

# 2010 AUSTRALIAN Water Safety C O N F E R E N C E

**ACT TODAY FOR 2020 – PREVENTING DROWNING**

Thursday 13 & Friday 14 May 2010  
Novotel Hotel Brighton Beach

Cnr. The Grand Parade & Princess Street, Brighton-le-Sands NSW

## **Call for Abstracts and Early Registration**

### **Key Conference Dates**

Abstract submissions close  
Friday 11 December 2009

Abstract notification by  
Tuesday 19 January 2010

Early Bird Registrations close  
Wednesday 31 March 2010

Registrations close  
Monday 3 May 2010

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# The Australian Water Safety Council announces the **2010 Australian Water Safety Conference**, Act Now for 2020 – Preventing Drowning, to be held at the Novotel Hotel Brighton Beach on **Thursday 13 May to Friday 14 May 2010**.

The conference provides a forum for people in water safety to share valuable water safety information, best practice and research. Further, the conference will follow-up on the progress of the **Australian Water Safety Strategy 2008-2011**, **'Reducing drowning deaths by 50% by 2020'** and provides the opportunity to present and discuss its implementation.

The major themes of the 2010 Australian Water Safety Conference are: Children Under 5; Men and Alcohol; Older people; Surf Beaches; Rural and Remote; Home Pools; High Risk Activities; High Risk Populations (e.g. Indigenous, Culturally & Linguistically Diverse); Extreme Weather; Safe Venues; Lifesaving People; Legislation and Policy; Collaboration; and Research.

## Who Should Attend

Water Safety Practitioners  
Managers of Aquatic Locations  
Researchers into Water Safety  
Staff from Water Safety Organisations  
Government employees responsible for Water Safety  
Health Promotion professionals

## Venue

Novotel Hotel Brighton Beach, Cnr. The Grand Parade & Princess Street, Brighton-le-Sands NSW

## Accommodation

### Novotel Hotel Brighton Beach

Special Conference Rate - \$179 Single, \$190 Double including breakfast per night.

Rates are inclusive of GST.

Accommodation bookings are to be made directly with the Reservations Department, Novotel Hotel Brighton Beach

Telephone **02 9556 5111**

Email **h1656@accor.com**

Booking reference: **Australian Water Safety Council**  
Room Block Code: **AWS120510**

### Accommodation – alternate options

There are plenty of accommodation options within a short taxi ride of the venue at the airport.

# Registration Details

Please make registrations online at [www.watersafety.com.au](http://www.watersafety.com.au).

Registrations will not be confirmed until payment is received in full. Upon receipt of your registration payment, an official confirmation letter and conference information kit will be sent to you.

REGISTRATION (per person)	EARLY REGISTRATION (closes 31/3/10)	LATE REGISTRATION (closes 3/5/10)	INCLUDES
Two Day Registration	\$540	\$590	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Conference Satchel &amp; Materials</li><li>o Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea for both conference days</li><li>o Conference Dinner</li></ul>
One Day Registration	\$270	\$295	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Conference Satchel &amp; Materials</li><li>o Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea for one conference day</li></ul>
Conference Dinner - 13 May 2010 (7pm-11pm)	\$120	\$140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Conference Dinner (7pm - 11pm)</li></ul>

**Date:** Thursday 13 May to Friday 14 May 2010

## Tradeshow Display/Exhibitors

There are display booths/tables available for tradeshow displays during the conference.

Conference delegates will have the opportunity during breaks (i.e. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) to mingle amongst the display booths/tables and to ask questions to those directly exhibiting.

For further information and package details please contact the Conference Secretariat on (02) 8217 3123 or [msharp@rlssa.org.au](mailto:msharp@rlssa.org.au)

## Sponsorship

For detailed information on the **sponsorship opportunities available** including costs and package details, please contact the Conference Secretariat on Phone (02) 8217 3123 or [msharp@rlssa.org.au](mailto:msharp@rlssa.org.au) to obtain a sponsorship information package.

## Conference Supporters

**The conference is proudly supported by the Australian Water Safety Council Members:**

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia (RLSSA)  
Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA)  
AUSTSWIM  
Australian Leisure Facilities Association (ALFA)  
Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)  
Australian National Sports Fishing Association (ANSFA)  
Australian Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association (ASCTA)  
Australian Swimming Incorporated  
Kidsafe Australia  
Farmsafe Australia

National Marine Safety Council  
Surfing Australia  
Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS)

## Conference Committee

The conference committee comprises the following members:

Richard Franklin (Convenor)  
Royal Life Saving Society - Australia

Monique Sharp (Conference Secretariat/Organiser)  
Royal Life Saving Society - Australia

Peter Agnew  
Surf Life Saving Australia

Melissa Savage  
AUSTSWIM

David Speechley  
Australian Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association

Matt Thompson  
Surf Life Saving Australia

## Further Information

For further information on the conference go to the Australian Water Safety Council website at [www.watersafety.com.au](http://www.watersafety.com.au) or contact the Conference Secretariat on Phone: (02) 8217 3123 or email [msharp@rlssa.org.au](mailto:msharp@rlssa.org.au).

# Call for Abstracts

The Australian Water Safety Council are seeking Abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

If you, your team, organisation or community have been involved in the delivery of a Water Safety program, project or service, why not share this information and learn from others at the same time.

Note: All accepted abstracts, papers and poster presentations will be published in the conference program and proceedings. It is the author's responsibility to ensure accuracy of content, spelling and presentation, as abstracts, papers and poster presentations will be published exactly as submitted.

## Abstract Submission Process

(Closing Date — Friday 11 December 2009)  
Abstracts are to be submitted online at [www.watersafety.com.au](http://www.watersafety.com.au) and need to be submitted by Friday 11 December 2009.

If you have any questions in relation to the abstract submission process, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Secretariat on Phone: (02) 8217 3123 or [msharp@rlssa.org.au](mailto:msharp@rlssa.org.au).

## Abstract Notification

(Notification Date — Tuesday 19 January 2010)  
Notification of accepted abstracts will be sent to presenting authors by Tuesday 19 January 2010 together with presentation guidelines and briefing notes.

## Oral Presentations

There will be a range of oral presentations from longer 30 minute presentations to short 10 minute snap shot presentations with most being 20 minutes. Strict time schedules will be followed.

Accepted presenters will be requested to forward their completed paper by Friday 26 February 2010.

## Poster Presentations

Poster presentations will be on display for the entire conference. Time will be allocated at the conference for delegates to look at poster presentations and to talk to the authors. Authors will be expected to be available to discuss their work during this time. Posters may be accompanied by handouts.

## Best Conference Paper, Poster and People's Choice Award

Awards will be presented for the Best Conference Paper, Poster and the People's Choice Award at the closing of the Conference on Day Two.



**2008 People's Choice Award** - Ben Penita Taufua, Pacific Peoples Consultant to Water Safety New Zealand & Managing Director, Tautua Synergy Consultants

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstracts for oral and poster presentations close:  
Friday 11 December 2009
- Abstract notification to authors by Conference Secretariat by:  
Tuesday 19 January 2010
- Completed paper for proceeding booklet due by:  
Friday 26 February 2010