

Call for abstract

The State NRM Coastal Conference committee invites the submission of abstracts on original work for consideration for the conference program.

Participation in the Conference can take a number of forms:

- An oral presentation
- A poster presentation
- A short and sharp 7-minute presentation - this is aimed specifically at community groups and their members who want to tell their story rather than present a full paper (PechaKucha Presentation style – see website for further information)
<http://www.pechakucha.org/fag>
- A special workshop session*

*Expressions of interest are also called for special workshop sessions that could be run under one of the themes. These sessions are aimed at generating discussion about, and/or solutions to, a particular NRM or coastal issue. They will involve a high level of interaction with participants. In your abstract, you need to clearly set out what you want to achieve in the session including any specific outputs, why the issue is important, who is the likely audience and how the session will be organised and run

Note to Authors

Each presenting author will be required to register and pay for the conference by the author registration deadline to ensure their abstract(s) are included in the final program. Authors who do not register by the deadline will be removed from the Conference Program. All costs to attend the conference, including the registration fee, must be met by presenters. You MUST let the conference organisers know if your presenting author changes.

Only the presenting author will be contacted by email regarding acceptance or otherwise of the submitted abstract.

When submitting an abstract you can nominate your abstract to be considered for publication in an academic journal. If we get sufficient academic interest we will seek to create a special issue of a peer-reviewed academic journal.

All conference abstracts accepted for the conference program are made available to delegates in the conference program.

Please note that the copyright of the conference proceedings belongs to the State NRM and Coastal Conference, while the copyright of the individual abstracts belongs to the authors.

Themes

The two program committees were asked to propose conference themes, which were presented to the overall conference committee in their meeting of March 28th. The themes described below take account the proposals of the two program committees. Most of the sub themes are applicable to either NRM and coastal, with a few that are NRM or coastal specific.

The title of the Conference is **“2017 State NRM and Coastal Conference - Adapting in a changing world”**

Six cross cutting themes have been identified under the broad theme of “Adapting in a changing world”.

Abstracts are invited on original research or case studies relating to the themes suggested by the committee:

1. Under Pressure – balancing needs
 - Urban growth & sea / tree change communities
 - Tourism
 - Recreation (including 4WDs)
 - Balancing agriculture and ecosystems
2. Risk Management and Adaptation Planning
(e.g. fire, coastal erosion, biosecurity, drying climate, storm, inundation)
 - What’s at risk and what is changing in our communities, ecosystems, habitats, species, and landscapes
 - Quantifying and communicating risk
 - Identifying values (community, economic & environmental) and incorporating them into evaluating adaption options
 - Beyond protection - innovative approaches to adaptation
 - Monitoring change
3. Responses (on-ground management)
 - Local & community stories
 - Regional, catchment & landscape scale
 - Federal & State
 - Building resilience
 - Managing ecosystems, habitats, species and landscapes
4. Successful engagement
 - Stakeholders
 - Community – local, regional, state
 - Aboriginal engagement

- How do you take nature into account as a stakeholder
5. Structural response (governance, capacity & resilience)
 - Whole of society and community change
 - Institutional & organisational (government, industry and non-government organisations)
 - Policy & legislation
 - Building resilience
 - Advocating for change
 6. Moving forward: managing capacity and addressing gaps
 - What are our adaptation strengths?
 - What are our adaptation weaknesses and gaps?
 - What are the gaps, what we know, what we don't know?
 - How do we deal with uncertainty?
 - How do we stay inspired and motivated?
 - Opportunities and innovation.

General Policies and Requirements

- All abstracts submitted for presentation at the Conference must contain original research or be based on a case study that has not been previously presented, scheduled for presentation or published. Research that has been submitted for review or is in press at the time of submission can be submitted for presentation
- All abstracts must be submitted online using the conference website www.promaco.com.au/events/nrmcoastalconference
- All communication regarding the abstract submitted will be sent to the listed presenting author. You MUST ensure this author is aware that they need to register to be included in the program. Alternatively, they can email promaco@promaco.com.au and change the presenting author listed.
- Abstracts must be a maximum of 250 words
- The abstract should provide sufficient detail to represent accurately the intended presentation but should not include diagrams or graphs.
- The submitted abstract can either be academic or general. See note below about academic papers.
- Completing the 'theme' sections on the submission will assist the committee in allocating the presentation, if accepted.
- At least one author for each abstract that is accepted for presentation in the Conference Program is expected to register and pay to attend the Conference to present their research or case study. All of the costs to attend the Conference, including the registration fee, must be paid by presenters. The conference does not pay honoraria for any presentations
- Presenters of oral presentations will have 13 minute timeslots, plus 2 minutes for discussion.

- Presenters of short and sharp presentations will have 7 minutes to present their information. It is recommended you use a maximum of 7 slides.
- During the conference, a climate of free exchange and constructive criticism is encouraged. It is also important to demonstrate respect for colleagues/presenters with different perspectives and methodologies/methods
- For those presenting their abstract in poster format, it is expected that one of the authors be present at their poster during specified poster viewing times to discuss their research or case study with fellow delegates
- The organising committee has the right to refuse or accept any submission as well as allocating the presentation type even if this differs from that applied for.
- You can have a maximum of 2 abstracts presented at the conference. These can be either 2 oral presentations, 2 poster presentations or one of each type.

Abstract & Poster Review Process

Abstracts submitted for oral and poster presentation at the Conference will be reviewed and authors will be advised of their acceptance and presentation type.

The review criteria include:

- Significance/importance of the topic
- Aims and objectives
- Quality of analysis/coherence of argument
- Relevance of findings for theory/policy/practice
- Clarity/readability
- Overall evaluation (including contribution)

Note for academic papers:

During the submission process, you have the option to opt in for your abstract to be considered as an academic paper. In this case, the abstract will be double blind reviewed by an editorial review panel, and authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit full papers of 5000 words (not including references) for peer review in July 2017. The editorial review panel may request revisions be made to submitted abstracts prior to acceptance.

Call for abstracts: April 2017

Abstract submission due: 31 May 2017

Author acceptance notification: 15 June 2017

Author registration cut off: 30 June 2017

Early bird end date: 30 June 2017