

AGS Townsville Symposium 2026

Wednesday 24 June 2026

The Science Place
Building 142, James Cook Dr, Douglas QLD 4814



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The Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) QLD Chapter is pleased to announce that our 3rd biennial regional symposium will be held in Townsville. This will be a full-day event comprising technical presentations from peers in our field.

SPEAKERS



John Eckersley

James Cook University (Retired)

Slips, Boulders and Debris Flows: the Geotechnical Legacy of Tropical Cyclone Tessi



Dr Jun Sugawara

Director (Geotechnical), Department of Transport and Main Roads

Geotechnical natural disaster response: Current practices and possible improvements in QLD



Eugene Lapore

Principal Geotechnical Engineer, Worley

Geotechnical Risk Management in Tropical High Seismicity Mine Sites in Southeast Asia



Rhys Jones

Technical Advisor, Operations, Queensland Reconstruction Authority

Practical guidance for successful and timely funding submissions after a disaster



Dr Peter To

Senior Lecturer, James Cook University

New internal erosion testing



Sallyanne Brooke-Taylor

Principal Dam Safety & Operations, Townsville City Council

Ross River Dam – Managing the Extremes of our Weather

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SPEAKERS (Continued)



Nicholas Thomas-Kinsella

Dams Service Line Leader – APAC, Technical Director, Dams GHD
Kuranda Weir Recovery: A Case Study in Geotechnical Resilience Following an Extreme Event



Greg Hackney

Senior Principal, EDG Consulting
Sarina Range Remediation after Cyclone Debbie: Outcomes and Performance



Dr Pramod Thakur

Technical Executive, WSP
Performance-based geotechnical design for extreme events - A Case Study



Ian Thompson

Regional Manager, CGC
Using 3D mapping to minimise uncertainty in disaster recovery and design



Matt Cochrane

Senior Associate Geotechnical Engineer, SMEC
Creation of city scale landslide susceptibility maps using machine learning

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