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Session Submission Prospectus

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Theme

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Streams

Impacting
Innovating
Inspiring

The annual PIEF Conference is Australia's premier conference & awards for the Personal Injury & Disability Industry. It will be held from 25-27 October at Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre in Victoria, Australia.

We come together to collaborate and support each other with a focus on rapid industry-wide transformation as we continue to work together to support injured people with their recovery journey. PIEF 2026 provides a unique opportunity for industry practitioners and key stakeholders to network and gain valuable insights and learnings as we adapt to current and future social, economic and technical environments.

We invite interested individuals and organisations to submit proposals to present sessions. We thoroughly encourage more dynamic, engaging and creative formats than standard "breakout room presentations" to facilitate both structured insight-sharing and interactive problem-solving. Please review our wide range of formats on page 4.

Submitted proposals will be reviewed by our industry judging panel, with the final program design completed by the conference committee. Diversity is a key factor in our speaker/presenter selection process, ensuring a range of perspectives and experiences are represented. When proposing speakers/presenters, please consider core diversity principles, including gender, ethnicity, industry background, and diverse ways of thinking and expressing ideas. All accepted speakers receive a discounted registration fee.

Key Dates

Submissions are open from **11/3/26** until 5pm AEST on **6/5/26**.
Results advised **22/7/26** and program launched on **27/7/26**.
Please note, dates will not be extended.

Streams

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Impacting

The impact of creating sustainable, evidence based systems and solutions moving from concept into action to ensure a positive customer experience and outcome. Relevant topics to explore include:

- Improving frontline capability
- Authentic leadership to enable effective claims and injury management
- Workforce attraction and retention
- Building trust as a system to improve external stakeholder dynamics
- Utilisation of AI to benefit scheme participants
- Managing the growth of mental health claims
- The introduction of the industry National Standards
- Culturally aware service delivery to diverse groups

Innovating

Solutions beyond the concept stage which demonstrate innovation, scheme relevance and meaningful change through:

- Presentations and workshops of programs and projects which support collaboration between cross-functional teams, organisations and systems
- New evidence based research and pilot programs
- Examples of learning from the past through revisiting programs which may have been before their time
- Sharing opportunities for change between stakeholders including
  - Insurers
  - Regulators
  - Medical professionals
  - Legal experts
  - Technology leaders

Inspiring

Story telling through presentations and workshops of lived experiences and successful solutions.

This may include:

- Hearing the stories of those with lived experience in personal injury and disability
- Sharing the contributions and achievements of people assisting individuals with an injury or disability to achieve positive work and/or life outcomes
- Proof of impact stories that demonstrate the positive impact that their lived experience has had on career and/or life outcomes

Experiential workshops, forums and labs are available to deliver these sessions.

Please use these as a guide only – we welcome you to consider topics outside of these

Session Types

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Workshop/Clinic

An in-depth session with interactive learning activities.

🕒 60-90 mins

Innovator

Have a new or emerging idea worth sharing? This is a 10 minute rapid fire talk that we'll team up with some similar talks during the conference.

🕒 10 mins (Q&A will follow group presentation)

Lab

Launched at PIEF 2025, this format takes small groups through an activity to deliver a key learning outcome and is repeated multiple times throughout the conference.

🕒 15 mins

Panel

A dynamic stage presentation on a particular topic with a host and up to 3 other panel members, followed by a Q&A.

🕒 30 mins (including 5 minutes of Q&A)

Presentation

A focused presentation highlighting initiatives, breakthroughs, projects, or research findings followed by a Q&A.

🕒 30 mins (including 5 minutes of Q&A)

If you're unsure of the best session type for your presentation, please choose the one that you feel best suits and make a note in the submission.

Please note, these session types do not include Keynote Speakers & Invited Speakers.

Submission Information & Lodgement Instructions

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Please prepare the following information and lodge via piefconference.com

Submission Information

Title - a short, catchy title that will evoke interest (max 20 words)

Session Type - choose the type that best fits your content, structure and presentation style:
o Workshop/Clinic o Innovator o Lab o Panel o Presentation

Stream - choose the stream that best fits your content:
o Impacting o Innovating o Inspiring

Key Learning Objectives - the key insights or skills attendees will gain from your session (up to 3)

Description - please provide a complete summary of your session (max 5000 characters)

Supporting Documents (optional)
o Attach a PDF document (max two pages) with any further details of your submission
o Attach a short video (max 10mb) to support your proposal (a phone recording is acceptable)

Presenters (please appoint one as the main session organiser)

Title	First name	Surname	Pronouns
Organisation		Position	
State		Country	
Mobile		Email	
Short Bio (max 100 words)		Is this the session organiser? o Yes o No	
LinkedIn link		Headshot file (png or jpg file)	

Any other information
Any other brief information you wish to include

Submission Terms & Conditions

- All presenters will grant permission for their text, images, video and audio recordings presented to be used for the purposes of promotion and education by PIEF
- Presentation slides will be requested in advance, deadline two weeks before the conference
- We will appoint session moderators separately
- Accepted presenters must register and pay for the conference 30 days prior to the conference
- Consideration will be provided for presenters who may have limited capacity to support registration fees
- If you have any questions, please contact our events team at imagineX via piefconference.com

Lodge your submission at:
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