

Change & Resilience

Change and people's responses to change, including resilience, are universal in human experience. Change, whether imposed or directed from within, includes alterations to: environments, social practices, economies, belief systems, and ways of knowing. Changes may be human induced, such as the current climate crisis, or generated by natural cycles, such as the extreme environmental changes of the Pleistocene, or result from a range of internal and external mechanisms, including colonisation, cultural change, and social upheaval. Resilience refers to the capacity to anticipate, prepare, withstand, recover from, and respond to changes: physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, culturally and spiritually. Resilience emphasises the capacity of people and societies to protect, improve, or modify their environmental, economic, social, or cultural practices.

We invite delegates to explore how societies in Australia and surrounding nations initiated changes in their surroundings or had changes imposed upon them, and how they have addressed change through their cultural practices, social networks, economies, rituals, or other ways of life. We encourage the exploration of resilience, through topics such as how people tackled changing ecosystems; the drivers of stylistic change over time and space; how relationships between different cultural groups can drive or manage change; the sources and roles of change and resilience detected in the archaeological record; and how past responses to change, especially environmental change, can inform the present and prepare us for the future.

Call for Sessions

Submissions are now invited for proposed sessions. We welcome session proposals, particularly those linked to the conference theme, from any field of archaeological inquiry, including Indigenous archaeology, historical archaeology, cultural heritage management, rock art studies, maritime archaeology, archaeological science, and public archaeology. Session organisers should provide a title and abstract (up to 200 words) for the proposed session, with an estimate of the number of individual sessions requested. All individual sessions will run for 2 hours and include 6 presentations. All papers will strictly be 20 minutes in duration (15 mins speaking + 5 mins question time). Presenters may only present one oral paper during the conference, although they may be co-authors on other papers. Session organisers and presenters must be AAA members. To limit the number of parallel sessions, the conference committee will combine similar themes where necessary and will strive to achieve the widest possible diversity of session themes.

Session abstracts are due by **5pm AEST 5 May 2023**.

We will announce the conference sessions that have been accepted by late May and issue a Call for Abstracts to be submitted. Conference registrations will open on 1 June.

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