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eConference Guide

Just what do you need to enable your eConference?

Internet and Computer needs

Vividas & eConferencing

The eConference format has been designed to simplify the sharing of knowledge across communities that might be otherwise separated by distance. By combining TV broadcasting with the online technologies we are able to share a live conference experience across Australian or around the world instantly! A local facilitator will lead your discussions and exercises to ensure your people get the most out of the experience.



What is Vividas?

Vividas is an Australian technology that enables the transmission of full screen video images across the internet at very high quality - even on a standard internet connection. Vividas requires no special software - so there is nothing to install, if you can use the internet, and have a facilitator, you can take part in the eConference.

Display recommendations

Sharing with your team

While it is possible to take part by viewing directly on your PC, the experience of watching as a group enhances the experience. A data projector can be connected to your PC to project the video segments to a larger audience without needing to huddle around a small PC screen. A simple set of PC speakers will help make the audio clear to all. If you have a big group (more than 20) you might want to consider a larger set of speakers and your venue coordinator or facilitator would provide the best advice.

How Can I Test the Conference format?

www.vividas.com.au

You can visit the Vividas website at anytime to test the video player. This is also an opportunity to test the format on your PC and internet connections well in advance of the eConference.

Four weeks prior to the eConference a special website will go live. Leading up to the conference this site will have tips and links to test clips, an introduction to Vividas and a welcome to the conference. This will be the same site where you will view the eConference on the day.

What Happens

When you click the video a Vividas bar will load. This is sending your PC the player and triggers the video replay. From this point you can control how the video is sized. A special tab button will be created, clicking here will take you to full screen mode, you can hit 'esc' to return to the small window. You can pause the video by using the space bar. Adjust the PC volume.

For the technically minded

Bandwidth and Connection Speeds

Once you click on the video link the player is sent in java script to your PC. If Java is disabled the player used ActiveX controls to present the image.

The three stream sizes

Vividas present three options - High, Medium and Low. If you have a reliable broadband service click on 'High' - this will give you the best quality picture. If you have poor internet connectivity use the 'Low' link. In general most can see High and Medium without a problem.

How much data is in a typical eConference session?

A Vividas data rate will vary with duration and selected quality. As a general guide you should expect 1Gb of Internet use for the whole day. Note these videos are not stored on your PC so they do not take up your hard drive space.

Recommended PC specifications

If your PC has access to the Internet and you can connect speakers and a video projector you have all you need to experience the eConference.

Display Technology

Comfortable Viewing

We recommend using a video projector to display the image on a wall or screen. This makes viewing more comfortable. PC speakers will ensure you can comfortably hear in a full room.

What if We Miss it?

This technology is very robust but things can go wrong or you may simply wish to see a segment again. In these cases you can click on the required segment and see an archived version as soon as the live feed commences. Even if you are few minutes late you can see the video immediately. The site will remain live for at least a month after the eConference concludes. You can also request a DVD of the conference if required by contacting the BBI.

We hope you enjoy this new experience in online conferencing.