

2027 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Growing together, strengthening flood resilience

11 – 14 May 2027 Western Sydney Convention Centre, Penrith, NSW

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2027 Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) National Conference will be held at the Western Sydney Convention Centre from Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 May 2027, with optional pre-conference workshops on Tuesday 11 May.

The FMA National Conference has been held annually for over 60 years and is the most respected flood risk management event in Australia. It brings together more than 450 attendees, including representatives from Commonwealth, State and Local Government, 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 **Growing together, strengthening flood resilience**. This highlights the importance of collaboration, shared knowledge and collective action in building communities that are better prepared for and able to recover from flooding.

We are looking for a range of high-quality presentations from across Australia and internationally. 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 and Young Floodplain Managers are encouraged to participate and share their experiences.

Conference Topics

- Modelling and flood data
- Flood forecast and warning
- Land use planning, managing growth and urban development
- Infrastructure projects and asset management
- Flood policy and guidance
- Emergency preparedness, response and recovery
- Flood case studies and stories
- AI, remote sensing and emerging technologies
- Flood damages and insurance
- Cultural perspectives (Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori)
- Social sciences, human behaviour and communication
- Environment and nature-based measures
- Climate change, adaptation and application

Tip: Please choose the topic that best reflects the primary focus of your presentation.

CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:
Monday 7 December 2026

Key Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday 7 December 2026

Presenter Notification: Monday 8 February 2027

Presenter & Early Registration: Friday 19 March 2027

Optional Full Paper Submission: Friday 30 April 2027

Presentation Types

1. **10 Minute Oral Presentation** for a concurrent session. Provision of an extended abstract or full paper is optional.
2. **20 Minute Oral Presentation** for a concurrent session. Provision of a minimum 500 word abstract or extended abstract is a requirement at time of submission.
3. **Digital Poster Presentation:** Will be displayed during the conference, with the possibility of a 3-minute presentation. A digital copy of the poster will also be provided for publication on the FMA website.

Presenters agree to provide their 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 Guidelines

- Will only be available via the conference website
- All presentation modes require an abstract to be submitted
- Use the abstract template provided on the conference website
- Abstracts for 20 minute oral presentations must be a minimum of 500 words and maximum of 2 pages
- Abstracts for 10 minute oral presentations & digital poster presentations must not exceed 300 words
- A brief biography of the presenting author (maximum 50 words)
- 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

For further information please contact the Conference Managers: East Coast Conferences

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