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The **8th International Adventure Therapy Conference** will be held from **Wednesday 29th August to Sunday 2nd September 2018**, at the [Stanwell Tops Conference Centre](#) just south of Sydney on the New South Wales coast, Australia.

Join us at the 8IATC to celebrate past achievements and inspire future innovations by connecting or re-connecting to this inclusive, vibrant international community.

In the 21 years since the inaugural conference held in Australia in 1997, the field of adventure therapy has matured significantly. Upon its return to Australian shores in 2018, delegates from within the existing community and adjacent fields are invited to join us at The Tops to reflect on our cultural and professional origins and re-imagine contemporary adventure therapy knowledge and expertise in the light and landscape of ancient place-based practices.

Previous International Adventure Therapy Conferences have tended to focus inwardly on establishing coherence and quality in the international field of adventure therapy. At the 8IATC we are reaching outwards with a theme of 'expanding the circles' to build links with allied fields such as social work, youth justice, programs for and by first peoples, occupational therapy, psychotherapy and of course many more.

The first day of the conference will provide newcomers to the field with an overview of the diverse field of international adventure therapy, including practices/programs, client groups, models and theories, research and training/development programs. Subsequent days will

provide opportunities for delegates to share ideas and explore in more detail elements that interest them. There will be an extensive range of pre-conference events including multi-day immersive experiences to introduce those interested in the field whilst at the same time building on therapeutic, group facilitation and reflexive skills for participants.

Key Dates

Abstract Submissions Open: 30 October 2017

Abstract Submission Deadline: 19 January 2018

Registration Opens: 12 March 2018

Earlybird Registration Deadline: 1 June 2018

We look forward to welcoming your participation in what we believe will be a truly memorable conference.

We also invite you and your organisation to reach towards your vision and purpose by sponsoring some components of the 8IATC. For more information [click here](#).

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