

AIAM

Australian Institute of Animal Management Inc

Call for Abstracts

AIAM Annual Conference

13 - 16 October 2009

Mercure Hotel
Geelong Victoria

What we know: Where to from here?





The Institute

Local Government Animal Management Officers (AMOs) throughout Australia are daily engaged in community animal control and regulation work. Their job is to maximize community health, safety and amenity by minimizing the negative social, environmental and financial impacts of inappropriately managed animals. The provision of community animal control and regulatory services is an important and often difficult task. The Institute seeks to support those engaged in the business of urban animal management by promoting:

- a) AMO training
- b) Consistency of legislation
- c) Recognition of the value of AMO's occupational role to society
- d) Support for AMOs from employers and community
- e) Consultation in the processes of creating and developing legislation and work place processes
- f) Resource availability and access

The annual AIAM conference is the Institute's "flagship" activity. It is the Institute's objective to always make this event as relevant and as useful as it can possibly be. The conference is intended to be a milestone event in each calendar year for the sharing of innovative ideas and for the support of all people engaged in animal control and regulation in Australia.

Dick Murray, President AIAM 09

The primary objective of the Annual AIAM Inc Conference is to provide an annual national forum for those involved in urban animal management. It aims to stimulate

- Critical and constructive assessment of current urban animal management practices and performance
- Reflection about the essential roles and purpose of urban animal management
- Motivation to step outside the square and look for better ways
- Sharing knowledge and experience to build a collegiate sense of common purpose and mutual assistance
- Considering occupational health and safety issues.

The executive of the Institute encourages input from the membership and others in offering papers for consideration in conference programming.

The final acceptance of papers for the program will be the responsibility of the executive. This document sets out what is required.

Your invitation to participate

AIAM Inc invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at the AIAM Annual Conference in Melbourne, that addresses the Conference objectives.

The closing date for abstracts is 28 February 2009

1. Submit your abstract online by the closing date through www.aiam.com.au or by email to: info@aiam.com.au
2. Authors will be advised by **30 March 2009**

If the abstract is to be accepted (specific conditions apply — please read this document thoroughly).

Please note that final acceptance is conditional upon registration of presenters. AIAM Inc regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or subsistence expenses. All presenters will be entitled to a 10% discount off the early bird rate and a registration form will accompany the invitation to successful recipients.

The Conference

The 2009 AIAM Conference is to be held in the Mercure Hotel, Geelong, 13-16 October, 2009 with the theme for the Conference is "What we know: Where to from here?"

The Institute's conference planning team is preparing a full two and a half day animal management lecture program and one full day of Animal Management Officer training on Tuesday 13th October.

While the business of setting final content for session themes and lecture streams will not be completed until papers have been formally accepted in March 09, the conference will be structured along the following (General) outline:

1. There will be a main body of lectures (about 60-70%) on central animal control and regulation business. This is material that involves the day to day subjects involved at staff, management and policy levels in Local Government.
2. This central element of the conference will be supported by about 30-40% of supplementary lecture content that reflects the larger social environment in which animal control and regulation operates.
3. There will, of course, be a variable (though usually substantial) degree of convergence of these two basic conference themes in many of the papers presented at the conference.
4. The larger social environment referred to above generally includes components relevant to the following:-
 - Animal welfare aspects and interactions in Animal Management
 - Animal behaviour and how it affects Animal management
 - Sociological aspects relating to pets, people and community
 - Business management themes involved in Animal Management service delivery

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