



37th Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International

CALL FOR PAPERS



ANZRSAI invites academics, practitioners and policy advisers interested in any aspect of regional science, regional development or regional policy to participate in our 37th annual conference, hosted this year by the University of Southern Queensland at Hervey Bay. ANZRSAI welcomes contributions on any topic related to regions. The core theme for this year's conference will focus on:

REGIONS THAT WORK: RESEARCH, PRACTICE AND POLICY **(HERVEY BAY, 3RD – 6TH DECEMBER 2013)**

The conference will be held at the Fraser Coast campus of the University of Southern Queensland at Hervey Bay.

Links to the home page for the conference and other relevant material can be obtained from the Association's own website at:

www.anzrsai.org

ANZRSAI is pleased to acknowledge our sponsors contributing to our conference.



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INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is very exciting for me as President to also be the host of this year's 37th Annual ANZRS AI Conference at Hervey Bay, Queensland. The conference schedule will allow time for some "regional development tourism" as well as the more serious learning of the program proper. As well, since we finish at lunchtime on the Friday, why not stay on for the weekend and sample the delights of The Bay's attractions, such as world famous Fraser Island? The whales might have all left by December, but there is plenty more to do. The weather will be very warm, but still comfortable at about 20-30 degrees Celsius. The beer will be cold and the water temperatures balmy.

On more serious matters, our theme for the conference is "Regions that Work". It is meant to be taken in a number of ways, just like regional development itself, whose meaning can be extremely elastic. We will be exploring understandings of "region", what makes successful regions, "localism" versus "regionalism", the future of Australia's Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees, regional planning and regional governance, strategies for regions, how regional collaborations work, the "new mobility", the notion of "relational regions", and potential future directions for regional research.

A mouth-watering array of regional development themes – with something for researchers, policy makers and practitioners alike. I hope that both the program and the location of the conference will be an irresistible temptation to join us in December.

I look forward very much to welcoming you to "The Bay" at year's end.

Paul Collits

ANZRS AI President, 2013

TIMETABLE

The indicative timetable for submitted papers and registration is as follows:

31 August 2013	Final date for submission of abstracts and proposals for sessions on particular topics.
27 September 2013	Final date for early bird registration. Draft conference programme on website.
25 October 2013	Final date for submission of full paper by authors wanting their contribution to be peer reviewed for the conference proceedings or considered for the best paper Awards.
8 November 2013	Final date for conference registration for paper presenters, for their paper to be confirmed in the programme.
22 November 2013	Final programme published on the conference website.
3 December 2013	Conference opens with a cocktail reception at 6:00pm.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The ANZRSAI Council invites contributions from academics, practitioners and policy advisors on any aspect of regional science for presentation at the conference. The programme will include *PowerPoint presentations*, *academic papers* (which may be peer reviewed) and *special sessions* on topics in regional science theory, regional development practice or regional planning policy. The conference includes an Awards Dinner on Thursday 5 December, at which the following awards will be made.

- The John Dickinson Memorial Award for Best Paper in *AJRS*
- The ANZRSAI Award for Best Conference Paper
- The ANZRSAI Award for Best Conference Paper by a Student

The programme committee welcomes contributions in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, an academic paper, or a themed session made up of three presentations. Papers that are submitted in full by the 25th of October will be double-blind peer reviewed for publication in formal conference proceedings on the ANZRSAI website. Papers submitted to the conference may also be submitted to the Association's journal, the *Australasian Journal of Regional Science*, ranked as a tier B journal by the Australian Research Council.

In all cases, the first step is to submit an *Abstract* giving a brief introduction to the content of the contribution or proposed special session. The Abstract should be no more than 150 words, explaining the topic of the contribution and its main points or conclusions. The Abstract should make clear that the topic is suitable for a conference of people engaged in regional science theory, practice or policy. Decisions will be confirmed within **three weeks** of receipt.

To submit an abstract, please go to the following website:

www.conferenceonline.com.au/index.cfm?page=booking&object=abstract&forceHB=1&id=292

If you submitted an abstract for a previous ANZRSAI conference and are using the same email address, you are already a registered author of Abstract Warehouse Online. If you have forgotten your ID number, click on "I forgot my password" and enter your email. The website will send you an email with your ID number and password almost instantaneously.

The programme committee welcomes submissions on any aspect of regional studies, but is particularly interested in research or case studies connected to the conference's core theme of regions that work.

Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by 31 August and early bird registration ends on 27 September.

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

There are a number of quality resorts, hotels and other types of accommodation in Hervey Bay, within a short bus or car ride to the USQ campus at Pialba, where the conference will be held. Accommodation options can be investigated at: www.discoverherveybay.com/Accom/.

The preferred choice of accommodation is Peppers Pier Resort at Urangan. Shuttles to the conference will begin and end here and will include the nearby Ramada at Urangan Boat Harbour and the Mantra Hervey Bay, also at Urangan Boat Harbour. Information about Peppers Resort can be found here at: www.peppers.com.au/pier-resort/.

A conference accommodation booking facility will be established shortly.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The 37th Annual Conference will open with a cocktail reception at Peppers Pier Resort on Tuesday 3 December. This will be followed by two and a half days full of stimulating plenary addresses, a plenary panel, parallel sessions of submitted papers and the conference dinner on Thursday 5 December. This is an opportunity for ANZRS AI members and others interested in regional issues to share experiences and network with each other, to keep up-to-date with latest developments in regional research and to address important issues in regional planning.

At the time of issuing this first request for papers, the programme of plenary speakers is still being finalised. Once this is finalised, details will be published on the conference website at www.anzrsai.org.

Registration for the conference includes morning tea, lunches and afternoon tea as well as admission to all plenary and parallel sessions. There are two social events: an opening cocktail reception on the evening of Tuesday 3 December and the ANZRS AI Awards Dinner on Thursday 5 December. There is also an option for participants to include their annual ANZRS AI subscription (which includes subscription to the Regional Science Association International) with their conference fee. Members of ANZRS AI are entitled to a discount on their registration and social event fees.

	Standard Fees	ANZRS AI Members
Standard Registration for full conference	\$700.00	\$650.00
Early Bird Standard registration (paid before 22 September)	\$600.00	\$550.00
Student or Emeritus Registration for full conference	\$325.00	\$275.00
Registration for one day of the conference	\$325.00	\$300.00
Conference Cocktail Reception (Tuesday 5 December, 6.00pm)	\$30.00	\$20.00
ANZRS AI Awards Dinner (Thursday 7 December, 6.00pm)	\$120.00	\$100.00
Standard annual ANZRS AI Subscription for 2014		\$80.00
Emeritus annual ANZRS AI Subscription for 2014		\$30.00
Student annual ANZRS AI Subscription for 2014		\$30.00

To register for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=conference&id=17681&categorykey=2A9E1266%2D630B%2D4C07%2DB1BA%2D870F096FBE01&clear=1>

Queries about the conference can be sent to the contributed sessions convenor at the e-mail below:

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