

5th Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference

2011

Gold Coast, Australia

18–21 July 2011



Major Events,
Major Impacts

**Call for papers,
workshops
and posters**



Gold Coast City Council is proud to host the 5th Annual Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference, and calls for expressions of interest from researchers and emergency management professionals to present papers and host workshops on the theme of *Major Events, Major Impacts*.

About the conference

The Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference is an annual international conference which seeks to provide a forum within the Australasian region to discuss the integration of hazard information into effective risk management of natural hazards.

The conference includes sessions on a range of natural disaster management issues, including:

- applying hazard information to best practice planning
- exploring new technologies and advances in science applications
- natural hazard mitigation
- creating resilient communities and capacity building through integrating science into practice
- recovery from natural disasters

The target audience for the conference includes:

- emergency managers
- policy makers
- researchers
- planners
- risk assessors
- asset and utility managers
- scientists, and
- students

Adopting a theme that focuses on major events and major impacts of natural hazards, this year's conference will provide a unique opportunity for participants to consider, examine and review best practice natural hazard disaster management, especially given the number and extent of natural disasters within the Australasian region over the past 12 months.

In the wake of the recent series of flooding and earthquake disasters in Australia and New Zealand, the Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference takes on added significance. It is a most timely event for professionals working in all aspects of emergency management.



2011 conference dates and venue

Dates: 18 – 21 July 2011

Venue: Gold Coast, Australia.

Call for papers, workshops and posters

The conference program comprises:

- workshops and master classes on Day One (Monday 18 July 2011)
- conference papers during the main conference on Days Two and Three (Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 and 20 July 2011)
- technical tours on Day Four (Thursday 21 July 2011)

During the main conference, posters illustrating best practice natural hazard disaster management and research will be on display.

Expressions of interest are called for the following:

Conference papers

Conference papers are delivered in plenary format to all participants during the main conference, on Days Two and Three of the conference program.

Conference papers should address the theme of the conference of *Big Events, Big Impacts* and explore issues associated with research, prevention and risk mitigation, preparedness, response and/or recovery from such events.

Conference papers should be no more than 3000 words, and able to be presented in 30 minutes at the conference (20 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes of questions).

A total of 18 papers will be incorporated into the conference.

Abstracts

Expressions of interest should be lodged by email with an abstract of papers attached, by 18 April 2011, to:

AHMC@GoldCoast.qld.gov.au

Abstracts should be submitted in MS Word format, with: a maximum of 400 words and include a short author's biographical summary.

Abstracts will be subject to peer review and selection. Selection of papers will be completed by 30 April 2011, and the conference program published by 7 May 2011.

Presenters of selected papers will be eligible to receive a 50 per cent discount on the main conference fee.

Hosting a workshop

Workshops are conducted on Day One of the conference program.

Workshops should be three hours in length, and present content relevant to the conference theme and target audience. They typically take the form of a "master class", and should provide opportunities for participants to interact with presenters and explore issues in some depth.

Workshops delivered at previous workshops covered:

- emergency management and the health sector
- children, families and disasters
- hazard risk modelling
- risk reduction through land use planning
- gender issues in disaster management
- local government and disaster management

Workshops can be facilitated by a single presenter or a team. A total of six workshops will be incorporated into the conference.

Proposals

Expressions of interest to host a workshop should be lodged by email with a proposal outlining the intent of the workshop attached, by 18 April 2011, to:

AHMC@GoldCoast.qld.gov.au

Proposals should be submitted in MS Word format, as follows:

- maximum of one A4 Page, outlining the purpose of the workshop and any resource requirements
- include a short biographical summary of each presenter who will contribute to the workshop

Proposals will be subject to peer review and selection. Selection of workshops will be completed by 30 April 2011, and the conference program published by 7 May 2011.

Presenters of selected workshops will be eligible to receive a full discount on fees to attend workshops on Day One.

Student posters

Students are invited to prepare a poster, detailing current research they are undertaking in emergency management. This can relate to any of the conference themes of research, prevention and risk mitigation, preparedness, and response and recovery from natural disasters.

Students are any persons undertaking accredited vocational or higher education studies in emergency management or a related field.

Student posters will be displayed at the conference venue during the main conference from 9am Tuesday 19 July 2011 to 5.30pm Wednesday 20 July 2011. Students should display their posters before the start of the main conference on Tuesday 19 July 2011, and remove them after 5.30pm on Wednesday.

Posters must be between A3 and A0 in size. Although not a requirement of entry, it is best if posters are laminated.

Posters will be judged by the conference speakers, who will award points for the best posters.

Prizes will be awarded for the poster with the most points at the end of the main conference.

1st Prize (Best overall poster)	\$ 500
2nd Prize (Most innovative research by student)	\$ 300
3rd Prize (Encouragement award)	\$ 200

Poster material can be sent ahead of time to the conference organisers by post or courier to:

Disaster Management Unit

Gold Coast City Council
PO Box 5042, Gold Coast MC QLD 9729 Australia

Disaster Management Unit

195 Queen Street, Southport QLD 4215 Australia

Contact: AHMC@GoldCoast.qld.gov.au



Sponsorships

A range of opportunities exist for businesses and organisations involved in all aspects of natural hazards to participate as sponsors.

Major sponsors

Expressions of interest are called for a limited number of major sponsors for the conference. Major sponsors:

- assist in providing social drinks for participants after the final session on each day of the program
- may present a trade display
- may address conference participants during the afternoon social program.

Benefits of sponsorship include:

- being associated with an important forum to investigate and explore issues related to the management of natural disasters.
- having their logos included on all conference publications
- being promoted in all media releases about the conference.

- direct promotion of products and services to professionals and researchers in disaster management.

Major sponsors may include printed materials in the conference pack.

The cost of a major sponsorship is \$5000.

Minor sponsors

Expressions of interest are also called for minor sponsors.

Minor sponsors will have the opportunity to be associated with supporting this important forum, and will have their logos printed on all conference publications. Minor sponsors will also be able to include printed materials in the conference pack.

The cost of a minor sponsorship is \$550.

Expressions of interest to be a major or minor sponsor of the conference should be submitted by email, by 15 April 2011, to

AHMC@GoldCoast.qld.gov.au

Expressions of interest should outline the significance of your organisation to the natural disaster management community.

Sponsors will be selected by 21 April 2011.

Conference Program

	Monday 18 July 2011	Tuesday 19 July 2011 Main Conference	Wednesday 20 July 2011 Main Conference	Thursday 18 July 2011
8.30 – 9am Registration and morning social time				
MORNING SESSIONS	Workshops (select one) A. B. C.	Conference papers Plenary style (attend all) Theme: Risk reduction	Conference papers (cont.) Plenary style (attend all) Theme: Response	Technical tours (select one) A. Flood risks and SEQ B. Disasters and tourism C. Queensland's Disaster Management Arrangements
Lunch				
AFTERNOON SESSIONS	Workshops (select one) D. E. F.	Conference papers (cont.) Plenary style (attend all) Theme: Preparation	Conference papers (cont.) Plenary style (attend all) Theme: Recovery	Note: Technical tours are limited to 25-50 persons. A technical tour will not operate if less than 25 participants register.
	Major sponsor social activity	Major sponsor social activity	Major sponsor social activity	





Registration

Fees

- **Workshop registration fees**
(Day One): AUD \$150 (incl GST) **per workshop.**
Fees include morning tea/afternoon tea during the sessions, and lunch.
- **Main conference registration fee**
(Days Two and Three): AUD \$ 400 (incl GST)
Morning and afternoon teas, lunches, social events, and the Conference Proceedings volume are included as part of the registration fee.
- **Technical tour fee**
(Day Four): AUD \$150 (incl GST)

Morning and afternoon teas, lunches, social events, and the conference proceedings volume are included as part of the registration fee.

Discounts

An early bird discount of 20 per cent is available for early payment received by 30 May 2011. Full-time students are eligible for a 50 per cent discount off all fees. Presenters are eligible for registration discounts.

How to apply

Applications for registration should be made on the enclosed registration form.

Registration fees are to be made payable by cheque, Visa or Mastercard to Gold Coast City Council. The registration form and payment should be returned together to:

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Confirmation of registration will be emailed to each participant. The conference is limited to 400 people, so please register as soon as possible to guarantee participation,

Cancellations

In the event of cancellation before 4 June 2011, the full registration fee will be reimbursed less an administration charge of AUD \$55.00 (incl GST) per registration.

Your registration can be reassigned to another person. Please notify the Conference Organisers AHMC@GoldCoast.qld.gov.au of any changes in participant details.

Travel and accommodation

All participants are required to make their own accommodation bookings and travel arrangements.

Childcare

As childcare can often prevent parents and care-givers from attending conferences and workshops the organisers are willing to help provide assistance where possible.

Please contact the conference organisers AHMC@GoldCoast.qld.gov.au for more information.

Registration form

Please complete this form, take a copy and forward with payment to:

Australasian Hazards Management Conference 2011

Disaster Management Unit

Gold Coast City Council

PO Box 5042, Gold Coast MC QLD 9729 Australia

Fax: (+61) 07 5558 9888

Email: AHMC@GoldCoast.qld.gov.au

Personal Details

Surname:		Title:	
First name: (for name badge)			
Company:			
Address:			
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Postcode:		Country:	
Telephone:		Fax:	
Email:			
Special needs:			

I would like to display a poster (please tick box) **Poster title:**

Registration fees

Note: Presenters will receive the Presenter Discount. All prices include GST and are in Australian dollars

Conference registration	By 30 May 2011	\$320	
	After 30 May 2011	\$400	
	Fulltime student registration	\$200	
Workshops – topics to be advised	By 30 May 2011	\$120 ea.	
	After 30 May 2011	\$150 ea.	
	Fulltime student registration	\$ 75 ea.	
Technical tour	By 30 May 2011	\$120	
	After 30 May 2011	\$150	
	Fulltime student registration	\$ 75 ea.	
		TOTAL	\$

Payment \$ _____ Cheque Visa MasterCard Expiry date: _____

Credit card number _____

Printed signatory name: _____ Signature: _____

Please make cheques payable to "Gold Coast City Council". For organisations, please forward purchase orders by fax to (+61) 07 5558 9888

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