

LATERAL LINES Submission Guidelines



Lateral Lines is the Newsletter style journal for the Australian Society for Fish Biology (ASFB), published twice a year. It welcomes contributions from all its members. To submit, please follow the guidelines below and email materials to your state representative (contacts available on the ASFB website), ASFB committee convener, or the newsletter editor at newslettereditor@asfb.org.au. Also, make sure to check out a past edition of our newsletter, so you can have a better idea of what/how to write.

***Note:** if you have received an ASFB Award (Conference, Research, Travel), it is a requirement that you submit a contribution to the newsletter for that year

GENERAL STYLE: simple, concise, clear language for the general public but keeping in mind that your audience has a strong scientific/fish-specific background. Include high-resolution images. Make sure your contact details and affiliations are included in the byline.

GENERAL FORMAT:

- Word document with main text
- Photographs as separate files each in full resolution

SECTION SPECIFIC GUIDELINES:

- *Feature Article:* ~2000 word limit, with excellent quality photographs. The subject is wide open, but usually involves a cool finding, new study or novel approach.
- *Arts & Science Column:* ~1000 word limit. This space is meant to bring the artists amongst us “out of the closet”. The column has an open format and can consist of just images with a few words, interviews, or even your own fish/ocean poetry. Be creative!
- *State Reports:* compiled for each state by the corresponding ASFB Representative, so submissions should go directly to them (**Note to state representatives:* please make sure images stay high resolution when compilation is done, and check for overall mistakes). Your submission should be ~300 words and present a highlight of your year. Examples of good contributions are: promoting a new publication, welcoming a new lab member, getting a new grant, starting a new job or project, discovering a new species.
- *Student Spotlights:* one-page poster-type sections to promote your research as an Hns, Ms or PhD Student (~250 word limit). You can submit directly to the newsletter editor or your ASFB student representative. Please include: your full name, affiliations, supervisor details, a summary of your project, an interesting fact about yourself or your work, and at least two high resolution images of yourself (preferably in the field or lab) and/or study subject.
- *Conference, Research and Travel Awards:* short descriptions (~250 word limit) of your research and how you used the award presented to you (if travel or research). A photo should also be provided. Submissions should be sent to the ASFB Education Committee convener.