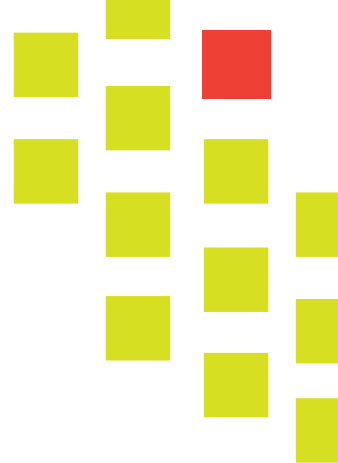





AAFI2012



Australasian Associations of Fire Investigators Conference 2012

19-21 September 2012 • Sebel Albert Park Melbourne

Fire Investigation in Australasia: **The Way Forward**

n behalf of the Victorian Association of Fire Investigators (Chapter 58 of IAAI) and the organising committee I invite you to the 2012 Australasian Associations of Fire Investigators Conference to be held in Melbourne.

The aim of the conference is to promote best practice in fire investigation and continue to forge strong partnerships.

The conference is the peak biennial forum for fire investigators in Australasia. AAFI 2012 will attract experts and attendees not only from all over Australia but also from the United States of America, United Kingdom, Asia, UAE and New Zealand. One of our goals is to build on the success of the inaugural AAFI 2010 conference.

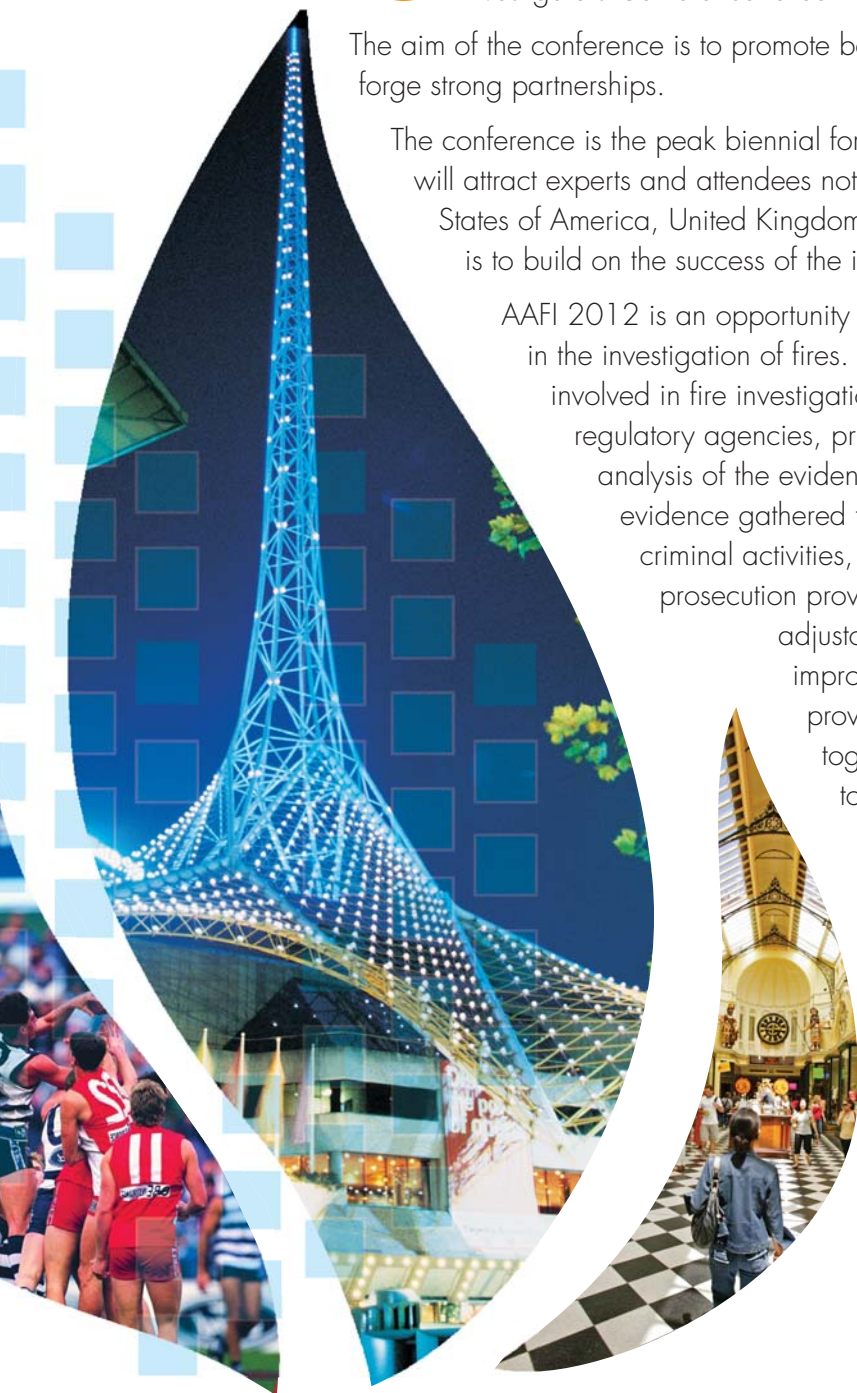
AAFI 2012 is an opportunity to showcase Australia's and the world's capabilities in the investigation of fires. It's a forum that brings together representatives involved in fire investigations from fire services, police services, and other regulatory agencies, private investigators, as well as those associated with analysis of the evidence gathered. Additionally, those who use the evidence gathered for further actions, such as police prosecutions of criminal activities, or fire services or other regulatory agencies with prosecution provisions; criminal and civil legal representatives, loss adjusters, insurance firms, and governments for improvements in safety requirements. The conference provides an opportunity through networking to work together across a range of disciplines and jurisdictions to share experiences and the latest innovations and techniques to develop more effective fire investigation methodologies.

This is our industry and the VAFI and AAFI 2012 organising committee encourage your attendance along with any thoughts you have on speakers, topics or sponsors.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Kerr
President VAFI

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Keynote Speaker – Peter Mansi

Peter has been an operational fire officer within the London Fire Brigade for almost 28 years, the last ten of those as a Fire Investigator, Station Manager within the Fire Investigation Group. In 2008 he took up post as the Borough Commander of the City of London, and under his command, the Fire Investigation Group at this new central location within the City of London.

He helped instigate the Arson Reduction Team, analysing and addressing the extensive problem of arson in London. To this end, he was instrumental in establishing Borough Arson Liaison Officers in each of the 33 boroughs within London, consisting of a police officer and a fire officer to focus on 'all things arson' within their respective boroughs. He has supported the development of Forensic Arson Liaison Officers with Scotland Yard's SCUD within each of the borough teams.

Peter will present on the London/UK Fire Investigation perspective, and the latest techniques used in the UK, whilst also speaking at the dinner on the topic of the London riots in August of 2011 and the subsequent investigation of those fires.

Other confirmed speakers:

- **Dr Rebekah Doley** – Arson Profiler, Director Clinical and Forensic Psychology Programs, Bond University
- **Peter Gallagher** – Senior Station Officer, NZ Fire Service
- **Simon Langdon** – Managing Director, Eye fi
- **Craig Lapsley** – Victorian Fire Commissioner
- **Jim Munday** – Managing Director, Munday Forensics

Topics covered during the conference include:

- Strategic directions in Arson Investigation
- Arson profiling & serial arson in Australia
- Interactive panel discussion
- Technological advances in investigations
- Recovery and restorations
- Legal issues
- Case Studies including: The fatal New Zealand fire at the Tamahere Cool Store.
- The latest courses relating to fire investigation available in New Zealand and Australia.
- and a number of other topics relating to conference theme.

Melbourne and The Sebel Albert Park

Visitors will find Melbourne an exciting city to explore, with modern architecture and design juxtaposed by heritage buildings reflecting Australia's cultural history. A city which offers a range of cultural, sporting and entertainment options and claiming the title of Australia's Events Capital.

As the venue for AAFI 2012, the Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne provides a sense of space and comfort, with a number of the Conference rooms overlooking stunning Albert Park Lake or the sunsets over Port Phillip Bay. All creating a great environment for a high quality and enjoyable experience for AAFI 2012 attendees.



Expression of Interest

Please complete the details below and return to the Conference Secretariat at the address below.

Title _____ Given Name _____ Surname _____

Organisation _____

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I am interested in: Attending the conference Sponsoring the conference Speaking at the conference

Suggested presentation topics: _____

The AAFI 2012 website is now live here www.aafi2012.com.au and provides key information regarding registration, program, social functions, venue, accommodation, sponsorship and exhibition. Papers can also be submitted via the website for consideration.

To express interest in AAFI 2012, please return to:

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