

# AAFI CONFERENCE 2022

## FIRE INVESTIGATION:

*Multi Agency Cooperation, Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future.*

PAST FUTURE

**GOLD COAST  
3 – 4 NOVEMBER 2022**

*Early Bird closing date – 2 October 2022*

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## ABOUT THE EVENT

The Australasian Association of Fire Investigators (AAFI) Conference will be the first held since Covid-19 and represents a chance for professional from across the wide area of fire investigation to come together for a high-quality conference and networking event.

The conference theme '*Fire Investigation: Multi Agency Cooperation, Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future*' will look at advancements in recent years in fire investigation and how Covid-19 has influenced the way we work.

An exciting program has been developed by industry representatives. Conference speakers will examine the challenges facing those involved in fire investigation and look at the best practices across the industry. Leading experts from different sectors will present information on the latest topics surrounding fire investigation.

The conference will feature two USA fire investigation experts **Barry Grimm** and **Joe Herzberg**. They will be able to share with attendees' developments in the USA including in the area of electric vehicles, major crime investigations and analysing forensic evidence.

The conference is a unique opportunity to hear from leading Australian and United States experts and liaise with others involved in the fire investigation profession.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE EVENT

Anyone involved or interested in fire investigation including Fire Investigation Specialists, Fire Service Investigators, Police Investigators, Private Investigators, Government Safety Officers, Loss Adjusters, Insurers, Risk Managers, Senior Claims Executives, Lawyers, Services Providers, Brokers and Restoration Specialists.

## TWO DAY CONFERENCE AND DINNER

The format will be a two day Conference (3-4 November) with informal arrival drinks on Wednesday, 2 November and a Conference Dinner on 3 November. This format provides an unparalleled opportunity to connect with colleagues, develop new business relationships and exchange ideas with like-minded professionals.

**DATE:** Thursday, 3 November – Friday, 4 November 2022

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**VENUE:** QT Hotel Gold Coast

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**TIME:** 8:30am – 4:30pm (each day)

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**DRESS CODE:** Casual Business Attire

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## PLANNED TOPICS

- Electric Vehicles: A General Discussion on Developments in the USA.
- Witness Driven Cases and Fire Investigation Documentation.
- Shipping Container Explosion: IED or not
- Woman on Fire: Testing the Hypotheses
- Combustible Cladding: What to Expect a Legal Perspective.
- Fire Due to Improper Maintenance
- Black Saturday 2009: Fire Interagency Co-operation
- How fire engineering principles can support fire investigation outcomes
- The digitalisation of fire investigation notes for data collection and reporting
- Multi-Agency Cooperation: Past, Present and Future
- Factors affecting fire origin determination in post flashover compartment fire
- Firebugs, Lucifers, Terrorists, Little S.... & other myths about young people who misuse fire
- Ignitable liquid detection canine and remotely piloted aircraft systems

*There will also be a presentation on the importance of addressing mental health issues by Tony Dell from Stand Tall for PTS.*

## VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

### QT Hotel

7 Staghorn Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217

**Phone:** (07) 5584 1200

*Please state you are attending the AAFI Conference when booking accommodation at the QT to secure the reduced, conference room rate.*

## SPONSORSHIP

There is advertising available for interested parties. For a copy of the proposal please contact **Tony Libke – Secretary** at: [admin@qafi.com.au](mailto:admin@qafi.com.au)

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- Darren Smith – QPS
- Marty Denham – QEC Services
- Gordon Hemphrey – QFES
- Matthew Hunter – McInnes Wilson Lawyers
- Tony Libke – QAFI
- Daren Mallouk – QFES
- Gary Nash – Forensic Services Australia
- Lindsay Spencer – QFES

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## CONFERENCE TICKET PRICING

Price includes two day Conference, Conference Dinner, Conference materials, lunch and refreshments.

### Member Registration

*(includes members of QAFI, NSWAFI, VAFI and NZAFI)*

**Individual Member** **\$935** *(incl GST)*

**Early Bird Member** **\$880** *(incl GST)*

**Early Bird Members Group** **\$825** *(incl GST)*  
*(3 or more from one company)*

### Non-Member Registration

**Individual Non-Member** **\$1023** *(incl GST)*

**Early Bird Non-Member** **\$968** *(incl GST)*

**Early Bird Non-Members Group** **\$913** *(incl GST)*  
*(3 or more from one company)*

**Extra ticket for Conference Dinner** **\$165** *(incl GST)*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of a registrant's inability to attend, a substitute delegate is welcome. Substitutions can be made up to seven (7) days prior to the event.

Alternatively a full refund, less 25% service charge will be made for cancellations advised by letter, fax or email up to twenty one (21) days prior to the event. Regrettably, no refunds can be made after this time.

## PROGRAM CHANGES

If necessary the organising committee reserves the right to alter the program without prior notification to delegates

## CONTACT DETAILS



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