

QPLA 2025 Conference Call for Papers



Queensland Public Libraries Association (QPLA) invites proposals for presentations, workshop, panel and interactive sessions for QPLA 2025 Conference.

Presentation themes

The dynamic and expectation of public libraries is constantly changing. Libraries need to be proactive in adapting to the changes to customer expectation, the need to provide more flexible spaces, embracing the benefits of technology to enhance engagement and assist staff in adapting to a modern, contemporary environment to provide a holistic service to our communities.

Presentations should consider:

- Current trends/issues in public libraries and how your library service is addressing these
- ‘How to’ showcasing a program, activity, partnership – an element of your library service that would be interesting and adaptable for others
- Understanding and preparing for changes in the Library profession, service design and customers
- Digital and Virtual technology – looking outside the square
- Design of library spaces – adapt, revitalise, renew, revisiting customer experience

Proposal ideas that extend beyond these thematic areas will also be considered. QPLA may also contact you to refine your session proposal.

Presentation duration

It is expected that presentations will be allocated 10-15 minutes of speaking time with a small allocation of time for questions.

The sessions are to be supported by a PowerPoint or similar with multiple images to build the picture for the attendees.

Presentation proposals

Proposals should include:

- Presentation type (Individual, Group)
- Presentation title
- Expected presentation duration
- Presentation theme
- Short description of 30 words summarising the presentation (for marketing purposes)
- An abstract of the proposed topic (max 200 words)
- A short biography of the author/s
- A head shot of the author/s
- Full name and contact details of author/s

A one-day registration will be provided by QPLA for one speaker if proposal is accepted. Additional speakers in group presentations will need to cover their own registrations. All speakers will need to arrange travel and accommodation.

Timeline

10 January 2025

Deadline for submission EOIs.

24 January 2025

Conference Committee will advise successful applicants.

7 March 2025

Final Presentations provided to QPLA Conference.

26-28 March 2025

QPLA Conference – Townsville

For more information email conference@qpla.asn.au or call Nicole Hunt, QPLA President, 0427610630.