

Time for action



27th ANNUAL NSW COASTAL CONFERENCE

7 - 9 NOVEMBER 2018
CLUB SAPPHIRE, MERIMBULA, NSW

First Announcement & Call For Abstracts

Invitation

The NSW Coastal Conference Committee invites you to participate in our 27th Annual NSW Coastal Conference, hosted this year by Bega Valley Shire Council. The theme for the 2018 Conference is: **"Time for Action"**.

This year's theme of **"Time for Action"** builds on the waves of momentum established by last year's conference. But importantly, it represents the urgency to tackle the problems we still face despite the progress we've already made. We've spent time reflecting, identifying deficiencies and celebrating successes, but now is the time to roll the sleeves up and get stuck in.

The Conference Committee are now calling for expressions of interest from individuals or organisations.

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This year we turn the spotlight onto the following conference topics:

NEW SCIENCE AND INNOVATION: Showcasing the latest in coast and estuary science and how this is leading to innovative solutions to legacy or emerging problems.

PRODUCTIVE COASTS: Primary production and economies on the margin. Whether its fisheries, agriculture, ports, tourism or real estate – industry are key stakeholders. Environmentally and socially responsible industry leaders are an important component of integrated coastal management.

DANGEROUS IDEAS: Have you always thought there was a better way of doing something in the coastal management sphere which could turn on its head how we do what we do? We want to know what your big 'dangerous' idea is and how it can be achieved. Importantly this session is not about talking about a problem...it is about innovative solution that could solve a gap, issue or opportunity.

CHANGING COASTS: Community and culture. Coastal communities and coastal cultures are rapidly evolving, changing the very nature of the coast that we have grown to love. Understanding these trends and the impacts they have on the environment, service provision and growth of coastal settlements is important for the future planning of our coastal zone.

PROTECTING OUR COAST AND OCEANS: Our coast and oceans are a priceless asset. Community groups, NGO's, Government agencies and Councils all have a part to play in advocating and taking action in the protection of our coast for current and future generations. Community vigilance, action and onground works are essential in the protection of our coastline and marine environments.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING: Best practice examples of coastal land use, asset development and sustainable engineering approaches (soft and hard engineering) that protect the values of the local, coastal communities, whilst addressing complex coastal processes and relieving development pressures.

SHORT HITS OF TRAINING (SHOTs): Can you deliver a skill training session in a short amount of time? If you had 20 minutes to upskill other professionals to help improve how we manage our coast what would you do? We want to hear from you!

Join colleagues and share your experiences and ideas!

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Conference Background

The NSW Coastal Conference is Australia's oldest annual coastal conference. The conference attracts over 250 delegates from a diverse range of fields, including: all aspects of coastal, estuarine and marine management, science and research, and education, planning, policy and law; and includes representatives from government, academia (including students), the private sector and community groups and the interested public.

The conference is a three-day event which comprises plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, panel discussions, workshops, field trips (addressing some of the local coastal, estuary and marine management issues), networking and social events and the Annual NSW Coastal Management Awards.



Call For Abstracts

Closing Date For Abstract Submission: **Friday 22nd June 2018**

Presentation Types

ORAL PRESENTATION

10-minute presentation for concurrent session, no question time.

ORAL PRESENTATION (including SHoTs)

20-minute presentation for concurrent session, including question time.

POSTER PRESENTATION

Electronic posters will be available this year and an opportunity will be available to display and address your poster during the conference. **A prize will be offered to the most outstanding poster presentation and people's choice.**

If you would like to offer a presentation type not listed above, please contact the Organising Committee.

Full Papers

FULL PAPERS are a requirement for those who are accepted as a **20 minute presentation**. This will greatly enhance the information sharing benefits of participation at this conference. Full papers will be published electronically on the conference website following the conclusion of the conference, and the conference proceedings will be archived in the National Library.

How To Submit Your Abstract

Abstract submission will only be available via the conference website www.coastalconference.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 and must clearly identify as belonging to **one conference topic only per abstract**.

Critical Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline **Friday 22rd June 2018**
Presenter Notification **Friday 10th August 2018**
Presenter & Early Registration **Friday 21st September 2018**
Full Paper Submission **Friday 26th October 2018**

General Policies and Requirements for Submission of Abstracts

All presentation modes require an abstract to be submitted. Please refer to the conference website for General Policies and Requirements for Submission of Abstracts – www.coastalconference.com



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