

Time to Act

7th National Farm Health & Safety Conference



13-15 October 2009

Vines Resort, Swan Valley,
Western Australia

Welcome

Farmsafe WA Alliance is hosting the Time to Act -7th National Farm Health and Safety Conference on behalf of Farmsafe Australia.

This National Conference aims to build on the previous theme, Leading Change by providing the opportunity to discuss what is happening and encourage organisations to move forward and act towards changing the safety culture in rural enterprises.

We would like to invite submissions of abstracts that will result in presentations outlining what is being learnt by the corporate sector, small businesses in rural sectors, community organisations and other sectors such as financial organisations.

Who Should Attend?

Farmers, farmer organisations, farm health and safety professionals, consultants, education, workplace health and safety organisations, researchers and anyone interested in:

- Renewing energy and commitment to farm health and safety
- Learning the latest on what works in farm health and safety
- Learning practical ways to improve farm health and safety promotion and activities
- Exchanging valuable ideas and tips with colleagues

Key Dates

Abstracts Close

Thursday 30th April 2009

Abstract Acceptance Notified

End May 2009

Conference Program

& Registrations Open

Friday 12th June 2009

Draft Program

Tuesday 13th October 2009

12.00am Registrations
12.30am Field Tour
6pm - 7pm Welcome Function

Wednesday 14th October 2009

9am - 5pm Conference
(incl. 'farmer' section)
6.30pm Conference Dinner

Thursday 15th October 2009

9am - 2pm Conference
3pm - 5pm Farmsafe Australia Meeting





Abstracts Submissions

We invite submission of abstracts on a wide variety of topics for oral presentation in plenary, concurrent sessions or as poster presentations.

Since the number of oral presentations is limited, preference will be given to the highest quality abstracts as reviewed by the scientific committee.

Topics are based around the theme Time to Act and aim to focus on learning from the corporate sector, farming businesses and community organisations in rural areas.

This includes the themes:

- Time to Act - Changing the safety culture on farms including corporate, small business and family farms as well as rural enterprises
- The showcasing of new technologies and innovative farm practices to reduce injury
- Women leading safety change - how women as a group have been encouraging safety change
- Rural and regional community based safety and health programs including mental health and well-being
- Emergency care and emergency preparedness - are we really prepared?
- Special at risk groups - children, youth, indigenous and older people
- All-Terrain Vehicles and Machinery - overcoming the safety battle
- Farm advisors and consultants - their view on safety and the triple bottom line

To Submit an Abstract

Submit via email to farmsafe_eo@westnet.com.au by **5pm Thursday 30th April 2009.**

Abstracts to be:

- Maximum 250 words
- Plus 50 words maximum presenter biography
- Word document
- Size 12 Arial font, single spaced
- Save document with presenter name as title (eg. MTaylor)

Please bookmark the website www.farmsafewa.org for up-to-date information and accommodation details.

“ The theme *Time to Act* aims to reflect and build on changing the safety culture on farms and in rural communities. ”

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