



AUSTRALIAN  
**Prawn  
Farmers**  
ASSOCIATION

## Proaqua APFA 2021 Annual Symposium! “Positively Prawns”

**CALL FOR PRESENTERS – SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT NOW**

The Australian Prawn Farmers Association is the Peak Industry Body for prawn farming in Australia.

Unprecedented growth!! The Australian prawn farming industry is undergoing a period of significant growth with a current farm gate value of circa \$130million 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.

This is an exciting opportunity to present your work to the industry and link your innovation to an industry need, supporting this projected growth. Registration to the event will open soon – more details to come!

**THE VIRTUAL PROAQUA APFA EVENT APP WILL BE LAUNCHED MID-JULY**

**A FACE-TO-FACE SYMPOSIUM WILL FOLLOW AT SEA WORLD RESORT, GOLD COAST ON  
6 AUGUST 2021**

Applications are now open for potential presenters to be featured on the VIRTUAL PROAQUA APFA EVENT APP. The 2021 theme is “*Positively Prawns*” and will showcase everything positive about the Australian prawn farming industry. Presenters 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. Presenters will be selected by a review panel and will need to record their presentation as a webinar (10-15 min) for the Proaqua APFA event App.

Presentations 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.

Successful applicants will be notified on 18 June 2021 and will need to record their (10-15 min) presentation by 10 July 2021 to be featured on the APFA event app before the symposium.

The top five abstracts, selected by the review panel, will be invited to present at SEA WORLD RESORT on 6 August and their registration fee will be complimentary. The format for the presentations will be that of PechaKucha, where 20 slides for 20 seconds of commentary each (6 min and 40 sec total) will be used to communicate messaging on the day. A condition of being able to present at Sea World is that all selected presenters must let APFA know if they will attend and presenters are responsible for all accommodation and travel expenses.

### **HURRY NOW AND SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT**

To apply, please submit an ABSTRACT to the APFA by **11 June 2021** as follows:

- All ABSTRACTS must be in English, in Microsoft Word format and limited to between 50-200 words.
- The ABSTRACT should describe what you would like to talk about in your presentation and how it contributes to the theme “*Positively Prawns*” and the selected subtheme.
- Please include: Presentation Name; subtheme; 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 PROGRAM*) and narrative text.
- All Presentations are to be free of commercial interest - Any paper that is selling or promoting a particular product or commercial service will not be accepted. Commercial interest opportunities are available through sponsorship packages.
- All submissions should be emailed to [apfa-symposium@outlook.com](mailto:apfa-symposium@outlook.com) by **5 pm AEST 11 June 2021**.