



Human Factors & Ergonomics  
Society of Australia

# WELCOME

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We're thrilled to have you as part of the **Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia** community.

# WELCOME TO HFESA



**HFESA is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organisation dedicated to advancing human factors and ergonomics.** Our passionate members come from diverse backgrounds, all united by a shared goal: enhancing user experiences by understanding human capabilities and limitations.

We look forward to connecting with you online and in person at various events, especially at **our annual conferences** held in late November, early December each year.

As a valued member, you gain access to a range of exclusive benefits designed to support your professional growth and engagement. Here's a sneak peek at what's in store for you:

- **Access to our communication and information hub** – Our website (hfesa.au) provides conference details, valuable resources, podcasts, a media resource library, and a calendar of upcoming HFE-related events.
- **Social media engagement** – Stay updated with regular posts on platforms like LinkedIn and Facebook.
- **Conference discounts** – Enjoy special member pricing for our 3 day annual conference, held in late November or early December.
- **Free access to monthly podcasts** – Listen on the go and stay informed with the latest industry insights at HFEHub.
- **Monthly professional development webinars and events** – Learn from industry leaders at no extra cost.
- **Exclusive media resource library access** – Use your unique member code to unlock a wealth of resources.
- **Co-branded events with other societies** – Expand your professional connections through collaborative events.
- **Regular networking events with your local branch** – Connect with peers at organised social events.

- **Monthly 'Connect' newsletter** – Receive updates on industry trends, society news, and upcoming events.
- **IEA and Federated Society discounts** – Get member discounts to the Triennial International Ergonomics Association Conference (IEA) and at other associated events.

## **Included also are Journal & Magazine discounts:**

- HFES Human Factors magazine – Accessible through HFES (USA) for \$50 USD as a corresponding member.
- Taylor & Francis Ergonomics Journal – Substantial discounts available (\$251.90 USD with membership verification).

## **As well as Professional Accreditation & Mentoring:**

- The Professional Affairs Board of Australia (PABA), an independent body, accredits Certified Human Factors and Ergonomics Professionals (CHFEPs).
- Certified professionals are listed in our searchable online directory.
- Mentoring opportunities for early career professionals

# STAY CONNECTED WITH HFESA

We want to make it easy for you to stay informed, engage with the community, and get the most out of your membership. Here's how:

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HFESA hosts an annual conference, usually in late November or early December, bringing together professionals from across the industry for 3 days of networking, research presentations, and knowledge-sharing.



### The conference provides an opportunity to:

- Connect with colleagues and industry experts
- Showcase the latest research and projects
- Engage in discussions on emerging trends and best practices

### Abstract Submissions & Conference Details

- Abstract submissions open in the first quarter of each year.
- Conference details, including speaker announcements, event schedules, and submission portal access, are regularly updated on the HFESA homepage.

Attending the conference is a valuable way to stay at the forefront of human factors and ergonomics while expanding your professional network.





## SOCIAL MEDIA AND EVENTS PAGE

**Your Go-To for What's Happening!** Want to know what's coming up or register for an event, webinar, or social gathering? Follow us on **LinkedIn** or **Facebook** for regular updates, event promotions, and the latest HFESA podcasts. Help grow our community by reposting articles and events that you think will interest others!

**Or head to the HFESA website “Events” page** Here, you'll find details about:

- Professional development events
- Face-to-face social gatherings
- Webinars and networking opportunities



## CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL STATE BRANCH

Being part of HFESA means more than just online resources—it's about building real connections with like-minded professionals! Our State Branches in NSW, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria provide fantastic opportunities to:

- Meet other members and expand your professional network
- Share ideas and discuss the latest in human factors and ergonomics
- Attend social and professional events close to home
- Contribute to the growth of the society

Are you looking to get involved? We understand how important it is to connect and contribute, so our State Branches, are run by members like you, who welcome your participation. We invite you to consider joining a branch committee. To find the Chair of your local branch, please visit the “Our People” section or the “About Us” tab of our website. For questions or assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the HFESA Secretariat.

Keep an eye on your inbox for invitations to our regular face-to-face events, and don't forget to check our website Events Page for all the latest updates.

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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**Connect & Collaborate! HFESA's Special Interest Groups (SIGs) bring together members with shared interests in areas such as:**

- Health
- Design & User Experience
- Early Career Development
- Transport & Human Systems Integration
- Slips, Trips & Falls
- OfficeSIG
- Computer Human Interaction (CHISIG)

These groups aren't technical committees - they're interactive discussion forums where members from diverse backgrounds exchange ideas, explore current research, and share industry best practices.

## **Stay Involved:**

- SIGs host events throughout the year as part of our professional development calendar.
- Events and discussions are advertised on our website, in emails, and on social media.

Whether you're looking to learn, network, or contribute, our Special Interest Groups offer a dynamic space for meaningful engagement!

# NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & WEBINARS

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**HFESA is committed to ongoing learning and professional growth through a range of development opportunities.**

The society has a Professional Development Coordinator who oversees webinars and co-branded events in collaboration with state branches, special interest groups, and other societies.

- The National Professional Development Committee begins meeting in February each year to develop a professional development calendar, which is then posted online.
- All events are promoted through member emails and social media.

These events provide valuable insights, industry expertise, and networking opportunities, ensuring members stay informed and connected.

All professional development events are conducted as live webinars via Zoom, allowing for both national and international participation.

We have Memorandums of understanding with other societies, providing discounts to their professional development events.

- AvPA - Australian Aviation Psychology Association
- SIOPA - Society of Occupational Psychologists Australia
- AIHS - Australian Institute of Health and Safety.

## MEMBER ACCESS & REGISTRATION

- Professional development events are **FREE** for members.
- Non-members can access these sessions for a small fee.
- Registration details are available on the HFESA website.

MEMBERSHIP  
INFORMATION



## HFEHUB PODCASTS!

HFESA produces regular fortnightly podcasts that explore the connection between human capability and good design. These podcasts are completely free and serve as a great way to:

- Promote human factors and ergonomics
- Expand your professional knowledge
- Stay updated on industry insights

Our podcasts are designed to support those in their early to mid-career, offering valuable discussions on industry trends, challenges, and best practices.



[www.hfehub.au](http://www.hfehub.au)



## MEDIA RESOURCE LIBRARY

The HFEHub Media Resource Library is your go-to space for the latest HFESA media content, including:

- Conference Recordings – As a conference attendee, you'll have free access to recorded sessions.
- Exclusive Resources & Webinars – Stay up to date with new content as we continue to expand our library.
- In-Depth Podcasts – Gain insights from expert discussions on key industry topics.

We're continuously adding new resources, so be sure to check back regularly for fresh content to support your learning and professional development.

# SHOWCASE YOUR EXPERTISE

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**Your HFESA member profile** (accessible when logged in) allows you to:

- Highlight your experience and qualifications
- Opt-in for networking, making it easier for other members to contact you
- Be searchable by the public when they're looking for Certified professionals

HFESA is listed on the Safework SA WHS register, which links to our "Search for a Consultant" page. Keeping your member profile up to date ensures potential clients and collaborators can find you for specific work opportunities.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held during the Annual National Conference, providing members with the opportunity to:

- Express their opinions on society matters
- Vote on key decisions affecting the society
- Actively participate in shaping the future of HFESA

The AGM includes reports from the President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, outlining:

- Goals for the society
- Key outcomes from the year
- Plans for future growth and development

Member participation in the AGM ensures that HFESA continues to evolve and meet the needs of the human factors and ergonomics community.

*NB: The HFESA Constitution is available on our website. Our governance and administration manual is currently under review.*

## HFESA BOARD

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**The HFESA Board** consists of an elected President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and representatives from each state. The board oversees the strategic direction and operations of the society.  
HFESA Professional Affairs Board

**The HFESA Professional Affairs Board of Australia (PABA)** operates under the HFESA Constitution but functions independently with its own Committee. It is responsible for managing professional affairs, including the certification of Human Factors and Ergonomics (HFE) professionals.

## ENQUIRIES

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**For any enquiries**, please contact our Secretariat, who is available Monday to Friday, 2PM – 6PM.

You can reach us via our contact page, or alternatively by phone, or email.



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