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26 – 29 November – Sydney, NSW

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**STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES**

**RESEARCH NETWORK**

6<sup>th</sup> State of Australian Cities Conference  
Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 November 2013

Shangri-La, Sydney, NSW

**Call for Papers**





## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We take great pleasure in inviting you to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> State of Australian Cities Conference, to be held in Sydney, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2013.

This conference marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first SOAC conference, held in Parramatta in 2003. As such, it represents a significant point of progress for urban research in Australia. Ten years on from that first conference, the SOAC Conference series has established itself as the leading conference on Australian urban research, covering the full range of urban research interests. In the process, it has grown from an initial attendance of around 200 delegates to reach 350 at Melbourne in 2011.

Moreover, the SOAC Conference presents full double blind peer reviewed papers which are published in a collected conference proceedings. The SOAC Conference therefore offers an excellent opportunity for you to both present your latest research on key urban issues and have these published in a HERDC recognised conference publication. The SOAC Conference's scholarly standing and rigorous paper review process was recognised by a 2010 ERA 'A' Conference ranking and in excess of 800 papers have been presented over the past 5 conferences.

We very much hope you will consider offering a paper for the 6<sup>th</sup> SOAC Conference. The process of submitting an abstract and the subsequent requirement for full paper submission is given below.

We look forward to seeing you in Sydney in November 2013.

**Nicole Gurran and Bill Randolph**  
**SOAC 2013 Conference Co-Chairs**

## CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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## KEY DATES

**CALL FOR PAPERS OPEN – 11 DECEMBER 2012**

**REGISTRATION OPENS – 4 FEBRUARY 2013**

**ABSTRACTS CLOSE – 25 FEB 2013**

**NOTIFICATION TO AUTHORS – 15 APRIL 2013**

**FULL PAPERS DUE – 20 JULY 2013**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES – 9 AUGUST 2013**

**PAPERS BACK FROM REVIEW – 27 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**FINAL FULL PAPER DUE FOR PUBLICATION – 4 NOVEMBER 2013**

## INVITATION TO SUBMIT

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration in the conference program. Abstracts will be double blind peer reviewed and selected authors will be invited to submit a full paper for presentation at the conference and publication.

Abstracts are invited under one of the following themes:

- **City Economy** – economic change and labour market outcomes of globalisation, land use pressures, changing employment locations.
- **City Social** – people and place, population change and trends, migration, cultural inclusion, social polarisation, equity and disadvantage, housing issues, the healthy city, sport and recreation.
- **City Environment** – sustainable development, environmental management and performance, natural resource management, limits to growth, air and water quality, climate change mitigation and adaptation, impacts of consumption, natural resource uses, nature conservation, green space.
- **City Structure** – Brings together contributions on urban form, changing metropolitan spatial structure, development trends, urban design and place-making. The theme will highlight policy implications of changes in the built environment from the emergence of new development patterns, precincts and land use zones.
- **City Governance** – including taxation, provision of urban services, public policy formation, planning, urban government, citizenship and the democratic process.
- **City Movement** – transport, mobility, accessibility, communications and IT, and other urban infrastructure provision.

All abstract submissions will be subject to double blind review against the following criteria.

- The extent to which the paper addresses the nominated conference theme.
- The contribution of the paper to policy/conceptual/empirical understandings of Australian cities.
- The extent to which methodological/analytical rigour.

Authors are reminded that all papers must be original and must not have been published elsewhere. Once selected for inclusion in the conference program, papers become the property of the SOAC 2013 Conference.

Abstract submissions will open 3 December 2012. Abstract submission will be via the conference website.



## SPEAKER ZONE

All abstract submissions must be uploaded into 'The Speaker Zone', which is located via the conference website: [www.soacconference.com.au](http://www.soacconference.com.au)

To submit your abstract please click on the link and create a new account, and enter all required details. Please navigate through the Speaker Zone to select your theme, AV requirements, enter your biography, and upload your abstract.

If changes are required to your abstract or contact details you are able to login to your account at a later date and make alterations. Your login and password details will be emailed to you once you have created a new account.

For any assistance with your abstract submission please contact:  
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## IMPORTANT

Abstracts must be no longer than 250 words. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference handbook and online.

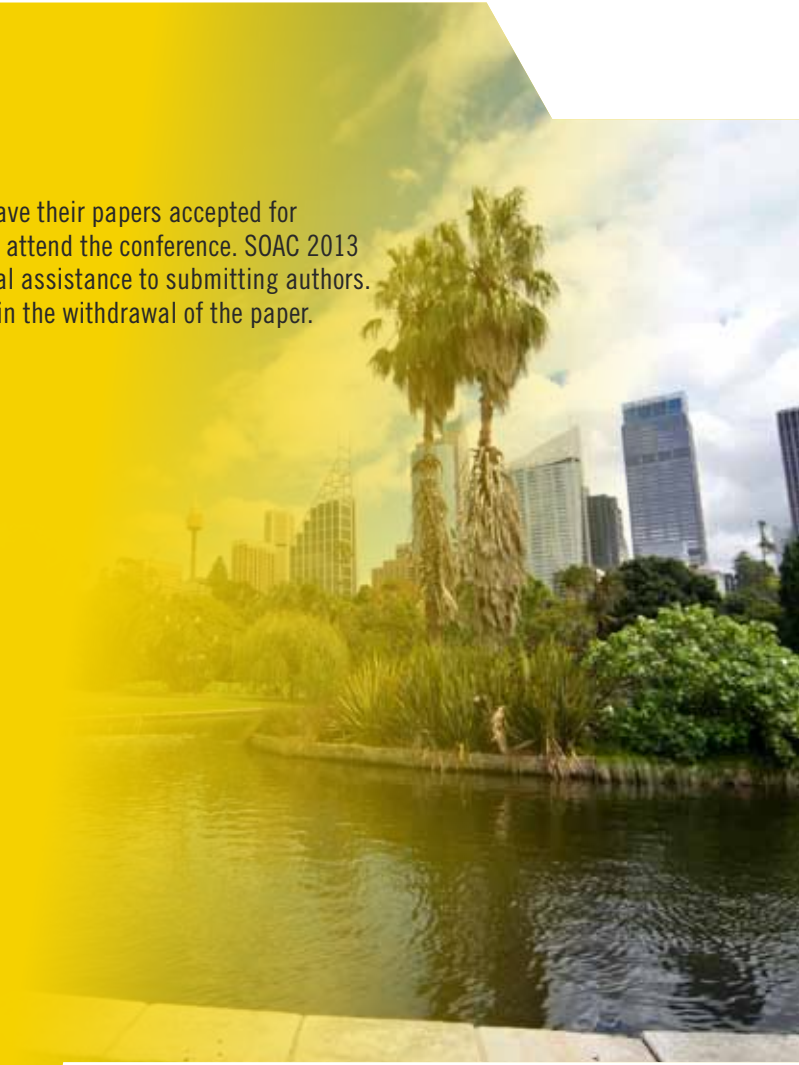
Papers should be the product of original research/analysis. Literature/policy reviews which lack any policy or theoretical insights for the future of Australian cities will not be accepted.

Each delegate is restricted to presenting one paper only. There is no restriction on how many papers an individual might be listed as an author.

It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure that the abstract is submitted correctly. The conference managers will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received via the online submission process, or for submission errors caused by internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events. Faxed or mailed abstracts on CD will not be accepted. If you are unable to submit via the website please contact the conference managers via email: [renee@leishman-associates.com.au](mailto:renee@leishman-associates.com.au)

## SPEAKER REGISTRATION

All presenting authors who have their papers accepted for presentation must register to attend the conference. SOAC 2013 is unable to offer any financial assistance to submitting authors. Failure to register will result in the withdrawal of the paper.



## PETER HARRISON MEMORIAL PRIZES

The Peter Harrison Memorial Prizes are administered by The Fenner School of Environment and Society and ANU Endowment for Excellence, The Australian National University, in collaboration with the Australian Cities and Regions Network (ACRN). The Prizes are awarded every two years, being selected from written, refereed papers accepted for presentation at the biennial State of Australian Cities Conference. The purpose of the Prizes is to encourage and recognise outstanding research and scholarship in Australian urban studies, for work that advances knowledge and capacity for the ecologically sustainable development of Australian cities and regions.

The prizes commemorate Peter Harrison and his approach to the planning and development of Australian cities.

Prizes will be awarded for:

- **Prize One** (Open Category). A paper by an established Australian researcher which is judged to make a distinctive contribution to knowledge and capacity for the ecologically sustainable development of Australian cities and regions.
- **Prize Two** (PhD Scholar Category). A paper by a researcher who was, at the time of paper submission, a PhD student enrolled or awaiting award of a PhD at an Australian university, which is judged to make a distinctive contribution to knowledge and capacity for the ecologically sustainable development of Australian cities and regions.

In 2013, each Prize will consist of a Certificate and the sum of AUD\$1500. In the case of joint authorship, the Prizes will be shared. The Prizes are enabled by the endowed Peter Harrison Memorial Fund of The Australian National University's Endowment for Excellence.

**Selection Committee.** The Selection Committee comprises three senior academics drawn from the Conveners of SOACRN, and chaired by the Director of The Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU, or nominee. Conveners of SOACRN are representatives from the universities who have hosted and/or provide ongoing, core support to SoAC Conferences.

**Eligibility.** Papers that have been submitted as refereed papers for the biennial State of Australian Cities Conference, accepted for the conference, and that adhere to the format, length and other requirements for the conference, may be nominated by the author's and are then eligible to be considered for the Prizes. Papers submitted for non-refereed acceptance, invited keynote papers and papers by individuals associated with the judging and award of the Prizes are ineligible.

**Process.** Authors submitting papers for peer reviewing for the State of Australian Cities Conference will have the option of indicating whether they wish their paper to be considered for the Prizes, and whether for the Open or PhD Scholar Category. Chairs of the Conference Theme Panels will each nominate two (2) Open Category and one (1) PhD Scholar Category papers (or a varied number with due reason and with the agreement of the Chair of the Selection Committee). From that short list of papers, the Selection Committee will determine the papers worthy of being awarded the two Category prizes.

### CRITERIA FOR THE PRIZES

- Adhering to the format, length and other guidelines for paper submission to the SOAC Conference in the given year.
- The quality and innovative character of the research reported, assessed against the standards of the peer-reviewed Australian urban studies literature.
- The presentation and coherence of the written paper.
- The contribution to the ecologically sustainable development of Australian cities and regions. including environmental, equity and economic aspects and particularly the integration of these.

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## HOST CITY

Sydney is Australia's largest city, with a population of approximately 4.6 million. It is renowned for its stunning harbour and unique combination of cosmopolitan culture and natural amenity. Many of the City's beaches, bays and parks are located close to the city centre. Often referred to as the 'City of cities', Sydney's eclectic array of suburbs and neighbourhoods are known for their diverse characteristics. Relaxed beach communities sit juxtaposed to vibrant, inner-city urban villages, while more traditional outer-ring suburbs contrast with inner-urban regeneration areas.

As Australia's oldest city, Sydney has a rich cultural and architectural heritage. The area's Aboriginal heritage, which dates back 50,000 years, is reflected in the names of many streets and suburbs and is celebrated in galleries, museums and parks throughout the city. It is believed that some of Sydney's arterial roads were even constructed on Aboriginal walking tracks. European settlement in Australia began over 200 years ago at 'the Rocks' in Sydney's inner harbour. The historic and vibrant 'Rocks' quarter, and nearby iconic landmarks such as the harbour bridge and the Sydney Opera house, reflect unique eras in the City's development. Throughout its history, Sydney has attracted large numbers of overseas migrants. The City's contemporary cultural diversity is reflected in its many restaurants, markets and entertainment venues.

## CONFERENCE VENUE – SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

Fittingly, the conference is being held in the Shangri-La Hotel within the heart of the historic Rocks precinct. The Shangri-La is accessible by all forms of Sydney's public transport – train, bus, and ferry – and is within a ten minute walk of the central CBD. Many of the hotel's rooms and venues have outstanding views of Sydney Harbour. Many alternative accommodation options for delegates are also situated within and surrounding the Rocks, Circular Quay, and nearby Darling Harbour and North Sydney.



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