

# FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



The 2026 Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) National Conference will be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre from Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 April 2026, with optional pre-conference workshops on Tuesday 21 April.

The FMA National Conference has been held annually for over 60 years and is the most respected flood risk management event held in Australia.

The Conference is for anyone interested in making our communities more flood safe. It will bring together over 400 flood professionals and community members with interests in flood 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 theme of the Conference is **From Risk to Resilience: Advancing Flood Management**. In an era of escalating uncertainty, this Conference will explore the development and implementation of flood risk management — moving from the reactive repair and recovery cycle towards informed, resilience-driven strategies, policies and mitigation projects. We invite papers that navigate this transition, by integrating strategic planning, proactive management, and innovation.

We are looking for a range of high-quality presentations from across Australia, and overseas, dealing with riverine, overland and flash flooding, and coastal inundation. The content can be technical or non-technical to suit our varied audience, so you don't need to be a "flood expert" to provide a presentation. The practical experiences of Councillors, flood committee members and community representatives can be of real value to fellow conference attendees.

Tertiary students studying floodplain management or natural disaster management and Young Floodplain Managers are particularly encouraged to participate and share their experiences.

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

- Modelling and flood data
- Flood forecast and warning
- Managing growth and land use planning
- Infrastructure projects and asset management
- Flood policy, guidance and best practice
- Emergency preparedness, response and recovery
- Flood case studies and stories
- Environmental aspects, climate change, coastal hazards and adaptation
- New technology and research
- Flood damages and insurance
- Cultural perspectives (Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori)
- Social sciences, human behaviour and communication

## Guidelines & Submission

**Please note that the 2026 Abstract Submission Requirements have changed for 20 Minute Oral Presentations.**

Authors are required to submit a **minimum 500 word** abstract or up to a two page extended abstract at time of submission. The extended word abstract can include tables, figures and/or images.

*You may submit an extended abstract or a full paper by Monday 27 March, provided your initial abstract meets the 500 word minimum word count for a 20 minute oral presentation.*

**10 Minute Oral Presentations or Poster Presentations only require a maximum of 300 word abstract.**

Presenters of accepted abstracts are required to register and pay to attend the Conference as an attendee for at least the day they are presenting.



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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## 2026 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

*From Risk to Resilience: Advancing  
Flood Management*

21 - 24 April 2026

Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Gold Coast, QLD

[www.floodplainconference.com](http://www.floodplainconference.com)



## CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: Friday 5 December 2025

### Presentation Types

- 1. Oral Presentation:** 10 minute presentation for concurrent session. Provision of a written full paper or extended abstract is optional.
- 2. Oral Presentation:** 20 minute presentation for concurrent session. Provision of a minimum 500 word abstract or extended abstract for publication on the FMA website is an **essential requirement at time of submission**.
- 3. Digital 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. A digital copy of each poster is to be provided for publication on the FMA website.

All presentation types require an abstract to be submitted.

Presenters agree to provide their 500-word abstract, extended abstract or full paper and PowerPoint presentation to be published electronically on the Floodplain Management Australia website, Members' Section, following the conclusion of the Conference. They will be publicly available 12 months after the Conference.

### Submission of Abstracts

Abstract submission will only be available via the conference website [www.floodplainconference.com](http://www.floodplainconference.com). 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 use the Abstract Template provided.

#### 20 Minute Oral Presentations

Please note that abstracts must be a **minimum of 500 words** and **maximum of 2 pages**. The uploaded Microsoft Word document to the portal can include supporting tables, figures and images where appropriate. You will also need a short biography (max 50 words) for the presenting author.

#### 10 Minute Oral Presentations & Electronic Poster Presentations

Please note that abstracts can be a **maximum of 300 word**. The uploaded extended abstract at time of submission is optional. You will also need a short biography (max 50 words) for the presenting author.

### KEY DATES

**Abstract Submission Deadline:**  
Friday 5 December 2025

**Presenter Notification:**  
Friday 30 January 2026

**Presenter & Early  
Registration:**  
Friday 6 March 2026

**Optional Full Paper  
Submission:**  
Monday 27 March 2026

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