



Australian Prawn Farmers Association 2021 Annual Symposium

“Positively Prawns”

New Hybrid Format!

CALL FOR STUDENT POSTERS

The Australian Prawn Farmers Association is the peak industry body for prawn farming in Australia. The industry is undergoing a period of significant growth with a current farm gate value of circa \$130 million projected to grow to \$500 million within the next five years. The industry focuses on providing high quality and high value product to the Australian retail sector and is supported by world leading researchers. The industry is a proud supporter of young and early career individuals who have a passion for delivering success within their chosen field and to that of the prawn farming industry. This is a unique opportunity to present your work to the Australian prawn farming industry, and gain exposure and feedback for your work. Registration to the event will open soon – more details to come!

**THE VIRTUAL APFA EVENT APP WILL BE LAUNCHED MID-JULY
A FACE-TO-FACE SYMPOSIUM WILL HELD AT SEA WORLD RESORT, GOLD COAST
ON 6 AUGUST 2021**

Applications are now open for students to submit a poster to be featured through the virtual APFA event app. The 2021 theme is “*Positively Prawns*” and will showcase everything positive about the Australian prawn farming industry. Student posters are sought from all industry connections including, but not limited to AgTech, aquaculture farming, marketing, feed production, research, retail, government agencies, consultants, logistics and suppliers.

Posters will be selected by a review panel to be exhibited on the virtual APFA event app. Posters exhibited must fit into the theme, “*Positively Prawns*” and show how their research/idea achieves one of the five subthemes. The subthemes are: 1) Compliance; 2) Production Systems; 3) Harvest, processing, supply chain & market; 4) Biosecurity and 5) Leadership & skills training. Please see [APFA’s Strategic Plan 2020-25](#) for guidance.

The top five posters exhibited and selected by the review panel, will be invited to present at Sea World Resort on 6 August and will need to prepare a 5 min presentation about their poster and how their research/idea achieves the chosen subtheme. The students must pay for the own travel to attend the symposium. It is free of charge to attend the Student Poster Session, however, if the student wishes to access the virtual APFA event app, attend the full conference and gala dinner, they will need to register and pay for this.

HURRY NOW AND SUBMIT YOUR POSTER!

To apply, please submit a POSTER to the APFA as follows:

- All POSTERS must be in English, in PDF format and have a specific text section, clearly legible that links poster content to chosen APFA strategic framework.
- Please include: Poster Name; Subtheme chosen; all author(s) identifying information, including names, degrees, and institutional affiliations (presenting author to be bolded); BIOs, head shot photo (*if possible as successful presenters will be featured on the App*) and narrative text.
- All posters are to be free of commercial interest - Any poster that is selling or promoting a particular product or commercial service will not be accepted. Commercial interest opportunities are available through sponsorship or exhibition packages.
- All poster submissions should be emailed to apfa-symposium@outlook.com with the heading STUDENT POSTER by **5 pm AEST 30 June**.