

AUSTRALIAN WATER

ASSOCIATION

NORTH QUEENSLAND *Regional Conference '19*

Water — Delivering Health, Amenity and Prosperity

14-15 August | Townsville, Queensland

CALL FOR PAPERS



The Australian Water Association's Queensland Branch would like to invite you to submit a paper for this exciting conference which will focus on the theme of "Water – Delivering Health, Amenity and Prosperity". The Committee plans to present a broad range of presentations related to the water industry and the vital services it provides to the North Queensland community and surrounding environment to enable health, amenity and prosperity.

Through tourism and industry, the North Queensland region is a major contributor to the Queensland economy. These vital industries and the accompanying workforce require fundamental services that make the whole North Queensland region a great place to live and invest. To support this, the water industry must do more than just provide clean drinking water and sanitation...it must be fully engaged with the community to deliver services that provide a foundation for liveability.

The conference will continue to provide the strong technical and social direction that has become synonymous with the event in previous years. Papers and non-plenary sessions will provide insights into the emerging trends and challenges in the region – from high-tech solutions to low-cost, minimalist ideas. Your standard operating procedure could be the solution to somebody else's challenge.

The series of North Queensland Regional Conferences have been very successful over the years, with over 130 people attending recent regional conferences.



Who should submit papers?

The Conference is your opportunity to share your knowledge with the rest of the water sector.

If you are able to contribute to the topics and themes from a direct or indirect perspective, or have an innovative approach to some of these topics or other issues, submit your synopses. There is consideration for all disciplines and for persons from all levels in an organisation, from the recent graduate to the chief executive, and for independent operators with views and new technical information to share across the industry.

A selection of keynote speakers will be invited to provide quality leadership and thematic direction for the conference; you can be part of this for the industry.



Suggested Conference Topics

The Unique North Queensland Environment and Living with the Reef

Keeping North Queensland a Great Place to Work and Live

- › Regulatory trends and their impact
- › Traditional and alternative water sources
- › To dam or not?
- › Wastewater disposal and reuse
- › The impact of mining and industry
- › Supporting social infrastructure

Delivering Future Community Needs

Planning for Change: Social, Technological and Environmental

- › Regional strategies
- › Demand forecasting and management
- › Quality, safety and environmental management
- › Knowledge sharing
- › Resource sharing

Supporting Affordable and Sustainable Development

Urban and Non-Urban Water Cycle and Asset Management

- › Asset Management including maintenance management, condition and performance assessments
- › Strategic planning
- › Non-infrastructure solutions
- › Alternative project delivery methods
- › Use of recycled water
- › Mine water management

Supporting Communities and Industry through Variable Climate and Economic Conditions

Making North Queensland a Great Place to Invest

- › Climate change
- › Managing efficient use of water
- › Effects of State and Federal Government incentives
- › Operations and maintenance skill development

Delivering Water Services in North Queensland Through Innovation and Collaboration

- › Improving workplace health and safety issues
- › Working smarter
- › Investing in Innovation
- › Support services management
- › Attracting and maintaining staff



Submitting Synopses

Abstracts for papers should contain a brief introduction, methodology, results and conclusion. Please use the template available on the event webpage. Closing date for submission

of abstracts is **Friday, 29 March 2019**. Email your abstract to events@awa.asn.au.



Abstract submission guidelines

- › You may submit more than one abstract
- › Abstracts are to be no longer than 400 words and no more than 1 page
- › Include the speaker biography
- › Must be submitted electronically
- › Must be submitted in Word format using the template provided
- › Must contain the person's name, phone number and email address
- › Should not contain pictures or graphics
- › Presenters must register for the conference (discounted speaker rate) by 1 June 2019
- › By submitting you also give permission for your abstract to be considered for inclusion in the Association's e-journal

Abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings and the presentation (or paper) made available to delegates by website download.

The abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Organising Committee. Selection will be based on:

- › Relevance to industry and themes
- › Appeal to a broad audience
- › Originality
- › Technical content

Abstracts with an overt commercial or marketing message will not be accepted.

Presentation time allocation during the conference will be 20-30 minutes, inclusive of question time.



Best Paper Award

To encourage submission of abstracts and technical presentations, there will be a Best Paper Award for the best presentation at the conference, sponsored by TRILITY.

The recipient of this award will be included on the program of the QWater'19 Conference to be held in November and includes complimentary registration and two nights' accommodation.



Important Dates

Abstract Deadline Must be received by 5pm, 29 March 2019

Notification of selection 26 April 2019

Speakers to Register by 1 June 2019

Final Presentation and Paper Must be received by 5pm, 8 August 2019

All presenters will be required to provide a copy of their presentation (and paper if applicable) by this date for inclusion on the AWA website for delegates to download.

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