



# Australian Voice Association (AVA) Conference 2026 – Call for Papers: Abstract Preparation Guidelines

*Conference theme: One but many – Australian views on voice*

## 1. Purpose of the Call for Papers

The AVA invites submissions that advance knowledge, practice, and dialogue in voice across research, clinical, pedagogical, performance, and community settings. These guidelines set out what to submit, how it will be reviewed, and key dates.

## 2. Presentation Formats

**Authors may nominate one preferred format; the Program Committee may reassign to balance the program.**

- Oral Presentation/lecture recital (20 minutes including Q&A)
- Poster Presentation
- Workshop / Interactive Session (60 or 90 minutes)
- Panel or Symposium (90 minutes; typically 3–4 speakers)

## 3. Conference Sub-themes

Please nominate one primary sub-theme:

- Voice pedagogy and education
- Voice science and research
- Clinical voice practice and vocal health
- Singing, performance, and artistry
- Spoken voice, professional voice, and communication
- Indigenous, multicultural, and culturally responsive perspectives on voice
- Technology, innovation, and digital approaches to voice
- Interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaborations
- Early-career, student, and emerging practitioner work
- Australian contexts, environments, and communities of practice

## 4. Abstract Content Requirements

### 4.1 Title

Clear and informative; maximum 20 words.

### 4.2 Author Information

- Full name(s)
- Professional role or institutional affiliation
- Country (if not Australia)
- Identify one corresponding author (email)



### 4.3 Abstract Body

Word limit: 250 words (excluding title and author details).

- Purpose or focus of the presentation
- Background or context
- Approach, method, or framework
- Key outcomes, findings, or learning objectives
- Relevance to the conference theme and audience

### 4.4 Keywords

Provide 3–5 keywords.

## 5. Formatting and Submission

- Language: English (Australian spelling recommended)
- Format: Single paragraph preferred; no tables, figures, or references
- Submission method: Online abstract portal [HERE](#)
- Time zone for deadlines: 11:59 pm AEST

## 6. Submission and Important Dates

- Call for abstracts opens: Thursday, 2nd April 2026
- Abstract submission deadline (Round 1): Sunday May 31st 2026
- Abstract review period: 1 June – 30 June 2026
- Notification of acceptance: Friday, 10 July 2026
- Presenter registration deadline (end of Standard period): Monday, 31 August 2026
- Final papers/posters due: Sunday, 13 September 2026
- Conference dates: Saturday–Sunday, 3–4 October 2026

## 7. Review Process and Criteria

Blinded peer review: reviewer identities concealed; author identities visible only to administrators. Each abstract is reviewed by at least two reviewers.

- Relevance to theme and audience – 20%
- Clarity and coherence – 20%
- Contribution to knowledge/practice/discussion – 25%
- Approach/method or pedagogical framework – 15%
- Fit to nominated format – 10%
- Interest and engagement potential – 10%

Scoring scale: 1 (insufficient) to 5 (excellent).



## 8. Notification and Conditions of Acceptance

- At least one author must register by the presenter registration deadline (31 August 2026).
- Accepted presenters agree to present in the allocated time and format.
- Abstracts may be published in the program and/or proceedings.

## 9. Ethics and Professional Standards

- Authors confirm originality and accuracy; necessary ethical approvals obtained where applicable.
- Disclose any conflicts of interest.
- Use culturally respectful language and practices; obtain permissions for any culturally sensitive content.

## 10. Accessibility and Inclusion (Recommended)

- Presenters should prepare materials that are accessible (legible fonts, adequate contrast, minimal text on slides).
- Please advise accessibility needs at submission; AVA will make reasonable adjustments.

## 11. Enquiries

AVA 2026 Conference Program Committee – Email: [ava@australianvoiceassociation.com.au](mailto:ava@australianvoiceassociation.com.au)

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