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Call for Abstracts Open

The Australian National Maritime Museum will host the second national conference on Australia's Indigenous Watercraft Knowledge.

The museum is now calling for papers, presentations, displays, demonstrations and performances that explore, watercraft history, diversity, significance, interpretation, voyaging, current community canoe projects and waterways and sea management programs.

Nawi 2017~ Travelling our Waters brings together community, cultural leaders and educators to share, discuss and practice knowledge of the rivers, oceans and watercraft of the world's oldest continuous living culture.

It will bring together a gathering of freshwater and saltwater watercraft communities, and those with a common interest in First Peoples' craft, river and seagoing voyages, waterway management and environmental issues, stories and freshwater/saltwater practices.

Across Australia there is a widespread variation in type, materials and construction technologies in traditional Indigenous watercraft as well as modern waterway ranger programs. *Nawi 2017* continues to build community connections and research to create a national picture of this significant area of Australia's maritime history.

Sessions will be held on a range of subjects, the following sub themes may assist presenters in the development of their abstract. This list is a guide only. Submissions are not limited only to these topics.

- Community specific watercraft
- Watercraft history and collections
- Watercraft and art
- Community highlights, initiatives and partnerships
- Cultural management
- Climate change and the environment
- Traversing waters and navigation
- Emerging issues

Participants are invited to submit a written abstract of maximum 300 words, images, or a short description of the activity they would like to present by 28th June 2017. Abstract Proposals and queries should be sent to dcarstens@anmm.gov.au.

NAWI 2017 – Travelling our Waters will run from the 8th November to 10th of November 2017 at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour; Sydney.

For further information contact steering committee chair, Donna Carstens, Indigenous Programs Manager on 02 9298 3741. Registration details will be available on ANMM site from July 2017.

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