) |
| **Corresponding author contact details:** |
| **Email:** |
| **Phone:** |
Abstract: 300 words maximum - using the following headings.

Introduction (A short overview of the presentation)
Text to go here

Aim or rationale (What is the purpose of the presentation)
Text to go here

Discussion (Ensure you show relevance to the theme of the conference)
Text to go here

Conclusions and implications for practice
Text to go here

It should be made very clear in the abstract submission whether the intention of the author is to present a conference paper or a conference poster.

Selection process

The Conference Scientific Committee will review all abstracts and make selections based on content, objectives, relevance to the conference themes, and the evaluation criteria.

The deadline for abstract submissions is 30th April 2018

Abstracts accepted for presentation will be allocated a 20-minute timeslot, including 5 minutes for discussion.

It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure accuracy of content, spelling and presentation as abstracts will be published as submitted, subject to reformatting that may be required by the conference organisers.

Fees

Presenters at the conference must pay their own travel expenses. Presenters are also required to pay the applicable registration fees.

Submission Instructions:

Please email a word version of your abstract, using the template below, by the closing date, to the following email address: Joanne.gray@uts.edu.au

Any enquiries regarding abstracts can also be made to Joanne Gray at this email address.

Thank you