

SNAICC'25 ABSTRACT & PRESENTATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Event Details

SNAICC's next biennial National Conference (SNAICC'25) will be held on Yuggera/Turrbal Country at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (Meanjin) from 7-9 October 2025.

The conference offers a space where people can:

- Learn, share and network about early childhood education and out-of-home care / child protection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and
- Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures.

It will feature a comprehensive program that includes, but will not be limited to:

- Keynote presentations.
- Panel discussions.
- Cultural workshops.
- Demonstrations.
- Cultural performances.

An artisan's market will run concurrently over the course of the three days, showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander makers.

The theme for SNAICC'25 National Conference is:

Our Culture. Keep it Strong. We Belong.

Rationale: This theme reinforces the importance of keeping Culture strong and celebrating that strength. It also references the importance of Cultural identity and belonging in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures play a key role in achieving positive early learning and development outcomes for our children. By cultivating layers of cultural safety, support and community around our children, we can help them grow into strong Elders for generations to come.

Selection Criteria

SNAICC is inviting communities, organisations and individuals to submit abstract proposals with the view of presenting these ideas at SNAICC'25. Presentations may take the following format:

- Short, formal presentation;
- 20-minute panel discussions, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A;
- Interactive workshops;
- Masterclasses;
- Yarning circles;
- Storytelling;
- Case studies; and
- Success stories.

Presentations must celebrate Culture and fit within one of the following conference streams:

1. Children & Families

Strengthening the safety and wellbeing of our children, raised within family and Culture.

Sub-theme/s

Early interventions and prevention; foundational supports.

2. Child Protection

Transforming the Cultural safety and experience of children engaged with child protection services.

Sub-theme

Transitioning services.

3. Early Learning & Development work

Increasing the quality, access and sustainability of early childhood development services and supports.

Sub-theme

Cultivating language in learning.

Precedency

Preference will be given to presentations that are:

- Presented/co-presented by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People;
- Delivered by staff from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations;
- Given by SNAICC membership holders;
- Evidence or outcome based (what is working);

- Introducing something new, eg. research, practices, progressive ideas or new applications of Culture;
- Interactive; and
- Delivered by or in collaboration with young people.

The Abstract Selection Committee will assess submissions against the selection criteria. Once finalised, we will notify successful applicants and invite them to present. The appointment of successful presenters will be at the discretion of SNAICC's senior management.

NB: SNAICC may need to work with you to adapt and adjust the original format of your presentation.

Submission Process

To make a submission, please access our [online portal](#). The portal will then prompt you to provide the following information:

- Proposed title of your presentation;
- Details about the author(s) including:
 - Presenter's organisation(s) or affiliation.
 - Presenter's contact details.
- Description of presentation (in one sentence);
- Further details about your proposed presentation (250 words maximum), covering:
 - Main themes, ideas and topics.
 - Who is your presentation's target audience is.
 - What participants will get out of it.
 - How your presentation will be interactive, if applicable.

If you are unable to complete your submission electronically, please contact the Conference Project Manager, Marijana Tadic, on snaicc25@agentur.com.au for assistance.

Please submit your abstract by COB Friday, 7 February 2025.

PLEASE NOTE – Presenters will need to cover their own conference registration fees and travel costs.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are eligible to apply for one travel subsidy per organisation, subject to the State or Territory they are travelling from.

You can register your interest in the travel subsidy via the Abstract Submission Portal.

Item	Details
Submission format	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abstract PDF.• Links to audio/footage (URL) for spoken Abstract elements.
Submission deadline	COB Friday 7 February 2025
Successful applicants	Notified by March/April 2025.

Contact

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