2026 CBAA Conference Program

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This program is organised by day. Each session lists the session name, time, and location. Sessions that run at the same time are listed one after another under the same start time.

Days covered: Thursday 22 October, Friday 23 October, and Saturday 24 October 2026.

Venue: Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre, 80 Western Beach Rd, Geelong VIC 3220

For further event information visit conference.cbaa.org.au or refer to the CBAA Conference app.

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

Registration opens

Time: 12 pm

Session: Deep Dive (invite only)

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Mongarrk A

Session: Bridging the Generations: Building the Next Wave of Community Radio Leaders

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Darrwal A

Session: Lobbying for Community Radio

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Darrwal B

Session: Welcome Function

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Darrwal A and B

End of Thursday 22 October.

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

Registration opens

Time: 8 am

Session: Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country

Time: 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Location: Gheringhap Plaza

Session: CEO Welcome: The Next Decade of Community Broadcasting

Time: 9:00 am to 9:10 am

Location: Delama A

Session: Government Representative

Time: 9:20 am to 9:30 am

Location: Delama A

Session: Opening Keynote

Time: 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Location: Delama A

Session: Morning Tea

Time: 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Location: Delama B

Session: Foundations of Hyperlocal News that Matters

Time: 11:00 am to 12:45 pm

Location: Mongarrk A and B

Session: Building a Strong Volunteer Culture: Recruiting, Retaining and Supporting

Time: 11:00 am to 11:45 am

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: Game On: Bringing Local Sport into the Heart of Community Radio

Time: 11:00 am to 11:45 am

Location: Delama A

Session: New to Fundraising? Start with Belonging

Time: 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: Media for Democracy

Time: 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: Lunch

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location: Delama B

Session: First Nations Meetup

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location: Mongarrk A and B

Session: Foundations of Your Station's Funding Mix

Time: 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm

Location: Mongarrk A and B

Session: Hold On Tight: Tech Tips to Keep Your Station On-Air

Time: 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: Beyond Airplay: Stations Building Stronger Music Ecosystems

Time: 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: The Great Grants Showcase

Time: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Location: Mongarrk A and B

Session: Maximising Audiences On Your Platforms (sponsored by Triton Digital)

Time: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: Research Showcase

Time: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: Afternoon Tea

Time: 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: Delama B

Session: AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Time: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: Sounds Like Geelong

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: 94.7 The Pulse, 68–70 Little Ryrie Street, Geelong, VIC 3220

End of Friday 23 October.

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

Registration opens

Time: 8 am

Session: Foundations of Governance and Financial Literacy

Time: 9:00 am to 10:45 am

Location: Mongarrk A and B

Session: Navigating Changing Audience Demographics

Time: 9:00 am to 9:45 am

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: How to Make Your Content More Accessible

Time: 9:00 am to 9:45 am

Location: Delama A

Session: Emergency Broadcasting: From Preparedness to Best Practice

Time: 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: Clips, Comments and Clicks: Social Media for Community Radio

Time: 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Location: Delama A

Session: Morning Tea

Time: 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Location: Delama B

Session: Foundations of Strategic and Succession Planning

Time: 11:15 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Mongarrk A and B

Session: Keeping Your Station in the Black

Time: 11:15 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: Finding Your Voice: Talks Programming

Time: 11:15 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: AI: What's Worked, What Hasn't, What Now

Time: 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: Darrwal A and B

Session: Lean Newsroom Operations

Time: 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: Lunch

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location: Delama B

Session: CBF Grant Assessor Meetup

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location: Mongarrk A and B

Session: Why Didn't I Think of That?

Time: 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: Closing Keynote: Dee and Pip

Time: 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: Closing Remarks: CBAA President

Time: 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Delama A

Session: Community Broadcasting Awards Pre-Drinks

Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Lower Foyer C and D

Session: Community Broadcasting Awards Dinner

Time: 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Location: Wala Mirr Theatre

End of program.