

Call for Papers text

SEGRA is recognised as Australia's most credible independent voice on issues affecting regional Australia. The **SEGRA** conference is your opportunity to take an active role in advancing regional, rural and remote Australia.

SEGRA, now in its 23rd year, is committed to enabling regional, rural and remote Australia to source and identify the knowledge, practices and skills regions require to achieve successful economic growth and development.

SEGRA 2019 will be held in Barooga NSW from 20-22 August.

Conference theme: *Rivers of opportunity: activating your potential*

Four of the key megatrends affecting regional Australia are the rapid rise of Asia as an economic power, rapid urbanisation and the agglomeration effect, an aging population and advances in digital technology. How do we make the most of these trends to deliver outcomes for the places in which we live work and play? Some of the answers will lie in our deep understanding of our own place and its region. Other answers will be found in adoption of new perspectives that learn from the past and look to the future.

At **SEGRA 2019** we will be asking some of the big questions around key issues facing regional Australia – what are the roles of government and business in regional development, where and how does regional Australia fit on the national agenda, how best to fund development in regional Australia, how can we enhance lifelong learning in the regions, what are the benchmarks or thresholds for service delivery and how to ensure dynamic, vibrant healthy economies and communities?

As always, **SEGRA 2019** will profile some of the success stories of regional Australia and how these can work for you, to this end you are invited to submit a paper on one or more of the following action agendas.

Action agendas

- Forming dynamic and vibrant healthy communities.
- Integrated lifelong learning and employment in the regions.
- Delivering quality freight and logistics and distribution services and connectivity networks.
- Implementing best practice landscape scale planning and management.
- Delivering place-based regional development.
- Regional Australia and the national agenda.

- Tourism and Geotourism in Regional Australia
- Research into Regional Development

The deadline for the submission of offered papers is **5:00pm (AEST) on Friday, 29 March 2019**.

Click here to submit your paper now.

SEGRA is pleased to partner with the Journal of Rural Society to produce a special edition of **SEGRA** contributions. There is the opportunity for blind peer review of these papers if requested. Contact kate@segra.com.au for more information.

Guidelines for offering a paper

SEGRA is predominantly attended by practitioners, regional economic development organisations, local councils, businesses, not for profit and state and federal government who live, work and invest in regional rural and remote Australia. A review of the papers from previous years will assist in pitching your paper:

Submitted papers must address the following:

- an alignment with the conference theme;
- in the presentation of case studies, an outline of the key learnings and outcomes of the project or program; and
- applied learning experiences of the project and their relevance to ecotourism and responsible tourism.

Further requirements:

- submissions must be made electronically via the **SEGRA** website;
- abstracts must be no more than 250 words;
- abstracts should contain a brief summary of the content areas of your proposed topic;
- abstracts must not contain graphs, diagrams or complex tables;
- indication if you are also happy for your paper to be considered in the keynote program;
- joint presentations are welcome;
- a 250 word biography that answers the questions – what have I done, what am I doing, what I hope to do in the next 5 years and hobbies;
- a high resolution headshot photo of each presenter; and

- the title should aim to be precise and concise so that it conveys a clear message.

All presenters must be able to cover their own registration fees, accommodation and travel costs. Accepted speakers will be offered a 10% discount on registration fees. The discount excludes accommodation, networking events and study tours, as these activities are charged at cost price.

Accepted speakers must register and pay prior to **COB, Friday 14 June 2019** to have their paper confirmed and published online.

To enable delegates to interact with presenters we encourage speakers to attend the entire conference. As a minimum, speakers must be registered and attend the day of their presentation.

The titles of papers and presenter's details will be provided (excluding contact details) on the conference website. The Secretariat reserves the right to edit the title of papers to reduce their length if required. Any Author changes to the title or abstract of papers must be provided to the **SEGRA** Secretariat by email prior to **COB, Friday, 12 July 2019**.

Speakers with accepted abstracts will be required to prepare and submit their full presentation by **COB, Friday, 02 August 2019**.

Call for papers will close at **5:00pm (AEST) on Friday, 29 March 2019**.

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