



Join us at our 41st Annual Conference
USQ, TOOWOOMBA, 6-8 DECEMBER 2017

***"FOSTERING REGIONAL RESILIENCE,
ENGAGEMENT AND INNOVATION"***

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

For forty years, the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association has brought together researchers across academic and policy fields to explore the cutting edge of regional development and regional analysis in Australia, New Zealand and around the world. If your work involves regions, please join us for our 41st Annual Conference. ANZRS AI welcomes proposals for contributed papers, for themed panels, or for special sessions, on any topic related to regions.

This year's conference is hosted by the Institute for Resilient Regions at the University of Southern Queensland. The venue is the Toowoomba campus of USQ, the heart of a rapidly growing region with key enabling infrastructure. To register, and for more information on the conference, visit the ANZRS AI website at:

www.anzrsai.org



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INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT



This year is the 41st Annual ANZRS AI Conference and I am thrilled we are meeting in the vibrant regional city of Toowoomba.

ANZRS AI has teamed up with the Institute for Resilient Regions at the University of Southern Queensland to host the conference at the University's main campus in Toowoomba. We are delighted they are helping us host this conference. It promises to be a very exciting programme, with something for everyone with an interest in regional policy and practice.

The core theme of our conference is *Fostering Regional Resilience, Engagement and Innovation*. In Australia, New Zealand and around the world, regions and the diverse communities who live and work in them face a landscape of rapid change. The concept of resilience captures the idea that communities in place are able to navigate change confidently. As regional researchers, we seek to engage with the dynamics of regions and work with regional communities to spark new sources of innovation.

Among other publication opportunities, participants are welcome to submit their paper presented at the conference for a forthcoming special edition of the *Australasian Journal of Regional Studies* on "Policy and Practice Supporting Regional Resilience" to be edited by Jim Cavaye and Greg Jones. This will therefore be an exciting conference.

I hope that both the conference program and its location will be an irresistible temptation to join us in December 2017.

Robyn Eversole
ANZRS AI President, 2017

TIMETABLE

29 September 2017	Final date for submission of abstracts and proposals for themed panels or special sessions on particular topics.
31 October 2017	Final date for early bird registration. Draft conference program on website.
3 November 2017	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.
10 November 2017	Final date for conference registration for paper presenters, for their paper to be confirmed in the programme.
24 November 2017	Final program published on the conference website.
6 December 2017	Conference opens at 11am on Wednesday.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The ANZRS AI Council invites contributions from academics, practitioners and policy advisors on any aspect of regional science for presentation at the conference. The program will include *PowerPoint presentations, academic papers* (which may be peer reviewed), *themed panels* and *special sessions* on topics in regional science theory, regional development practice or regional planning policy. The conference includes an Awards Dinner on Thursday 7th December, at which the following awards will be made.

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

The program committee welcomes contributions that are a PowerPoint presentation, an academic paper, or a themed panel or special session made up of three presentations. Papers that are submitted in full by the 3rd of November will be double-blind peer reviewed for publication in formal conference proceedings on the ANZRS AI 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 Business Deans Council. Suitable papers may be submitted for inclusion in a Special Edition of the Journal.

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 **two weeks** of receipt.

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

<https://www.anzrsai.org/conference/conference-2017/>

The program 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 *Fostering Regional Resilience, Engagement and Innovation*. Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by 29 September and early bird registration will end on 31 October.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Toowoomba is a city of 165,000 people, 150kms west of Brisbane. It is easily accessible by:

Fly Direct: Regular direct flights from Sydney (Qantaslink), Melbourne, Townsville and Cairns (Airnorth) to Toowoomba's Wellcamp Airport. Taxis, rental cars and shuttles are available from the airport.

Fly to Brisbane and drive via the Ipswich Motorway and Warrego Highway (2 hours drive). Regular inexpensive bus services are also available from Brisbane airport and city.

The USQ campus in Toowoomba is located at Darling Heights in the southern suburbs of the city. It is a short shuttle bus or car drive from the centre of the city. There is a wide range of accommodation available including some reasonably priced hotels. These details will be provided in the second call for papers and made available on the conference website at www.anzrsai.org.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The 41st Annual Conference of ANZRSAI will open at 11am on Wednesday 6th December. There will be three days of stimulating plenary addresses, panels of expert speakers and parallel sessions of submitted papers.

This is an opportunity for ANZRSAI 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.

Once the program of plenary speakers 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. It also includes complimentary membership of ANZRSAI for 2018.

There are two social events: a cocktail reception at the conclusion of the first day on the evening of Wednesday 6 December and the ANZRSAI Awards Dinner on Thursday 7 December. A “Q & A” style forum will also be held prior to the conference dinner.

	Fees
Early Bird Standard Registration (paid before 31 October)	\$600.00
Standard Registration for full conference (paid after 31 October)	\$700.00
Student or Emeritus Registration for full conference	\$325.00
Registration for one day of the conference	\$325.00
Conference Cocktail Reception (Wednesday 6 December, 6pm)	\$30.00
ANZRSAI Awards Dinner (Thursday 7 December, 7pm)	\$120.00

To register for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.anzrsai.org/conference/conference-2017/>

Queries about the conference can be sent to the ANZRSAI Executive Officer:

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More than 4,000 students are enrolled at the Toowoomba campus, studying Business, Communication, Creative Arts, Health, Humanities, Education, Engineering and Spatial Science, Information Technology, Law and Sciences (see the campus website at <https://www.usq.edu.au/toowoomba>).