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# 13TH AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND YOUNG GEOTECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

**21-24 JULY 2020 CAIRNS**

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND NOMINATIONS

The Australian Geomechanics Society and the New Zealand Geotechnical Society invite you to attend the 13th Young Geotechnical Professionals Conference (13YGPC Cairns)

The 13YGPC is for geotechnical professionals from Australia and New Zealand up to 35 years of age. It is designed for all attendees to present a technical paper on any topic of interest / experience relating to the field of geomechanics, engineering geology or geotechnical engineering.

### Abstracts and Nominations

Please complete the nomination form attached to this call for abstracts. Nominations of delegates must also be supported by a senior mentor and include an abstract of 200 words on a topic that is related to geotechnical practice or research. Positions are limited to 50 attendees and all successful nominations will be expected to present their technical paper at the conference. Co-authored papers will be accepted but only one author may present at the conference. The Don Douglas Youth Fellowship Award and the Young Geotechnical Professional Fellowship will be awarded to the best Australian paper and the best New Zealand paper, respectively, during the conference.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to attend, nominees must be AGS or NZGS members at the time of the conference; they must be under the age of 35 at the time of the conference; and they should not have previously attended an ANZ YGP conference (ie. a previous conference in this series). Note that only delegates who are less than 32 years old at the date of the conference will be eligible to win The Don Douglas Youth Fellowship Award or the Young Geotechnical Professional Fellowship.

### Selection Criteria

50 Nominees will be invited to submit full papers, selected from their submitted abstracts so as to achieve a diverse cohort of young professionals, in terms of age, gender, AGS and NZGS, practice and research, sponsoring company/organisation, geologist and engineer, topic of abstract/paper etc.

### Registration Cost

It is expected that the registration costs will be kept at or below AUD\$1300 (incl GST), which includes three nights' accommodation and breakfasts at a Hotel in Cairns, lunches and refreshments, one conference banquet, one conference dinner, an arrival drinks reception, conference venue and a field trip to discover the engineering geology of the Cairns region. Partners are invited to enjoy time in Cairns, but will not be included in the conference activities or dinners.

### Sponsorship

A range of sponsorship opportunities is available for this event. If you would like to have your organisation highlighted to the best and brightest young people in our profession, please contact the AGS Secretariat at [secretary@australiangeomechanics.org](mailto:secretary@australiangeomechanics.org) for a prospectus.

### IMPORTANT DATES

~~31 JULY 2019~~

**EXTENDED TO 16 AUG 2019**

Nominations and abstracts due

**30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Notice of acceptance

**20 DECEMBER 2019**

Full papers due

**24 APRIL 2020**

Notice of full paper acceptance

**31 MAY 2020**

Registrations close

**21 JULY 2020**

Welcome reception

**22-23 JULY 2020**

Conference presentations

**24 JULY 2020**

Field trip

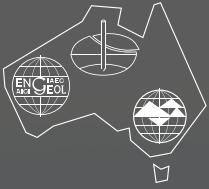
### FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information will be available on the AGS website at <https://australiangeomechanics.org/>

For any urgent queries or return of nomination forms / abstracts, please contact the organizing committee through: [13YGPC-2020@australiangeomechanics.org](mailto:13YGPC-2020@australiangeomechanics.org)

### ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Sam Glue (Tonkin & Taylor, NZ; chair),  
Dan Martin (Douglas Partners),  
Sam Bogue (Golder Associates),  
Dan Hanna (Douglas Partners),  
Nicola Manche (Golder Associates),  
Cameron Ryan (Gecko Geotechnics),  
Neil Bar (BHP),  
Aine McCarthy (Jacobs),  
Darren Paul (Golder Associates),  
Stephen Fityus (The University of Newcastle)  
Peter Robinson (Secretary AGS)

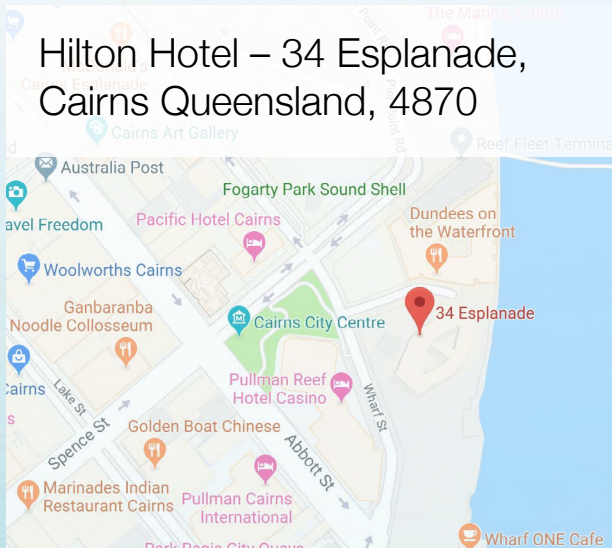


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Hilton Hotel – 34 Esplanade,  
Cairns Queensland, 4870



### Key Conference Details

**Location:**  
Cairns, Australia

**Venue:**  
Hilton Hotel – 34 Esplanade,  
Cairns Queensland, 4870

### Conference Committee contact details:

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### Conference Programme Overview

2020	Tuesday 21 July	Wednesday 22 July	Thursday 23 July	Friday 24 July
<b>Morning</b>		Session	Session	Field Trip
<b>Afternoon</b>		Session	Session	Field Trip
<b>Evening</b>	Welcome Drinks	Conference Dinner	Conference Banquet	

### Attendance

The conference is limited to 50 delegates who are chosen based on abstract submission. Mentors and the organising committee are additional to this number.

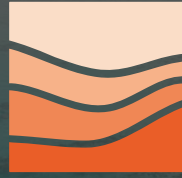
### Cancellation Policy

The Organising Committee reserves the right to cancel the Conference not later than 30 January 2020 in case of circumstances beyond its control. In such a case all monies paid to date will be refunded in full. The liability of the organisers will be limited to that amount.





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## NOMINATION FORM

## FORM SUBMISSION

Please complete the form and return to the organising committee via: [13YGPC-2020@australiangeomechanics.org](mailto:13YGPC-2020@australiangeomechanics.org)

## PAPER DETAILS

Title / Topic:

Co-Authors:

Has this paper being published before?    Yes    No

Abstract: (less than 250 words, on topic relevant to geotechnical engineering)\*

*\* If preferred or additional space required for abstract, please submit via pdf or word document.*

## NOMINATING / SUPPORTING MENTOR DETAILS

Title:

First Name:

Surname:

Organisation:

Position:

Ph/Mob:

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Date: