

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



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NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2017

2017 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference

16 - 19 May 2017 Newcastle, NSW

Preparing for the Next Great Flood

The **FMA Conference** has been held annually for over 50 years and is the most respected flood risk management event held in Australia. This will be FMA's third National Conference and it is being held in New South Wales' second largest city, Newcastle.



The 2017 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference will be hosted by Newcastle City Council and held at the Newcastle Exhibition and Convention Centre (NEX), Newcastle from **Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 May**, with optional pre-conference workshops on **Tuesday 16 May**.

The conference will mark the tenth anniversary of the "Pasha Bulker" storm, and extensive flooding which occurred in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley. The conference will feature improvements to flood risk management since 2007, inspections of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme and the Newcastle Flash Flood Alert Service, which is the first of its kind in New South Wales.



2017 is also the 150th anniversary of the great flood which took place along the Hawkesbury-Nepean River in 1867. It is therefore appropriate that the theme for this year's conference is **Preparing for the Next Great Flood**, which looks at applying lessons from past floods and overcoming the challenges to helping our communities avoid future disasters.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS NOW OPEN

The theme for the 2017 conference is **Preparing for the Next Great Flood** which will focus on lessons and implementation.

We are looking for a range of high quality presentations from across Australia dealing with riverine, overland and flash flooding, and coastal inundation. The content can be technical or non-technical to suit our varied audience. Tertiary students studying floodplain management or natural disaster management are particularly encouraged to participate.

The subject of the presentation should align with one or more of the following topic areas:

- **Community engagement, consultation and resilience**
- **Flood recovery – rebuilding, betterment, insurance, economic and social issues**
- **Disaster planning and emergency response**
- **Flood forecasting and warning**
- **Land use planning and legislative issues**
- **Identifying flood risk, modelling and tools**
- **Flood information and data sharing**
- **Environment, climate change adaptation and sea level rise**

- **Structural mitigation works and asset management**
- **Flood resilient urban design and building design**
- **Integrated catchment management – river management, water economics**
- **State, National and International solutions and coordination**
- **Flood stories - flood experiences in your local area, case studies and lessons learnt**

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

This conference will attract over 350 practitioners with interests in floodplain risk management. Attendees will include Commonwealth, State and Local Government representatives, research organisations and education providers as well as consultants, engineers, land-use planners, emergency responders and community volunteer organisations.

The conference will include outstanding Australian and international keynote speakers, plenary and concurrent presentations, a Local Government Councillors' session, national forum, field trips addressing floodplain issues in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley, as well as networking events. Optional pre-conference workshops on topical issues will be held on the Tuesday.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:
Friday 28 October 2016**

PRESENTATION TYPES

1. **Oral Presentation:** 10 minute presentation for concurrent session, no question time. Provision of a written paper is optional.
2. **Oral Presentation:** Full 20 minute presentation for concurrent session, including question time. Provision of a written paper is an essential requirement.
3. **Poster Presentation:** Will be displayed during the conference and there will be an allocated time for authors to provide a 3 minute presentation and answer queries. Electronic posters will also be available this year.

All presentation types require an abstract to be submitted.

FULL PRESENTATION PAPERS

If you wish to provide a 20 Minute Presentation you must provide a Full Paper before the conference. The Full Paper may be in the form of an extended abstract.

Full Papers will be published electronically on the Floodplain Management Australia website, Members' Section, following the conclusion of the conference. Guidelines on Full Paper submission will be distributed if your abstract is accepted. The deadline for Full Paper submission is **Friday 7th April 2017**.

If you don't wish to provide a Full Paper please consider a 10 Minute Presentation or a Poster Presentation.

OPTIONAL PEER REVIEW EVALUATION

As an additional option for authors where publishing is an important element, Full Papers can be submitted for peer review refereeing by **Friday 10th February 2017**. Authors will be advised of acceptance and/or any changes needed by **Friday 17th March 2017**. Acceptance of abstracts for conference presentation does not depend on submission for peer review.

GENERAL POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

All presentation modes require an abstract to be submitted.

To increase the chances of your abstract being selected your subject should clearly align with one of the topic areas, and reference the conference theme.

Please refer to the conference website for General Policies and Requirements for Submission of Abstracts – www.floodplainconference.com

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

Abstract submission will only be available via the conference website www.floodplainconference.com

Abstracts must be prepared in accordance with the "Author Instructions" document, included on the 'Program' page of the conference website. A template is also available online to assist you in preparing your abstract in the correct format. Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words.

If you have any problems submitting your abstract online, please contact the Conference Managers by phoning 02 6650 9800 or emailing amy@eastcoastconferences.com.au

CRITICAL DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline:
Friday 28th October 2016

Presenter Notification:
Monday 12th December 2016

Peer Review Submission Deadline
Friday 10th February 2017

Early & Author Registration Deadline
Monday 13th March 2017

Full Paper Submission
(not being peer reviewed):
Friday 7th April 2017

For further information please contact the Conference Managers:

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