



ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION



Registrations are open

BRISBANE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE

30TH NOV – 02ND DEC



A message from the AIOH26 Scientific Chair

The momentum for AIOH26 is already extraordinary.

With our theme Iron to the Fire: Strengthening Occupational Hygiene, this year's scientific program is shaping into one of the most dynamic we've ever delivered, reflecting the depth, diversity, and momentum of our profession.

This year, we received over 100 abstracts from across the globe, representing an extraordinary breadth of research, case studies, innovations, and practical learnings. Our Scientific Committee is now deep in review, curating a program that will ignite new ideas, challenge current thinking, and equip delegates with practical insights they can take straight back to the workplace.

To everyone who submitted an abstract - thank you.

Your willingness to share your expertise, your lessons learned, and your passion for protecting worker health is what elevates this conference year after year.

The AIOH26 program is about strengthening our knowledge, networks and leadership that create opportunities for collaboration and sharing technical expertise.

This year's program will be bold, relevant, and deeply practical, designed to inspire action and spark collaboration.

We can't wait to share more soon. AIOH26 is set to be our strongest conference yet, and we look forward to welcoming you as we continue strengthening the fire that drives our profession.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Nissen".

AIOH26 Scientific Chair

2026 Organising Committee

AIOH sincerely thanks the conference committee for their invaluable support and assistance in 2026.

Conference Chair: Noel Pinkerton, Director, Awareness, Engagement and Specialist Advice, Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency

Scientific Programme Chair: Anne Nissen, Corporate Occupational Hygiene Specialist, Anglo American

Scientific Programme Committee Members:

- Mark Desira, Principal, Health & Hygiene, Glencore Metals Australia
- Sidney Pierantozzi, Occupational Hygiene Advisor, Rio Tinto
- Brandon Wentzel, Hygiene Specialist, BHP / BMA
- Dr Jane Whitelaw, Head of Discipline, Occupational Health and Safety UOW

Marketing Committee Members

- Greg Dean, Managing Director, 5 Sticks Consulting
- Katherine Durie, Occupational Hygiene and Safety Professional, KAD Hygiene and Safety Solutions

Exhibition & Sponsorship Committee Member

- Matt La Macchia, Occupational Hygienist, Boral

We're thrilled to announce that registrations for AIOH26 are open!

Event details

- **Conference Dates:** Monday 30th November - Wednesday 2nd December
- **Location:** Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre ([BCEC](#)), Brisbane
- **Continuing Education Sessions:** Saturday 28th November - Sunday 29th November

In 2026, the AIOH community gathers under a theme forged with purpose: Iron to the Fire - Strengthening Occupational Hygiene. Iron, the 26th element, aligns with the year 2026 and offers a powerful symbol of the strength, resilience, and evolution of our profession.

Our profession has faced significant challenges - from new contaminants to shifting regulations and rapidly advancing technologies.

Building on past themes of evolution, insight, and scientific storytelling, the 2026 conference invites us to explore how we continue to strengthen as a profession.

This conference will not just be a gathering of professionals but a forging ground of knowledge.

[Register here](#)

Early bird competition

Take advantage of early bird registration and enjoy up to 25% off standard member rates. Register before **Wednesday 30 September** for your chance to win one of two amazing prizes:

Story Bridge Adventure Climb

Start your AIOH26 experience by climbing Brisbane's most iconic structure!

Open to all Early Bird full conference registrants - including complimentary student registrations.



[Register here](#)

Win Two Half-Day Continuing Education Sessions

Boost your learning at AIOH26 with two Continuing Education Sessions of your choice!

Student and Retired registrations are not eligible for this prize

With thanks to our 2026 conference sponsors

Welcome Dinner

Themed Night

Networking Event +
Presidents Cup Virtual Golf

Platinum Social



Keynote Speaker



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Sponsorship opportunities



700+ Attendees



80 Exhibitors



80+ Speakers

Partner with AIOH26 and showcase your organisation to Australia's occupational hygiene community. We offer a range of sponsorship opportunities designed to increase your brand visibility, connect you with industry professionals, and support the advancement of the profession.

Interested in showcasing your brand at our upcoming conference?

Download the sponsorship prospectus to explore the range of packages available.

Industries and Organisations Represented

- Occupational Hygienists across consulting and industry sectors
- Occupational Physicians and Health Service Providers
- Equipment Suppliers and Laboratory Representatives
- Government Regulators and Occupational Hygiene Inspectors
- Educational Institutions and Research Organisations
- Hygiene Software and Technology Providers
- International Association Representatives
- Australian Defence Force Personnel



For further enquiries, please email the Senior Events Manager [Kelly Phypers](#), or call the AIOH office on (03) 9338 1635

Explore the AIOH26 exhibition

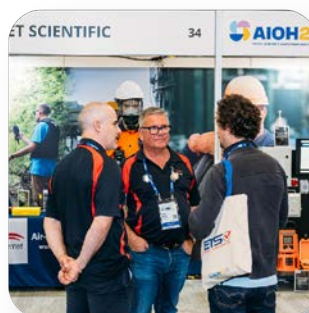


Interested in Exhibiting?

If you would like to explore opportunities at AIOH26 please download the Sponsorship Prospectus to view the full range of options available.

View the live [floor plan](#) to see all confirmed exhibitors joining us at AIOH26.

Half of the booths sold already!



**Booths
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Fast!**

Student members - join us at AIOH26

AIOH26 is a valuable opportunity for Students to connect with the occupational hygiene profession, build industry knowledge, and become part of the occupational hygiene community.

This is your chance to:

- Hear from leading experts in occupational hygiene
- Connect with professionals, peers, and potential mentors
- Explore current research, technologies, and emerging trends
- Gain insight into the future of the profession
- Participate in events hosted by the Emerging Hygienists Group (EHG)
- Build valuable connections through the Newcomers Speed Networking Event

Please note: complimentary student registration does not include tickets to social events. These may be purchased separately.

AIOH is committed to supporting the next generation of occupational hygienists. As part of this commitment, eligible full-time Students with less than three years of industry experience are invited to attend AIOH26 free of charge.



The debate is back by popular demand!



The Members' Debate has quickly become one of the conference's most popular sessions, and we're excited to announce that preparations for this year's debate are already underway!

We are now seeking Expressions of Interest from those who would like to be involved as Team Captains or Debate Participants. A lively and engaging session where industry experts debate key issues shaping the future of occupational hygiene, encouraging fresh perspectives and audience participation.

Expression of interest

Meet our keynote speakers

Rachael Robertson, Author and
Former Antarctic Expedition Leader



Monday 30th November
8:45am - 9:45am

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Leading on the Edge

Rachael takes you inside the harsh reality of Antarctic leadership - months of darkness, isolation, and unforgiving conditions where teamwork and safety are non-negotiable. She draws powerful parallels to occupational hygiene, showing how influencing behaviour,

managing risk, and fostering speak-up culture are just as critical in a research station as they are in complex workplaces. Through real stories, humour, and practical tools like the “No Triangles” communication rule, she reveals why respect must trump harmony and how early intervention prevents hazards from escalating.

Anthony Laye, Behaviour Expert &
Keynote Speaker



Tuesday 1st December
9:15am - 10:15am

The Human Algorithm

What if the biggest factor shaping your success isn't intelligence, experience or technical expertise... but how you communicate?

Occupational hygienists work in a world where complex and often invisible risks need to be understood by very different people - workers, leaders, regulators, clients and stakeholders. And in those moments, communication becomes just as important as technical knowledge.

In this high-energy and interactive keynote, behaviour expert and keynote speaker Anthony Laye reveals the hidden patterns that shape trust, influence, confidence and communication under pressure.

Through powerful audience demonstrations and practical communication tools, Anthony shows how your internal dialogue, body language, tone of voice and

presence shape every interaction, often before you even speak.

Audiences will leave with actionable strategies to:

- Build trust and credibility faster
- Communicate complex ideas more clearly and effectively
- Maintain composure when challenged or questioned
- Hold attention in meetings, presentations and conversations
- Adapt communication across different audiences and stakeholders
- Improve the way they show up professionally and personally

Blending psychology, human behaviour and interactive demonstrations, this session is designed to be practical, engaging and immediately useful across all levels of the profession.

This is not just a keynote about communication.

It's about how you are turning up.

Meet some of our confirmed plenary speakers

Megan Canright Racicot, MPH, CIH
Executive Director of Water Services, FACS



Monday 30th November
10:45am - 11:45am

How Growing Leaders Can Transform Hygiene

As scientists, we learn early on that technical expertise and achievement is what builds a career. What we've failed to convey is that the greatest measure of career success is in the impact and influence we have on others. Most occupational hygienists spend years developing skills in exposure assessment, toxicology, epidemiology, and biostatistics yet they receive little or no formal education in leading people, influencing change, or building high-performing teams.

Through personal stories, humor, and reflections from graduates of past leadership programs, Megan will recount how attending a leadership program in 2011 sparked a personal mission to expand leadership development across the globe. More than a story about leadership, this plenary session is a call to action for all generations of occupational hygiene professionals to lead with purpose, courage, and influence - not just technical expertise.

Angela Wallbank, Group Manager, Policy
& Engagement Group, Safe Work Australia



Tuesday 1st December:
8:30am - 9:15am

New Workplace Exposure Limits for Airborne Contaminants in Australia – The Journey, Expectations, Guidance Material and Future Priorities

The Workplace exposure limits (WEL) for airborne contaminants are coming into effect on 1 December 2026. This presentation will cover the journey from workplace exposure standards to (WELs), the work done by Safe Work Australia to facilitate the transition and support businesses, workers and technical experts, and Safe Work Australia's future priorities.

Networking Event

Kick off AIOH26 in style with an evening of networking over drinks and canapés. It's the perfect way to begin an exciting few days of learning, collaboration, and new connections.

Date: Sunday 29th November

Time: 5:45pm - 6:45pm

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Welcome Dinner

Keep the conversations flowing at the AIOH26 Welcome Dinner. Enjoy great food and the opportunity to connect, reflect, and celebrate the start of the conference.

Date: Sunday 29th November

Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm

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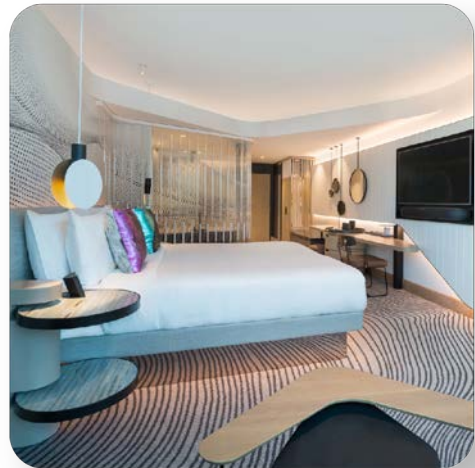


Make the most of your time in Brisbane

Accommodation

We have secured discounted rates for the following hotels available via the links provided below:

- **Rydges South Bank**
- **Novotel South Bank**
- **Adina Brisbane**
- **W Brisbane**
- **Mantra South Bank**
 - For Mantra South Bank Hotel Bookings, follow the steps below to secure your accommodation:
 - Enter hotel name, dates and number of guests
 - Select the 'Special Rates' dropdown
 - Under 'Other Special Rates and Promo Code', select 'Promo Code' and enter ARGPR26 (case sensitive), then click search
 - Discounted rates will display with a red 'Special Offer' banner
 - Once your booking is complete, you will receive a confirmation email



Transport

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is located just 18km from Brisbane Airport, with an average drive time of 20–25 minutes, and only 1km from the Brisbane CBD.

To view transport and parking options click [here](#).



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AIOH Presidents Cup Virtual Golf

Join us for the AIOH26 Presidents Golf Cup at [X-Golf Southbank](#), where friendly competition, networking, and fun come together for an enjoyable afternoon away from the conference.

Challenge yourself on the virtual fairways as you compete for the coveted Presidents Golf Cup, or simply relax and connect with fellow delegates.

This year, we are offering two ticket options:

- **Full Ticket** – Includes virtual golf, lunch, and drinks.
- **Networking Ticket** – Includes lunch and drinks, without golf participation.

Date: Sunday 29th November

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Venue: [X-Golf](#)

Pick up location: [BCEC](#)

Make the most of your time in Brisbane

We've lined up a few exclusive social activities and discounts so you can relax, soak up the Brisbane summer sun, and experience some of the best the city has to offer.



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Story Bridge Adventure Climb

For an unforgettable Brisbane experience, take on a scenic climb where every step reveals sweeping views, from the Glass House Mountains to Moreton Bay.

Enjoy 20% off all Story Bridge Adventure Climb packages when you enter the promo code 'AIOH26' at checkout.

Riverlife Brisbane

Discover Brisbane from a different perspective with Riverlife's outdoor adventures. Choose from kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, bike hire and more, with activities and equipment hire available to suit every level of adventure.

Enjoy 20% off when you enter the promo code 'AIOH26' at the checkout.



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The Wheel of Brisbane

Take the opportunity to experience stunning panoramic views of the city and South Bank on the Wheel of Brisbane!

Enter the discount code AIOH26 at the checkout to enjoy an exclusive 20% discount on Adult tickets for the Brisbane Wheel from 28 November to 2 December 2026.



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XXXX Brewery

Explore over 145 years of brewing history with a guided 90-minute tour of Queensland's iconic XXXX Brewery, followed by a beer tasting in the XXXX Alehouse.

Enjoy \$10 discount off all XXXX brewery tours between 25th November until Sunday 6th December when you enter the promo code 'AIOH26' at checkout, applies only to: XXXX Brewery and Alehouse Tour.

Haunted Brisbane CBD Ghost Tour

Brisbane is haunted by 200 years of crime and tragedy. Discover the ghosts of The River City on a guided walk of the CBD. Hear ghost stories including the Haunted Hotel, Devil's Trade & Spectre of Captain Logan.

Enjoy 25% off when you enter the promo code 'GTA25HBCBD' at the checkout.



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Bloody Brisbane CBD Crime Tour

Behind the modern façade discover the dark heart of the capital. Walk three city blocks through two centuries of Brisbane's criminal history on a 2-hour guided tour and visit real true crime scenes. This is the True Crime Tour to begin with – Brisbane's original and best – operating since 1998.

Enjoy 25% off when you enter the promo code 'CTA25BBCBD' at the checkout.

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Tangalooma Island Resort

Escape to the natural beauty of Tangalooma Island Resort on Moreton Island - one of Brisbane's most unique island destinations. Surrounded by pristine beaches, marine life and national park landscapes, Tangalooma offers unforgettable experiences and adventures for every traveller, making it easy to see why it's known as nature's theme park.

AIOH Conference delegates can enjoy 10% off selected resort accommodation, day cruises and return transfers

to Tangalooma Island Resort. Offer valid for travel between 20 November – 10 December 2026.

Howard Smith Wharf

Nestled beneath the Story Bridge, this vibrant waterfront precinct features 13 restaurants, cafés, bars and a hotel, all just a short ferry ride from the BCEC.

Make sure to visit the iconic Howard Smith Wharves.

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Step back into AIOH25
View the conference highlight reel and gallery

Newcomers Events

With a wide range of events and networking opportunities available, students and professionals new to the industry can connect with experienced practitioners, build valuable relationships, and immerse themselves in the occupational hygiene community.

Newcomers Speed Networking

Attending your first AIOH Conference? Looking to expand your professional network?

The Newcomers Speed Networking Event is designed to help you make meaningful connections from the moment you arrive. In a relaxed and welcoming environment, you'll have the opportunity to meet fellow delegates, connect with experienced professionals, and build relationships that can support your career for years to come.

Whether you're an emerging hygienist, student, early-career professional, or simply attending AIOH for the first time, this event provides the perfect introduction to the conference community.

Emerging Hygienists Group (EHG)

Start your AIOH26 experience by joining the AIOH Emerging Hygienists Group for a casual networking session before the Newcomers Speed Networking event. Meet fellow delegates, make new connections, and settle into the conference in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

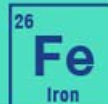
Mentoring Workshop

Interested in getting more involved in the AIOH Mentoring Program? Join this interactive session to explore how the program works, hear practical advice, and discover how mentoring can support your professional growth. Whether you're considering becoming a mentor or mentee, or are already participating, this session is for you. Plus, you'll have the chance to win some great lucky door prizes!





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