

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Living Future Institute of Australia (LFIA) is excited to host our 6th Symposium in Sydney this year. Taking place 2-3 October, this carefully curated event will bring together a diverse set of speakers to explore the theme of ‘Resilience’—delving into how we can design, build, and live in ways that not only withstand challenges but thrive in the face of them.

This call for proposals is an opportunity to participate in our unique biennial event. We welcome proposals for sessions that will challenge participants, foster collaboration, ignite empathy and creativity, and inspire action towards a regenerative future.

We are taking applications for panels, keynotes, workshops and other unexpected and entertaining ideas.

CALENDAR

- Call for proposals open: Monday 14th April, 2025
- Proposal deadline: Friday, 30th May at 11:59pm AEST.
- Results announced: Early July, 2025.
- Event: Materials day, 2 October, and Buildings day, 3 October 2025.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Strong connection to the theme 'Resilience.'
- Strong connection to regenerative design and/or Living Future programs.
- Demonstrates qualified and engaging presenters with topic-relevant experience, as demonstrated by presenter bios (make sure to call out speaking experience).
- Priority may be given to case studies and real projects from design to completion (certification isn't necessary), that can share learnings, mistakes and highlights.
- Sessions designed to engage attendees, foster learning and encourage action.
- Slides and Powerpoints are not essential and submissions that are tech-free or even outside are highly encouraged.
- Priority may be given to those that represent diverse ethnic, racial and/or gender representation.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

LFIA may alter a session format, increase and/or reduce the number of presenters, select alternate presenters from among those proposed, and/or combine the submitted presentation with other proposed presentations, at its sole discretion. All participants will be contacted independently to agree and confirm their participation in the Symposium.

Submissions should meet the following:

- If a presenter or facilitator's professional affiliation changes, the LFIA's staff must be notified as soon as possible via [australia@living-future.org.au](mailto:australia@living-future.org.au). LFIA reserves the right to change or remove presenters, moderators or facilitators based on a change of professional affiliation.
- No sessions based on an advertisement or product will be accepted into the program.
- In an effort to be a paperless conference, the distribution of handouts during the session is discouraged.
- Presenters or facilitators will receive a significantly discounted Symposium Ticket for \$150 to cover the costs of attendance. If even this cost is a barrier, please let us know once your proposal has been accepted.
- Exceptions to these policies may be made at the discretion of LFIA. Please contact us at [australia@living-future.org.au](mailto:australia@living-future.org.au) for questions about policies.