

2019 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



*A National
Call to Action:
Making Australia
Flood Safe*

14 - 17 May 2019 Hotel Realm, Canberra, ACT www.floodplainconference.com

The FMA Conference has been held annually for over 50 years and is the most respected flood risk management event held in Australia.

The 2019 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference will be hosted by the ACT Government and held at Hotel Realm, Canberra from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th May 2019, with optional pre-conference workshops on Tuesday 14th May.

The theme for this year's conference is **"A National Call to Action: Making Australia Flood Safe"**, which will focus on bringing together various partners and sharing great research and ideas to set a clear and compelling vision, mission and priorities for the flood community of Australia.

Call for Abstracts is now open

We are looking for a range of high quality presentations from across Australia and overseas dealing with riverine, overland and flash flooding, coastal inundation, emergency response and community engagement. The content can be technical or non-technical to suit our varied audience, so you don't need to be a "flood expert" to present at the conference. 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:

- National collaboration and coordination
- Communicating flood hazard and risk
- Modelling
- Flood prediction and warning
- Land use planning
- Infrastructure projects and asset management
- Climate adaptation
- Flood policy, guidance and best practice
- Social and cultural aspects
- Emergency preparedness and management
- Recovery
- Flood stories and case studies
- Environmental aspects

Conference Background

The conference is for anyone interested in making our communities more flood safe. It will bring together over 350 flood practitioners and community members 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 speakers, plenary and concurrent presentations, a Local Government Councillors' session, field trips addressing floodplain issues in the Australian Capital Territory and surrounding areas, as well as networking events. Optional conference workshops on topical issues will be held on the Tuesday.





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CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Monday 29th October 2018

Critical Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline:

Monday 29th October 2018

Presenter Notification:

Monday 17th December 2018

Peer Review Full Paper Submission:

Friday 15th February 2019

Early & Author Registration Deadline:

Friday 22nd March 2019

Full Paper Submission

(not being peer reviewed):

Friday 26th April 2019

**For further information please contact the
Conference Managers:**

East Coast Conferences

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Website: www.floodplainconference.com



Presentation Types

- 1. Oral Presentation:** 10 minute presentation for concurrent session, no question time. Provision of a written paper is optional.
- 2. Oral Presentation:** 25 minute presentation for concurrent session, including 5 minute question time. Provision of a written paper is a mandatory 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.

The prestigious Harold Sternbeck Medal is awarded to recognise excellence for the best paper presentation at the Conference. Both 10 minute and 25 minute presentations are eligible. A full paper or extend abstract must accompany the presentation to be a contender for this award.

Full Presentation Papers

If you wish to deliver a 25 minute presentation you must provide a Full Paper before the conference. The Full Paper may be in the form of an extended abstract.

Papers will 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. Guidelines on Full Paper submission will be distributed if your abstract is accepted. The deadline for Full Paper submission is **Friday 26th April 2019**.

Presenters agree to provide their presentation to be published on the FMA website.

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 15th February 2019**. Authors will be advised of acceptance and/or any changes needed by **Friday 22nd March 2019**. 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