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REWIND TO RECHARGE: ACCELERATE INTO THE FUTURE

ALTACON CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Important Dates

Abstract Submissions are due by
Friday, 27 February 2026

Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by
Friday, 24 April 2026

Preliminary Program Launch
Monday, 11 May 2026

Full Program Launch
Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Final PowerPoints are due by
Thursday, 3 September 2026

Summit Dates
Wednesday, 9 to Friday, 11 September 2026

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Australasian Legal Practice Management Association (ALPMA) and Australasian Legal Technology Alliance (ALTA) Program Committee invite thoughtful voices to help shape the conversation at the 2026 ALPMA Summit + ALTACON Business of Law Summit. Join us in Geelong from 9-11 September 2026.

REWIND TO RECHARGE: ACCELERATE INTO THE FUTURE

Building Tech Foundations that Power Real Results.

The ALTACON program invites submissions from technology leaders, legal operations professionals, CTOs, CIOs, data experts and vendors who can help law firms build solid technological foundations before racing toward the next innovation.

After years of what has felt like continual AI platform launches, we're now observing firms wanting practical, foundational guidance that helps them get their data, processes and systems ready for sustainable technology adoption. Strong proposals will emphasise getting the fundamentals right before pursuing advanced tools.

It's time to rewind, recharge and then accelerate with confidence into the future with technology!

While the ALPMA Summit focuses on timeless human capabilities and business fundamentals, the ALTACON program focuses on technology and the foundations that are critical to successful and ongoing technology integration. The focus is on rebuilding technological foundations to advance into a future ready technology space.

Both streams share the same philosophy: you can't accelerate successfully without strengthening your foundations.

The key focus of the ALTACON program aims to cover:

REWIND: Going back to catch what was missed

Before firms can leverage AI, they need to rewind and address foundational issues that may have been bypassed in the rush to adopt new technology:

- Data that's unstructured, siloed or dirty
- Processes that were never designed for automation
- Tech stacks that don't integrate properly
- Missing governance frameworks
- Teams that weren't prepared for change
- Baseline knowledge of IT, innovation and what is possible (and available)
- How to build a business case for technology adoption

RECHARGE: Building the infrastructure that power innovation

Recharging means building the infrastructure that lets technology actually deliver on its promises. This includes:

- Clean, structured, accessible data
- Streamlined workflows ready for automation
- Integrated systems that work together seamlessly
- Governance, security and compliance frameworks
- Change management and adoptions strategies focusing on technology
- Clear use cases and measurable ROI

ACCELERATE: Moving forward with clarity

With solid foundations in place, firms can accelerate their technology adoption with confidence:

- AI that works because data is ready
- Automation that improves (not just speeds up) processes
- Innovation built on sustainable infrastructure
- Clear understanding of capability of current tech stacks
- Strategic advantage from well-implemented technology
- Teams that embrace rather than resist change

Want to Submit for Summit?
Click here for the Summit Call for Abstracts.

2026 BUSINESS OF LAW SUMMIT

The 2026 ALPMA + ALTACON Business of Law Summit brings together law firm leaders and managers from across Australia and New Zealand for three days focused on the essential capabilities that create successful, sustainable practices.

ATTENDEES

Connect with law firm leaders, decision-makers and influencers including:

- Managing Partners and Partners of law firms
- CEOs, COOs, CFOs, CIOs and other C-Suite
- General Managers, Practice Managers, Office and Administration Managers
- Legal Technology Directors, Project Managers, IT teams
- HR & People Culture Leaders
- Support services leaders and other specialist senior roles in law firms
- Marketing & BD Professionals
- In-house Counsel

Our audience work in varying sized law firms from sole practitioners through to large international firms, however the majority drive business success within small to medium sized law firms (10-200 employees).

If you have content, case studies and educational takeaways that would benefit our audience, we invite you to submit an Abstract.

PROGRAM CONTENT

The 2026 ALTACON program invites submissions from experts who can help law firms build solid technological foundations.

We welcome submissions from:

- Law Firm technology leaders sharing real implementation experiences
- Legal operations professional who've tackled data and process challenges
- Technology vendors with clear, practical use cases (not product pitches)
- Data governance experts with frameworks that actually work
- Technology change management specialists who've successfully driven technology adoption
- Industry consultants with proven methodologies

We're seeking sessions that:

- Provide practical, actionable guidance on foundational technology challenges
- Share real implementation experiences, including what didn't work
- Focus on the "how" of data cleanup, process redesign, integration and governance
- Address current challenges facing Australian and New Zealand law firms
- Offer frameworks, methodologies and tools that delegates can implement
- Present vendor solutions with clear use cases (not just capabilities)
- Balance technical depth with accessibility for non-technical leaders
- Provide honest assessment of complexity, time and resources required

SESSION FORMATS

Presentation - Single speaker or panel presenting on a specific topic with time for Q&A. Best for sharing frameworks, methodologies or research findings.

Workshop (duration 1 - 3 hours) - Interactive, hands-on session with practical exercises and tools participants can apply immediately. Best for skill-building and tool development.

Case Study - Real-world example of how a firm addressed a specific challenge, including context, approach, lessons learned, and practical takeaways. Best for demonstrating proven approaches.

Panel Discussion - Multiple perspectives on a key issue, with moderated discussion and audience interaction. Best for exploring complex topics or debating approaches.

Vendor Solution Showcase - Technology vendor presenting a specific solution with real-world use cases and implementation examples must focus on practical application, not product marketing.

PROGRAM STREAMS

1. DATA FOUNDATIONS & READINESS
Building the clean, reliable data infrastructure technology needs

We're interested in (but not limited to) submissions on:

- data hygiene
- structure
- governance
- accessibility
- document management
- metadata strategies
- making data AI ready

2. PROCESS RE-ENGINEERING & WORKFLOW OPTIMISATION
Streamlining processes before automating them

We're interested in (but not limited to) submissions on:

- process mapping
- workflow design/redesign
- business process optimisation
- eliminating workarounds
- standardisation or BPO strategies that can be automated with technology.

3: STRATEGIC TECH STACK MANAGEMENT
Building integrated technology ecosystems that work together

We're interested in (but not limited to) submissions on:

- tech stack rationalisation
- integration strategies
- vendor evaluation
- build vs. buy decisions
- positioning tech spend
- ROI measurement or case studies of AI implementation from pilots to production.

4: GOVERNANCE, SECURITY & COMPLIANCE
Building frameworks that enable safe innovation

We're interested in (but not limited to) submissions on

- AI governance, data governance
- security, privacy
- ethical AI use
- regulatory compliance
- risk management or vendor security

5: ADOPTION & CHANGE
Making technology work through people

We're interested in (but not limited to) submissions on:

- technology change management projects
- overcoming resistance
- training strategies
- building champions
- communication
- adoption measurements or success stories

6: WHAT'S NEXT? FUTURE HORIZONS
Emerging technologies and strategic opportunities

We're interested in (but not limited to) submissions on:

- Informed predictions on future technology and its impact on the legal industry
- Agentic AI
- emerging technologies
- workforce evolution
- new service models, future skills, or strategic positioning for 2026-2028.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- ✓ **Practical value:** Does it provide actionable guidance?
- ✓ **Real Experiences:** Is it grounded in actual implementation experience?
- ✓ **Implementation detail:** Does it explain HOW to do it, not just WHAT to do?
- ✓ **Relevance:** Does it address challenges facing Australian and New Zealand law firms?
- ✓ **Credibility:** Does the speaker have relevant expertise and a proven track record?
- ✓ **Honesty:** Does it provide realistic assessment of complexity, time and resources?
- ✓ **Balance:** For vendors: Does it provide genuine use cases, not just product marketing?

What we're not looking for:

To maintain the ALTACON program focus, we're not seeking:

- ✗ Pure AI or technology hype without practical implementation guidance
- ✗ Vendor product pitches disguised as educational content
- ✗ Theoretical presentations without real-world application
- ✗ "What's possible" without "how to make it work"
- ✗ Sessions that skip over foundational work to focus on advanced capabilities
- ✗ Content that duplicates widely available vendor marketing materials
- ✗ Presentations that ignore the complexity and challenges of implementation

At the discretion of the committee, selected presenting authors who meet the key outcomes of the program outcomes may be provided with:

- A complimentary day or full ALTACON delegate pass
- A contribution towards accommodation for interstate and international presenters
- A contribution towards travel for interstate and international presenters

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

The following guidelines apply to the submission of all abstracts:

- All abstracts must be submitted via the online Portal available from the Summit website – www.alpmasummit.com.au.
- Submissions on any topic related to the program content areas will be considered.
- Submissions must include a biography of the presenter of up to 200 words and a headshot image. Submissions not including a biography of the presenter will not be considered.
- Submissions to include a show reel or video of past presentations (if available).

The following information is required to submit your abstract:

Session Title:	(max 12 words) – clear, compelling and descriptive.What will grab attention while accurately describing your content?
Session Format:	Presentation, workshop, case study, or panel discussion.
Stream:	Select the program stream your session best fits into.
Presenter Affiliations:	The organisation/practice with which the presenter/s are affiliated, their suburb, state and country.
Presenter Titles:	Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Mx, Dr, Prof, or choose your own.
Presenters:	Preferred Given Name and Surname of all presenters.
Organisation:	The primary organisation/practice with which the presenter/s are affiliated.
Position:	Official job title of all presenter/s e.g. Partner, Business Advisor etc.
Contact Details:	Phone and email details must be provided for presenter/s.
Presenter Biographies:	(max 200 words). Biographies will be displayed on the website and in the Attendee App. Key points will be taken for presenter introductions.

Presenter headshots:	Headshots will be displayed along side biographies.
Abstract / Session Descripion:	(200 – 500 words) - include what will be covered, why it matters to law firm leaders and managers and what makes this approach valuable or unique?
Session Summary:	(max 75 words). Your 1 – 2 paragraph session outline for inclusion in the published program.
Supporting Document:	A supporting document or additional resource can be uploaded if desired.
Key takeaways:	3 – 5 bullet points. What will attendees be able to DO or UNDERSTAND after your session? Be specific and action oriented.
Target Firm Size:	Specify what size firm your session would be applicable for e.g. small, medium or large.
Target Audience:	Describe who will benefit most from attending this session.
Showreel/Video URL:	Provide a link to a show reel or video of past presentation, or a 2-3 minute video giving an overview of your presentation (if available).
Presenter Profile:	Select the option that best describes your professional role or affiliation. This helps us ensure appropriate session balance and audience relevance.
ALPMA L & D Webinar Program:	Indicate if interested in participating as a presenter in ALPMA's Learning and Development Program conducted throughout the year.
AV Requirements	Tick the relevant boxes to indicate your anticipated AV requirements.

INFORMATION FOR PRESENTERS

Please note the following important information prior to submitting your abstract:

1. Purpose

- This policy governs the review and acceptance of abstracts submitted for inclusion in the ALPMA Summit and ALTACON programs. It aims to ensure that all selected presentations reflect high professional and academic standards, promote informed discussion, and contribute meaningfully to contemporary legal practice.

2. Authority

- The ALPMA Program Committee holds exclusive authority to determine the acceptance or rejection of abstracts submitted for the Summit.

3. Submission Requirements

- Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the official platform by the specified deadline.
- Each submission must adhere to the prescribed format, word limit, and citation style.
- Abstracts should present original analysis, research findings, or practical insights relevant to the conference theme or to broader legal discourse.
- All presenters will retain the intellectual property of their presentation.
- Each presenter must make their PowerPoint available prior to their presentation and agree for it (or an amended version) to be uploaded to the ALPMA Website following the Summit.
- Presenter(s) grant GEMS Event Management Australia and ALPMA the right to use any images or recordings taken at the Summit for the purposes of future publications conducted on behalf of ALPMA. This includes, but is not limited to, publication on websites, electronic and print journals, and trade and non-trade publications. GEMS/ ALPMA claim copyright of any image and may 'alter' any image for the lawful purpose of GEMS/ ALPMA and the presenter/s release GEMS/ ALPMA from all claims and liability relating to any images taken or used.
- Self-promotion and Commercial promotion in presentations is unacceptable.
- All presenters are required to register for the Summit.

INFORMATION FOR PRESENTERS CONTINUED

4. Review Process

- All abstracts will be subject to review by members of the ALPMA Program Committee or appointed reviewers with appropriate subject-matter expertise.
- Evaluation will be based on the criteria as listed in the call for abstracts document, and alignment with the Summit theme.
- Reviewers must declare any potential conflicts of interest prior to evaluating submissions.

5. Decision and Notification

- The ALPMA Program Committee shall make all final determinations regarding the acceptance, conditional acceptance, or rejection of abstracts and extend or shorten presentation duration.
- Presenters will be notified of the outcome in writing by the published notification date.
- The Summit Organisers and/or Committee will communicate only with the 'primary presenter' of a presentation. In the case of co-presenters, it will be the responsibility of the 'primary presenter' to pass on communication from the editors.
- Accepted abstracts will be scheduled for presentation and included in the official Summit program and proceedings, subject to timely registration by the presenter.
- ALPMA reserve the right to allocate abstracts to a stream of their choosing to ensure that the Summit delivers a cohesive program.

6. Ethical and Professional Standards

- Submissions must uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and professional ethics.
- Plagiarism, misrepresentation, or any form of academic misconduct will result in immediate rejection and may lead to further action by the Committee.

7. Finality of Decisions

- All decisions made by the ALPMA Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

DESTINATION INFORMATION - GEELONG

Geelong is less than an hour's drive or train ride from Melbourne's CBD and Tullamarine Airport (transfers will be available), and just 20 minutes from Avalon. Perfectly placed on the waterfront with views across Corio Bay, it also offers immediate access to the world-famous Great Ocean Road and the charming wine country of the Bellarine Peninsula—so be sure to extend your stay and experience all that the region has to offer.

This year's Summit + ALTACON will be held at the newly opening Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Located on the waterfront of Wadawurrung Country, within a vibrant precinct offering a variety of dining and accommodation options, attendees will experience state of the art conference facilities and beautiful Geelong all within walking distance.

With so much to see and do, Geelong offers an unforgettable backdrop, combining convenience, culture, and coastal charm.

Highlights include:

- Little Malop Street – a lively laneway precinct filled with cafes, bars, and street art
- Baywalk Bollards – a unique outdoor art trail along Geelong's waterfront
- Thirteenth Beach Golf Course
- Nearly 40 cellar doors across the Bellarine and surrounding wine regions
- The Great Ocean Road – one of the world's most scenic coastal drives

Check out the destination video showcasing some of the fantastic things Geelong and the Bellarine has to offer.