

Australasian Society for Human Biology

37th Annual Conference, December 11-13, 2023

Brisbane, Australia



The 2023 ASHB conference will be held in Brisbane’s South Bank from the **11th – 13th December**. The venue for this year is the Ship Inn, central to many accommodations, dining options, riverwalks and parklands. The conference theme is “***Multidisciplinary Perspectives in a Changing World,***” and it is being sponsored by the Australian Research Centre for Human Evolution (ARCHE) and the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research at Griffith University.

Conference Highlights:

- Keynote speakers include the President of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, Professor Leslea Hlusko (CENIEH, UC Berkeley), and Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow, Dr. Amy Prendergast (U Melbourne)
- Joint conference day (Dec 11th) with the Australasian Research Cluster for Archaeological Science (ARCAS), followed by a public panel discussion on Human Origins w/ARCHE members.
- Social events include an informal welcome Happy Hour (Dec 10th), optional ECR Night Out (Dec 12th), and a Closing Dinner followed by Barefoot Bowls at the New Farm Bowls Club (Dec 13th)

Conference Location

The conference will be held in the Function Room of the Ship Inn (Griffith University Building S06, located between Grey Street & Sidon Street near the entrance to the pedestrian Goodwill Bridge in the foreground of the image above.) Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea will be provided.

Important Dates & Abstract Guidelines

September 1	Deadline for abstract submissions
December 1	Registration closes
December 9-10	Pre-Conference Workshops on grant writing and human skeletal remains (details forthcoming, access included in registration)
December 10	Welcome Happy Hour, The Plough Inn, South Bank
December 11-13	Conference Sessions, beginning with ASHB-ARCAS Day Dec 11
December 13	Closing Dinner and Barefoot Bowls, New Farm Bowls Club, New Farm

Abstracts are due by **1 September, 2023**. All submissions for oral and poster presentations must be completed via the Submission Form on the ASHB Website. Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words (not counting authors' names) with minimal formatting. Oral presentations should be no longer than 15 minutes, inclusive of questions. Submissions of a research proposal or proposed methodology are recommended to select the poster session rather than a podium presentation; this will allow you to gain invaluable feedback to help inform future research from a friendly and supportive group. Students who wish to be considered for oral presentation prizes should note this during submission.

Student Conference Grant

This year we have decided to forego the student conference grant program in favor of making registration cost for all students and ECRs as low as possible.

Welcome Drinks (and a Swim?)

The informal drop-in Happy Hour will be held at The Plough Inn at South Bank from 6:00 pm. Numerous dining options are available nearby, as well as free swimming at Streets Beach.

Workshops and Public Lecture

This year we are planning workshops on grant writing and the analysis of human skeletal remains during the weekend between the Australian Archaeological Association's Gold Coast conference and the ASHB Brisbane conference (Dec 9-10), as well as co-sponsoring an evening public lecture on Monday Dec 11th showcasing biological anthropology research. These events will be free to ASHB members and conference delegates, but separate registrations will be required (details forthcoming).

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will be held on Wednesday 13th December at the New Farm Bowls Club, easily accessible from South Bank via the public ferry across the Brisbane River. A taco-themed buffet dinner

(inclusive of vegetarian options) will be offered from 6pm, followed by Barefoot Bowls from 7pm. Drinks can be purchased on site. Dinner tickets (\$40 pp) may also be purchased for any guests as part of the registration process. This registration also closes December 1 for catering purposes.

Conference Registration (inclusive of credit card fees)

Registration fees are as follows in AUD		Full conference (3 days) (teas + lunch included)	One day registration (teas + lunch included)
ASHB Members	Continuing (tenured) staff	\$ 300	\$ 100
	Term-limited (contract) staff	\$ 250	\$ 85
	Students	\$ 200	\$ 70
Non- member	Non-Student	\$ 350	\$ 110
	Student	\$ 230	\$ 80
Dinner	Flat rate Inclusive of Bowling	\$ 40	\$ 40

To register (including dinner only), please complete the Registration Form on the Conference Website. Bank transfers strongly preferred; credit card fees reduce our funds for student presentation prizes.

Membership Subscription/Renewal

If you would like to join as a new member or renew your existing membership of the Australasian Society for Human Biology, please complete the online form available on our website:

<https://www.australasianhumanbiology.com/membership.html>

- **Full membership:** For those actively involved in the research, teaching, or practice of human biology (AU\$40pa before 31st October, AU\$60pa after 31st October)
- **Student membership:** For students not in receipt of a full salary (AU\$15pa before 31st October, AU\$22pa after 31st October)
- **Associate membership:** For those with an interest in the area of human biology (AU\$15pa before 31st October, \$22pa after 31st October)
- **Life membership:** One-off payment of AU\$325

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