

2017 WGIA National Conference

Choice Theory, Reality Therapy & Lead Management

Crowne Plaza, Newcastle, NSW, Australia

28 ~ 30 September 2017



We know...could we know better?

On behalf of the WGI-A Conference Organising Committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2017 WGI-A National Conference.

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme for the conference will be – **‘We know ... could we know better?’** It will extend what we already know, and provide new knowledge and skills so we are continuously learning and improving our effectiveness as people at both personal and professional levels.

The theme provides a common thread throughout the program that will relate to parenting, education, mental health and leading & managing change for success.

BACKGROUND TO THE CONFERENCE

Newcastle is a vibrant university city with fabulous beaches and coastline, amazing wineries, cafes and restaurants and a working harbour which will provide a fantastic backdrop for our conference providing so much to do and enjoy for all conference participants and their partners, family & friends.

The theme for the 2017 Conference **‘We know ... could we know better?’** is a play on the words from the song ‘Better’ by the iconic Newcastle band, The Screaming Jets.

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Call for Conference Abstracts

We encourage all people interested in presenting at the 2017 WGI-A National Conference to submit an abstract for consideration.

The conference theme 'We know ... could we know better?' will focus on any aspect of the participants extension of current knowledge & skills. The Conference Program will include four strands:

- 1. Leading & Managing for Success**
- 2. Parenting and the Wellbeing of Children**
- 3. Professional Wellbeing**
- 4. Staying Mentally Healthy**

The 2017 WGI-A Conference Committee is calling for Conference presentations that are practical and evidence based, allowing the audience to walk away with practices, knowledge, strategies and ideas that can be implemented in their individual settings.

The 2017WGI-A Conference program will provide fantastic learning for everyone whether professionally, personally, or both. The conference will provide access to national and international speakers of high repute covering topics based on current research.

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND THEMES

The 2017 WGI-A National Conference Committee is currently negotiating with world-renown leaders to be the 2017 keynote presenters.

The Conference's theme, '**We know ... could we know better?**' will extend what we already know, and provide new knowledge and skills so we are continuously learning and improving our effectiveness as people at both personal and professional levels.

Presentations that explore any aspect of the theme 'We know ... could we know better?' will be highly regarded.

CONFERENCE STREAMS

The Conference Organising Committee is seeking submissions relating to the following Conference streams:

1. Leading & Managing Change for Success

This strand will focus on successful strategies to effectively lead and manage change in community groups, schools, health & affiliated organisations and any businesses no matter how large or small. It could be change in the classroom or extend to change in a large organisation. It is a strand for leaders in *any* environment.

2. Parenting and the Wellbeing of Children

Parenting is probably one of the hardest, and yet most important jobs ever. This strand offers new knowledge and skills to assist parents to manage their children in an ever increasing complex age. It will provide strategies to help our children to help themselves to be more resilient, happier and physically and mentally healthy.

3. Professional Wellbeing

Teaching these days can be a tough gig, especially for new teachers. With all the demands of the job, it is vital to be able to manage oneself effectively to maintain healthy levels of stress. This strand will focus on enhancing the wellbeing of teachers, leaders and others working in challenging situations.

4. Staying Mentally Healthy

This strand focuses on how to stay mentally healthy, help others to stay mentally healthy and have happier more need-satisfying relationships.

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TYPE OF SUBMISSIONS

Workshops – Presentations

Presenters seeking formal review of a written paper can submit an abstract of up to 450 words for a workshop/presentation. Please indicate your preferred length of time for your workshop/presentation - 45, 60 or 90 minutes.

The PowerPoint from these presentations may be made available on the WGI-A website following the conference.

All abstracts must include two learning objectives:

- Learning Objective 1 should answer the question: *“What will people in the audience gain or learn from attending their presentation?”* (The focus should not be on what you are to present but what delegates will take away from the session.)
- Learning Objective 2 should answer the question: *“How is your presentation relevant to implementation and to what setting?”*

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

The following guidelines apply for the submission of all abstracts:

- **All abstracts are to be submitted online via the WGI-A website: www.wgia.org.au**
- Submission on any topic related to the streams for the Conference will be considered.
- Abstracts should be a maximum of 450 words which will include the separate answers to the learning objectives.
- Submissions must include a biography of the presenter/s of up to 200 words.
- Submissions that do not include a biography of the presenter/s **will not be considered**.
- Abstracts should be submitted by no later than **28 April 2017**.
- Contributors will be provided with advice of acceptance or rejection of their submissions by **30 June 2017**
- Authors are to return their acceptance of the *‘Invitation to Present Form’* by **14 July 2017**
- The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any submission and extend or shorten the presentation duration.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PRESENTERS

Please note: The presenting author/s **MUST** register to attend the Conference for at least the day in which they are scheduled to present. If there are other authors on the paper who are attending the Conference to present, they must also register to attend the Conference. For all registration enquiries and details, we refer you to the website: **www.wgia.org.au**

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Abstract Submission Outcome advised by	30 June 2017
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Final Power points due by	1 September 2017

For further information on the WGI-A 2017 National Conference please visit WGI-A at our website www.wgia.org.au

If appropriate, it would be appreciated if you could distribute this email through all of your relevant networks.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Sansom

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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