**Call for abstracts** for the 2nd Australasian Death Studies Network conference

***Death, Dying, and the Undead:***

***Contemporary Approaches and Practices***

**2 September 2016, Noosa Queensland Australia**

Despite being imaged all around us in popular culture and the media, death and dying are, it often seems, the last taboo subjects in modern society.

Following on from the successful multi-disciplinary conference held in 2015, this conference continues discussion and investigation in a range of cultural, humanities and social areas that consider death and dying, including creative arts, popular culture, health and community planning. It will consider practices of, processes around, and responses to death and dying, and approaches to these topics including:

* Representations of death, dying and the undead in popular culture
* Gothic representations of the death, dying and the undead
* Death and dying in Australasian culture and history
* Writing and reading about death and dying, including auto/biography
* Representations and images of death and dying in visual art and the media
* Aging and death and dying
* Death, dying and/or the undead and trauma
* Death, dying and/or the undead and gender
* Death, dying, the undead and social media
* Roadside memorials, spontaneous shrines and other memorial practices
* Celebrity death and public grieving
* Transgression, death and crime fiction
* Teaching and learning about death, dying and the undead
* Immortality the ethics of not dying
* The ‘good death’ and what this means in policy and practice
* Approaches to death and dying: at home, in hospital or elsewhere
* The contemporary funeral and the multinational funeral industry
* Creativity and creative responses to death, dying and the undead
* Other relevant topics and issues

Publication possibilities will be discussed at the conference.

The conference will include a wine and cheese finale and exhibition viewing.

**Keynote Speaker** TBC

**Abstracts** (200 words max) plusinclude your name, email & brief bio note (50-100 words)due 1 June 2016, email to Zoe Allen z.allen@cqu.edu.au

\* please put ‘2016 Death, Dying and Undead abstract submission’ in email subject line

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