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INVITATION TO SPONSOR



The Railway Technical Society of Australasia (RTSA) warmly invites you to partner with us for the Conference on Railway Excellence (CORE), taking place in Adelaide, one of Australia's most connected and innovation-driven rail cities.

As Australasia's pre-eminent technical rail conference, CORE has built an outstanding legacy of bringing together leading thinkers, innovators, practitioners, and decision-makers from across the rail industry. Held biennially, CORE has firmly established its reputation as the premier technical event for the rail sector, consistently delivering:

- High-quality, objective technical papers
- Cutting-edge insights across engineering, operations, design, safety, planning, and asset management
- A platform for sharing knowledge, new ideas, emerging technologies and best practice across all aspects of rail systems

In 2026, CORE heads to Adelaide—a city known for its collaborative industry ecosystem, advanced manufacturing capabilities, and deep commitment to transport innovation. The conference will continue to elevate the standard of technical excellence, facilitating conversations that shape the future of rail in our region.

By partnering with RTSA for CORE 2026, your organisation will be aligned with the highest calibre of technical exchange in the Australasian rail industry, gaining valuable visibility and connection with engineers, leaders, operators, and innovators driving the sector forward.

We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide and to working together to deliver another exceptional CORE conference that advances knowledge, inspires innovation, and supports excellence across the rail profession.

Tony Carbone
CORE2026 Conference Chair

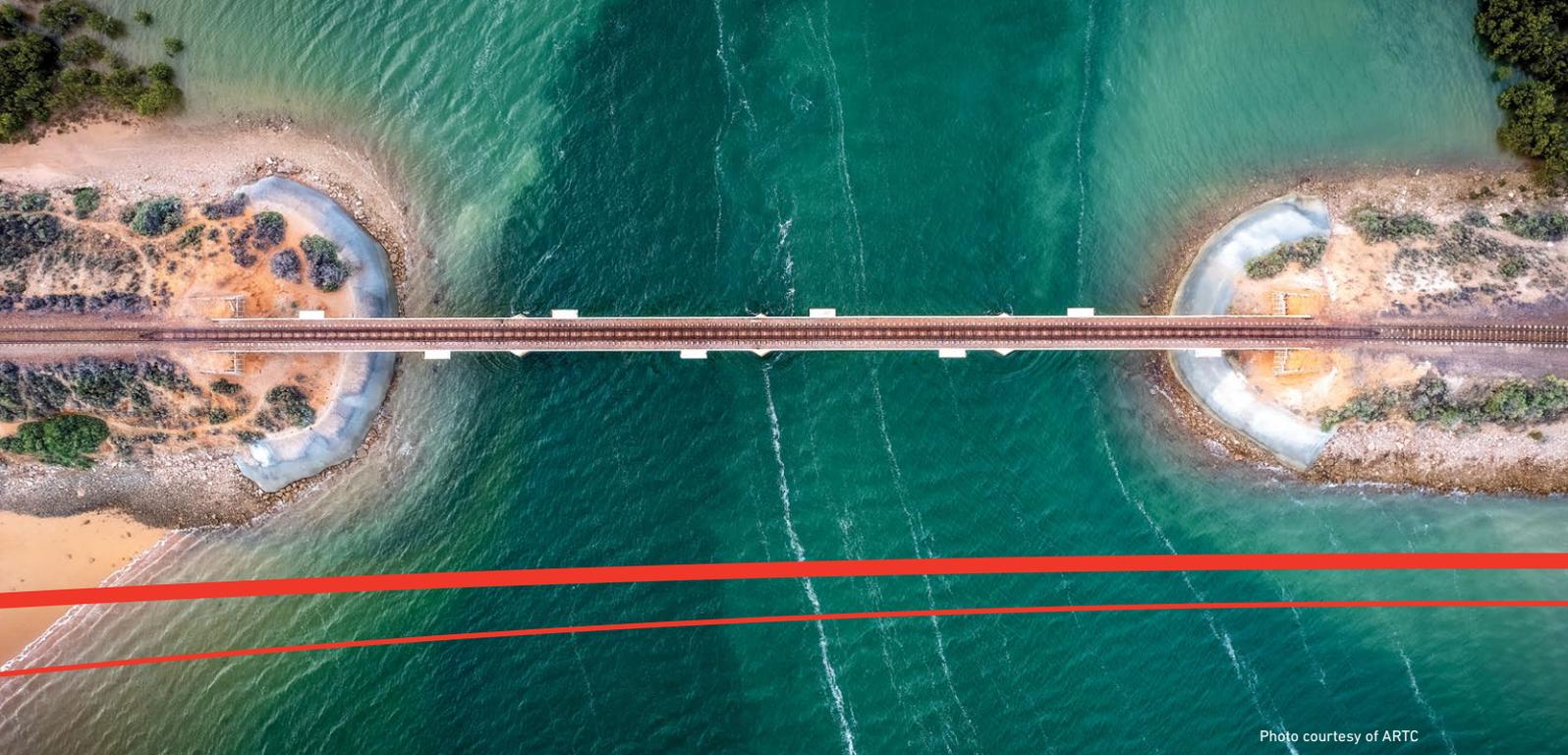


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RTSA

The Conference on Railway Excellence (CORE) is hosted by the Railway Technical Society of Australasia (RTSA). The RTSA is a joint Technical Society of Engineers Australia and Engineering New Zealand, formed to further the interests of the railway industry at large and its individual participants. The RTSA is a non-profit organisation which was established in 1997 for the purpose of promoting the co-operation of academic, industrial, commercial and governmental organisations in relation to the practice and advancement of railway technology and management in Australasia.

The activities of the RTSA are directed towards providing leadership in the facilitation and coordination of professionalism in the railway industry, and the encouragement of member contributions to the application of railway technology and good management practices. The objectives of the RTSA are to stimulate the active contribution and participation of its members in the development and dissemination of railway technology and management knowledge; to support the business of the railway industry; to provide for the continuing professional development of its members; and to promote close working relationships amongst participants in the railway industry.

Currently there are six Chapters across Australia and New Zealand established under the RTSA umbrella. All chapters run programs that not only address topical railway issues but provide the opportunity for joint meetings with other similar groups in the industry.

Aims of RTSA

- > **Promote technological and management excellence in the railway industry;**
- > **Represent the considered opinions of its membership;**
- > **Stimulate the active contribution and participation of its members in the development and dissemination of railway technology and management knowledge, so to support the business of the railway industry;**
- > **Provide for the continuing professional development of its members;**
- > **Strengthen and enhance the competence of its members;**
- > **Promote close working relationships amongst participants in the railway industry;**
- > **Establish linkages at an international level to enable members to benefit from international exchanges;**
- > **Promote education, research, development and information dissemination within the railway industry.**



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CORE 2026

CORE 2026 is scheduled to take place in Adelaide from August 17 to 19, 2026. This conference aims to build upon the achievements of prior events, featuring both national and international speakers who will share their insights. A rigorous technical program is currently being developed, which will include tours highlighting cutting-edge technologies and methodologies that position rail as a leader in the transportation sector.

Why Sponsor?

- > Unprecedented cross-market branding opportunities
- > Reach the maximum target audience
- > Strengthen your market position
- > Platform to build strong business relationships
- > Increase your profile in the market
- > Be recognised as a leader in the industry with significant branding opportunities
- > Support professional development and networking opportunities as a means to further develop networks
- > CORE 2026 provides great value for money

Audience Profile

CORE conferences consistently attract a highly engaged mix of delegates and exhibitors from across the globe, representing a broad spectrum of railway professionals from all areas of modern rail. Renowned for drawing influential technical and industry decision-makers, CORE provides an unparalleled platform for meaningful connection, collaboration and knowledge exchange. These include:

- Operators
- Manufacturers
- Contractors
- Service Organisations
- Planners
- Designers
- Researchers
- Academics
- Media
- Policy Makers





HOST CITY & VENUE

Adelaide offers an ideal location for industry leaders and technical professionals from across Australasia to come together. As one of the region's most accessible and seamlessly connected cities, Adelaide provides a central meeting point that supports collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation across the rail sector.

Home to a strong transport, manufacturing, and engineering ecosystem, Adelaide is recognised for its coordinated approach to infrastructure planning and its commitment

to advancing mobility solutions. This makes it a fitting host for CORE, where technical excellence and forward-thinking ideas drive the conversation.

The Adelaide Convention Centre, located on North Terrace in the heart of the city, delivers a modern, flexible and highly efficient environment for conferences of CORE's calibre. Its proximity to accommodation, key precincts, and transport links ensures a smooth and professional delegate experience from start to finish.

Adelaide's combination of accessibility, capability and collaborative industry networks makes it a strategic and compelling location for CORE and its partners.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please note all prices are inclusive of GST, which will be applied at 10%

		Page	Availability	Price
Sponsorship	Platinum Partner	7	Three available	\$33,000
	Emerging Rail Professional Scholarship Award	8	Exclusive	\$27,500
	Gala Dinner	8	Exclusive	\$22,000
	Gold Sponsor	9	Unlimited	\$22,000
	Networking and Barista Lounge	9	Exclusive	\$16,500
	Welcome Reception	10	Exclusive	\$11,000
	Delegate Gift	10	Exclusive	\$11,000
	Lanyard and Name Badge	10	Exclusive	\$11,000
	Conference App	11	Exclusive	\$8,800
	Concurrent Session	11	Unlimited	\$3,300
Exhibition	Shell Scheme Booth (3m x 3m)	12		\$5,500

Tailored made packages available to suit your marketing objectives

We recognise that not one size fits all and the above packages are suggestions only. If your organisation is keen to participate and has a certain marketing objective or budget, please contact us to discuss other potential packages to ensure your priorities as a supporter are achieved. Email: core@encanta.com.au



SPONSORSHIP

Platinum Partner

\$33,000

Three available

Lead the Conversation at CORE

Our Platinum Partnership is offered to a select group of organisations whose leadership, expertise, and commitment to advancing the rail industry align with the values of the RTSA and CORE. As one of our top-tier partners, your support plays a pivotal role in enabling the delivery of Australasia's premier technical rail conference.

This exclusive package recognises the influence and industry standing of your organisation and positions you at the forefront of CORE's impressive technical program.

We invite you to step into a leadership role as a Platinum Partner, with opportunities to shape key moments within the conference. Working closely with our team, we can create a bespoke package tailored to your strategic objectives, which may include:

- Chairing a technical workshop
- Hosting a plenary session
- Presenting a full business lunch
- Leading a concurrent session

Platinum Partners also receive a premium exhibition footprint in a prominent, high-traffic location, along with access to high-profile networking opportunities that connect you directly with senior decision-makers and technical leaders from across Australasia.

As a Platinum Partner, your organisation will be recognised not only for its contribution, but for its leadership in driving excellence, innovation, and best practice in the rail industry.

Acknowledgement

- Verbal acknowledgement at the opening session as Platinum Partner
- Acknowledgement in Email Marketing Campaigns as Platinum Partner (from time of sponsorship confirmation)
- Acknowledgement on Delegate Confirmation letters
- Acknowledgement on Conference App

- Acknowledgement on Conference Program
- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Single slide acknowledgement by way of advertisement placed on looped power point
- Acknowledgement on all pages of Conference web site with hyperlink

Display

- **TWO** Complimentary 3m x 3m Exhibition Booths including **FOUR** full exhibitor registrations includes session access, tea breaks and lunches, Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. **Value: \$6,780**

Promotion

- Opportunity to sponsor a specific concurrent session at the Conference
- Opportunity to send an email to Conference Delegates prior/post to CORE promoting your involvement in the Conference

Delegate List

- Delegate List provided in excel format (name, organisation, state and email only) and subject to Australian Privacy Laws. List to be provided 2 weeks prior to Conference and final list provided post Conference

Attendance

- **SIX** Complimentary Registrations including attendance at the Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. **Value \$10,170**

Emerging Rail Professional Scholarship Award

\$27,500

Exclusive

Acknowledgement

- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site with hyperlink
- Acknowledgement on Conference App

Naming Rights

- Naming rights to the Emerging Rail Professional Scholarship e.g. 'Sponsor Name' Emerging Rail Professional Scholarship

Display

- **ONE** Complimentary 3m x 3m Exhibition Booth including **TWO** full exhibitor registrations with session access, tea breaks and lunches, Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. **Value: \$3,390**

Promotion

- Opportunity to provide mentors as part of the program and address all recipients at a special networking sundowner event held prior to the Welcome Reception
- Certificates presented to each recipient and including your organisation logo

Delegate List

- Delegate List provided in excel format (name, organisation, state and email only) and subject to Australian Privacy Laws post Conference

Attendance

- **TWO** Complimentary Registrations including attendance at the Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. **Value: \$3,390**

Gala Dinner

\$22,000

Exclusive

The CORE Gala Dinner, held on the middle night of the conference, is the premier social and networking occasion of the event. As the only evening where all delegates come together in one setting, it offers an exclusive and unrivalled opportunity for your organisation to be front and centre with attendees.

Included as part of every delegate's registration, the Gala Dinner ensures maximum attendance and exceptional visibility for the partner. Guests will enjoy a three-course dinner, quality entertainment, and the presentation of the prestigious RTSA Awards—making it one of the most anticipated moments of the CORE program.

Partnering with the Gala Dinner positions your organisation at the heart of CORE's signature networking experience, engaging directly with industry leaders and technical professionals from across Australasia.

Naming Rights

- Exclusive sponsorship of this event and **naming rights** to be recognised as the 'Gala Dinner sponsored by SPONSOR NAME'. Your name will be repeated time and again when reference is made to the event through marketing plans and delegate communications. All costs are covered by the Conference including food, beverage, audio visual, entertainment and theming

Promotion

- Opportunity to provide a 3 minute address or video message during the dinner

Acknowledgement

- Logo recognition on Dinner tickets and Menus
- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site
- Acknowledgement on Conference App

Attendance

- **TWO** Complimentary Registration including Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. **Value: \$3,390**
- **EIGHT** complimentary tickets to the Gala Dinner. **Value: \$1,600**
- **VIP Table Placement** prime positioning of your organisations table at the Gala Dinner

Additional Opportunity

- Opportunity to place a gift for guests on table (at organisations own expense)

Gold Sponsor

\$22,000

Unlimited

Acknowledgement

- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site with hyperlink

Display

- **ONE** Complimentary 3m x 3m Exhibition Booth including **TWO** full exhibitor registrations with session access, tea breaks and lunches, Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.
Value: \$3,390

Delegate List

- Delegate List provided in excel format (name, organisation, state and email only) and subject to Australian Privacy Laws post Conference

Attendance

- **THREE** Complimentary Registrations including attendance at the Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.
Value \$5,085

Additional Opportunity

- Opportunity to sponsor a concurrent session as nominated by your organisation, incl. recognition in program of sponsored session and placement of organisation banner in session room (provided by organisation)

Networking and Barista Lounge

\$16,500

Exclusive

Have your brand in delegates' hands by becoming a sponsor of the Espresso Café. We anticipate more than 350 barista made coffees a day being served from these coffee stations, with café style tables being provided for delegates to sit and relax. This area will attract high foot traffic during the exhibition opening hours and provides an area where delegates can have meetings, network and access the internet.

This sponsorship package offers high-level exposure during the exhibition hours of the conference.

Acknowledgement

- Organisation logo/name to be placed on all lounge signage
- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Acknowledgement on Conference website
- Naming rights to the Networking and Espresso Café Networking Lounge Promotional
- Opportunity to place branded accessories such as coffee cups, aprons, t-shirts and hats within the Lounge (subject to venue approval, materials to be provided by sponsor)
- The opportunity to place sponsors material within networking lounge for the duration of the event

Attendance

- **TWO** Complimentary Registrations including attendance at the Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. **Value: \$3,390**

Delegate List

- Delegate List provided in excel format (name, organisation, state and email only) and subject to Australian Privacy Laws post Conference



Lanyard and Name Badge

\$11,000

Exclusive

Acknowledgement

- Logo displayed on Delegate Lanyard and Name Badge (The Organising Committee reserve the right to select the style of lanyard)
- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site with hyperlink

Attendance

- **ONE** Complimentary Registration including Welcome Reception, Networking Session and Gala Dinner.
Value: \$1,695



Welcome Reception

\$11,000

Exclusive

Acknowledgement

- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site with hyperlink

Naming Rights

- Exclusive naming rights of sponsored social event eg 'Sponsor Name' Welcome Reception

Promotion

- Opportunity to provide a 2 minute address to delegates during Welcome Reception

Attendance

- **ONE** Complimentary Registration including Welcome Reception, Networking Session and Gala Dinner.
Value: \$1,695

Delegate Gift

\$11,000

Exclusive

In consultation with the committee and approved budget, an opportunity to provide a gift to delegates when registering at the conference. This package is offered in lieu of the previous Delegate Bag sponsorship.

Acknowledgement

- Logo displayed on Delegate gift (The Organising Committee reserve the right to select the gift)
- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site with hyperlink

Attendance

- **ONE** Complimentary Registration including Welcome Reception, Networking Session and Gala Dinner.
Value: \$1,695

Conference App

\$8,800

Exclusive

The App allows delegates to personalise their program, exhibitor listing, view floor plans, read abstracts and papers and a number of other interactive opportunities to better engage delegates through the use of technology.

Acknowledgement

- Organisation logo along with the event logo on the App header and on the e-guide that will be viewed by all delegates
- Recognition as App sponsor upon release of the App to delegates
- Dedicated menu item and icon on the main section of the App. From this page you have the opportunity to load numerous pdf information leaflets and links to appropriate websites and images of key personnel and contact details.
- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site with hyperlink

Concurrent Session

\$3,300

Unlimited

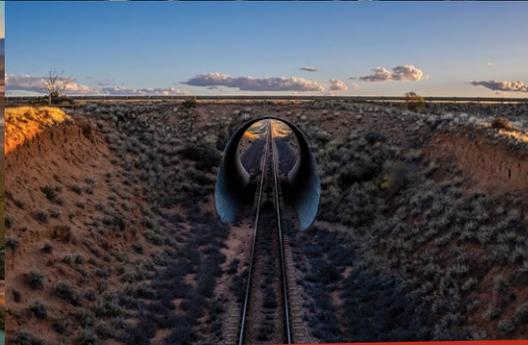
Organisations have the opportunity to sponsor a concurrent session aligned with your organisations product or service based on program

Acknowledgement

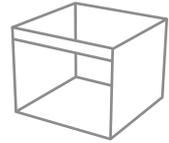
- Acknowledgement on the holding slide for the session
- Acknowledgement in Conference Program
- Acknowledgement on Sponsor Signage during Conference
- Logo on looped power-point slide prior to and between sessions
- Acknowledgement on Conference web site with hyperlink
- Placement of organisation banner in session room (provided by organisation)

Promotion

- Organisation information flyer placed in concurrent session room for the sponsored session

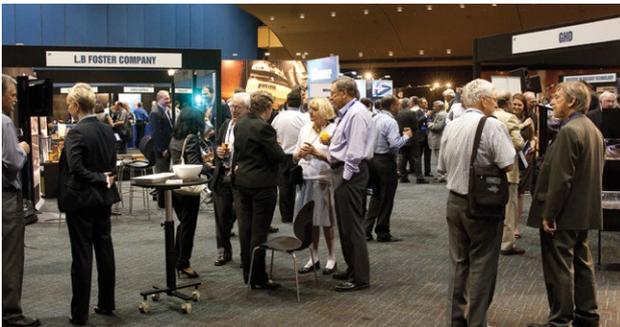


EXHIBITION



To complement the technical program at CORE an industry exhibition will be held in conjunction with the conference.

The Welcome Reception, tea breaks and lunches will be served amongst the exhibition. These meals will be “stand-up” to allow delegates to move freely through the exhibition space at all times.



Shell Scheme Exhibition Booth

AU\$5,500

As an Exhibitor you will receive the following benefits:



3m wide x 3m deep x 2.4m high booth



TWO Full Exhibitor Registrations per booth purchased. Includes session access, tea breaks and lunches, Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. **Value \$3,390**



A Delegate Contact Details list (subject to privacy laws) emailed within one month of the conclusion of the conference



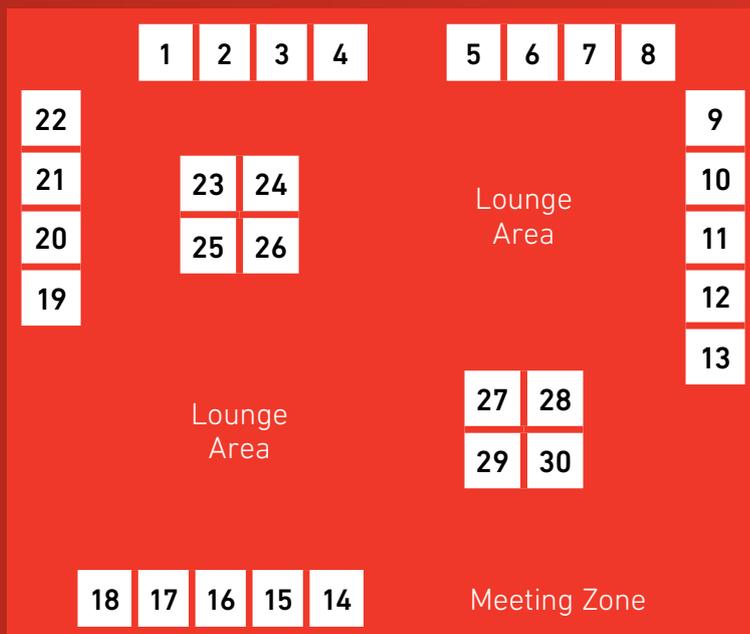
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ONE Power Point



TWO Spot Lights



Application Form

Contact Details

(Please print clearly in block capitals)

Contact Name:

Position:

Company Name:

Address:

State:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Website:

Email:

Sponsorship Packages

(All prices listed below are in Australian Dollars and inclusive of 10% Goods and Services Tax)

<input type="radio"/> Platinum Partner	\$33,000
<input type="radio"/> Emerging Rail Professional Scholarship Award	\$27,500
<input type="radio"/> Gala Dinner	\$22,000
<input type="radio"/> Gold Sponsor	\$22,000
<input type="radio"/> Networking and Barista Lounge	\$16,500
<input type="radio"/> Welcome Reception	\$11,000
<input type="radio"/> Delegate Gift	\$11,000
<input type="radio"/> Lanyard and Name Badge	\$11,000
<input type="radio"/> Conference App	\$8,800
<input type="radio"/> Concurrent Session	\$3,300

Exhibition Booth

Exhibition Booth \$5,500

Qty: x \$5,500 = A\$

Location 1st Choice: 2nd Choice: 3rd Choice:

Payment Details

Please note that 50% part payment of sponsorship total is required

Sponsorship Package (50% of Total Cost)	A\$
Exhibition Package (50% of Total Cost)	A\$
TOTAL COST:	A\$

Payment Terms

A tax invoice will be forwarded to you with 50% due within one month of the invoice date and final payment due 30 April 2026.

I have read the cancellation policy and accept all of its conditions.

Name (print): <input type="text"/>	
Organisation: <input type="text"/>	
Signature: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>

Please email this form to:

> Encanta Event Management
Suite 6/884 Beaufort Street, Inglewood WA 6052
E: core@encanta.com.au

Please note this is an application for Sponsorship and Exhibition at CORE 2026. All applications are subject to Committee approval and acceptance will be notified in writing to the applicant.

Terms and Conditions

By returning an application form via online or printed copy confirms your acceptance of these terms and conditions

- All bookings are subject to approval by the CORE 2026 Organisers and we reserve the right to refuse an application
- We (Encanta and CORE) as the Conference Organisers reserve the right to alter any aspect of the program and floor plan without prior notice. Please refer to the Conference website for the latest information on the event.
- We will take all diligent care to fulfil the above sponsorship and exhibition commitments. Sponsors and exhibitors are responsible for providing all their requirements i.e. banners, promotional material and any other material by the due dates requested by the Organisers.
- We reserve the right to introduce new packages and additional exhibition space should the opportunity arise.
- Sponsors and Exhibitors are required to make the necessary payments as per the payment schedule below (unless otherwise negotiated):
 - 50% due within one month of invoice date.
 - Remaining 50% is due by no later than 30 April 2026.
- Sponsors and Exhibitors are responsible for the security of their own equipment and materials during the event and in transit to the event venue.
- The Sponsor/Exhibitor understand that all attendees must register officially and entry to the exhibition will not occur unless the attendee is wearing the appropriate identification. Visitor badges are provided as a gesture of goodwill and not for use by the organisation's representatives.
- The Exhibitor shall take all reasonable care when installing/ dismantling their equipment and stand as not to cause damage to the venue carpet, walls, ceilings, fixtures and floors and the shell scheme booths supplied by the appointed stand contractor including panels, fascia, spotlights and furniture. The Exhibitor is deemed liable for repairs if the structures are damaged.
- The Organisers reserve the right to request removal of any items that may be deemed unacceptable and impacts fellow Exhibitors.
- All promotion must be conducted from your booth.
- All Organisations are expected to conduct their business in a professional, ethical manner and any breach will result in immediate cancellation of the Sponsorship/Exhibition package.
- If an Organisation is found to not align their values with that of the CORE, this may result in cancellation of your Sponsorship/Exhibition package.

Postponement and Cancellation Policy

We (Encanta and CORE) may, in its absolute discretion, nominate to either postpone or cancel the event by providing the sponsor/ exhibitor with notice in writing. Cancellation or postponement may be necessary due to acts, events or causes beyond our reasonable control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, industrial disputes, failure in electricity supply or gas supply, war, civil strife, flood, storm, fire, accident, unavailability of raw materials or supplies, explosion, global or national health emergency (including without limitation coronavirus COVID-19), epidemic, breakdown of plant, machinery or equipment or shortages of labour, transportation, fuel, power, plant, machinery, equipment or material.

If the event is postponed to a later date (as nominated by CORE and notified to the sponsor), the terms and conditions of this agreement will continue to apply. Any sponsorship contribution paid up to the postponement will be applied to the new event date with any outstanding sponsorship contribution balance due thirty (30) days' prior to the new event date.

Cancellation Policy

- The submission of an application by a representative from your organisation is regarded as a firm booking.
- All cancellations must be made in writing to the Organisers and notice acknowledged in writing by the Organisers.
- Any reduction in a Sponsorship and/or Exhibition allocation (once accepted by the Organisers) will be considered a cancellation and the cancellation policy will apply.
- Should the balance payment be outstanding at time of cancellation, the Sponsor/Exhibitor is liable for the balance as per the cancellation policy.
- There is no opportunity to transfer your Sponsorship/Exhibition booking to another CORE event.
- If the event is cancelled, it is CORE's hope that the sponsor/ exhibitor will continue to support the event and have the sponsorship rolled over to the Event to be held on a date to be fixed.
- If the sponsor/exhibitor agrees to have the sponsorship/exhibition booth rolled over, the terms and conditions of this agreement will continue to apply and all sponsorship/exhibition contributions already paid will be applied to the next CORE event date and any outstanding balance will be due thirty (30) days' prior to the event date.
If the sponsor/exhibitor does not agree to have the sponsorship/ exhibition roll over to the next CORE event and the current CORE Event is cancelled, then the below cancellation dates will apply.

Cancellation Dates

- **More than 180 days:** prior to the Event Bump-In, a cancellation fee of AUD\$300 will apply;
- **Between 91 – 180 days:** prior to the Event Bump-In, 10 per cent of the Sponsorship Contribution will apply;
- **Between 45 – 90 days:** prior to the Event Bump-In, 50 per cent of the Sponsorship Contribution will apply; and
- **Less than 45 days:** prior to the Event Bump-In, 100 per cent of the Sponsorship Contribution will apply.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms and conditions and cancellation policy in relation to our support of the CORE 2026.

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Signed:



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