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1. Writing an abstract
2. ‘Converting’ your work into a poster/paper
3. Conference tips & tricks
4. NASC Q&A

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Free peer mentoring program for history and archaeology students

- Seminars
- Workshops
- Career Info Sessions
- Group Mentoring
- 1:1 Mentoring Consultations

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Writing an Abstract

- Like a movie trailer!
- Highlights the main points of your talk
- Usually 200-300 words
- Make it interesting - draw people's attention
- Sets the scope of your talk - use it as a plan

What to Address

- **Aims:** What are you trying to achieve? What questions are you trying to answer?
- **Materials & Method:** What evidence are you studying? Are you using any specific methods?
- **Results:** What did you find out? OR what do you expect to find?
- **Significance:** Why are your findings important? Do they contradict or support existing scholarship on the topic?

Creating a Conference Paper

- An informal and spoken version of an essay
- Consider your audience: don’t assume everyone is an expert
- Structure
  - Introduction
  - Aims / Background info
  - Materials and methods
  - Findings / Results
  - Significance

Presenting a Conference Paper - Aids and Visuals

- Colourful images, icons and graphs help to make presentations more interesting and visually engaging
- Keep text minimal - include key points, dot points, bolding important parts
- Roughly 1 slide per 2 minutes
  e.g. 20 minute presentation= 10 slides
- Font size:
  - 26pt+ for headings
  - 18-24pt for text
  - 16-18pt for captions

Presenting a Conference Paper - Tips for Presenting

- Practice and time yourself - how fast do you speak?
- Figure out what works for you - full transcript or dot points?
- Interact with your slides, don't read off the page
- They don't have your transcript or notes, no one will notice if you miss a word

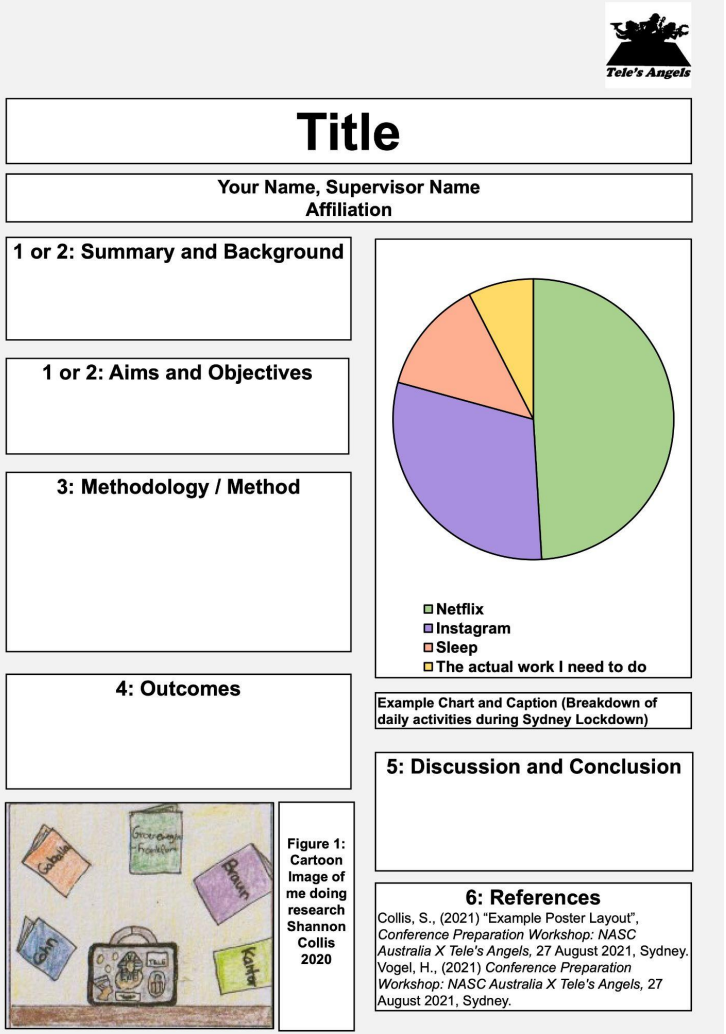
CONFERENCE POSTERS

WHAT?

- Concise visual format to communicate research
- Poster + Short Presentation = 2-5 mins
- Combination of text, figures and images
- Usually A0 in size but check size requirements at the conference

WHY?

- Develop skills in communication
- Demonstrate analysis of information and understanding of topic
- Creatively display findings of research



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What is in a Poster?

- Title
- Your Name(s) and Affiliation
- Abstract or Summary
- Aims and Objectives
- Methodology
- Significance and Innovation
- Outcomes (Results)
- Discussions and Conclusions
- References / Acknowledgements

More tips for Posters

Layout and Content

- Usually portrait format
- Consider **reading path** in layout
- **Use colour** to enhance reading experience
- Choose a light background colour
- **Striking images** and colourful charts/diagrams to stimulate discussion

Fonts and Sections

- **Be deliberate and consistent** with font size and styles. Use an accessibility font style
- Is it **legible from ~9m away?**
  - Title: min. 80pt
  - Main headings: min. 36pt
  - Body text: 20pt
  - Captions: 18pt

Fielding Question Time

- Usually 5-10 minutes
- Think of some common questions beforehand and prepare answers. Like an interview
- How to structure answers, Try PEEL
  - Provide a **Point**
  - **Explain** why you think this
  - Provide **Evidence**
  - **Link** back to your presentation or further research
- Don’t have an answer?
  - “That’s a really good question/point - I hadn’t considered that but I will definitely look into that”
  - “I’m not a 100% sure but these are my thoughts on the matter at the moment”

Tips for Conferences: Networking!

Think of an informal ‘pitch’:

- Who are you?
- What are you studying?
- Research or workplace interest?
- What are you learning/what are you looking forward to learning?

Tips

- **Be respectful** in both private messaging and speaking
- **Get to know other people**
- External conference events: morning/afternoon teas, drinks nights, workshops, lectures, round table discussions

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The conference for archaeology students by archaeology students.

THIS IS AN ONLINE CONFERENCE!

- **Participant Demographic:** students of unrestricted age (i.e. Undergraduate – Postgraduate)
- **Scope:** Unrestricted.
- **Optional Theme:** “Resilience”

NASC aims to provide archaeology students with a supportive environment to discuss their research and ideas.

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Continued NASC traditions:

- Conference Papers (20m, 10m + 5m)
- Poster Presentations (+ Q&A panel)
- Virtual networking space
- Online social evening

New Initiatives:

- Workshop Initiatives:
  - (a) Conference preparation
  - (b) “Day Zero”
- Online Launch Lecture Series
- Guest Speakers (Dr. Chris Naunton, Prof. Claire Smith, Prof. Ronika Power, Prof. Malcolm Choat, A/Prof. Tanya Evans, Hon. Prof. Bob Carr and more!)

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Submit your work!
CFP closes 16th September

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:

- **Long Research Presentation:** 20 minute presentation.
- **Short Research Presentation:** 10 minute presentation (great for young students!!).
- **Posters:** Standard A0-size minimum 300DPI, color or black and white, portrait or landscape orientation.

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ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST CONTAIN:

- Names of all presenters
- ONE suitable contact email address *and* phone number
- The name of your University (and Department or College)
- Degree/current level of study (eg Honours),
- The category to which you are submitting

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How to Participate:

Register to Attend:
VIA EVENTBRITE

- Registration will open at 9am on August 30th.
- Ticket price: $25 (all inclusive)
- Student bursaries tbc.

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