



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Organising Committee invites you to submit an abstract (no formal papers required).

Abstracts are invited on all aspects of low volume roads – sealed or unsealed. Case studies involving practical aspects of planning, building, maintaining and managing low volume roads are particularly encouraged. Some suggested areas of interest are as follows:

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| ■ Community Engagement | ■ Resilience Issues | ■ Sustainable Workforce |
| ■ Sourcing Materials | ■ Forestry access | ■ Environmental Impacts |
| ■ Value for money | ■ Smart designs | ■ Technology Innovations |
| ■ Network Use | ■ Research | ■ Quality Processes |
| ■ Programme Management | ■ Maintenance Efficiencies | ■ Safety Solutions |
| ■ Worksite Safety | | |

Topics that are related and suitable for discussion at the workshop are not limited to the above. Submission of additional ‘Hot Topics’ for consideration at round table discussion during the workshop are welcomed. These may be separate topics or as a follow on from the main presentation.

ABSTRACT DETAILS

- 200 words maximum and include three key points
- All presenters must register and pay to attend the workshop
- Presentation time is for 15 mins + 5 mins Q & A
- Email to joanne@conferenceteam.co.nz
- Abstracts must be received by **Friday 26 March 2021**
- All authors names to be listed
- All abstracts must include the following information:
 - Brief biography – 50 words
 - Presenter(s) contact details (phone and email)

Include if you would like to enter the ‘**Under 35’s Presenter competition**’. For this the presentation will be shortened to 10 mins presentation + 2 mins Q & A.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| ■ Submission of Abstract closes: | Friday 26 March 2021 |
| ■ Advised of Selection: | Friday 23 April 2021 |
| ■ 2021 PowerPoint Presentation: | Friday 13 August 2021 |

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Ian Balme, Forgotten World Adventures - Railways, Golf Carts and a Vision - Ian shares his story

When farmer Ian Balme told people he was going to start a travel attraction in central North Island, running golf carts on the unused railway line between Stratford and Taumarunui, they scoffed. Nine years later, that travel attraction – Forgotten World Adventures – now includes tours by rail cart, jet boat and helicopter. It attracts over 9000 visitors a year, 75% Kiwis and 25% international tourists.

As a horizontal integration, Ian opened the Forgotten World Adventures Motel, giving visitors an accommodation option that encouraged them to stay longer in the area. Today, Forgotten World Adventures employs around 35 seasonal staff and in 2019, the popular attraction won the New Zealand Tourism Awards People’s Choice category for the second year in a row. It’s fair to say that those who initially scoffed at Ian’s idea may now have a different view. Through vision, innovation, and sheer determination, Ian has turned his far-fetched idea into a leading tourist attraction. Ian now travels the country sharing his story.