

Australian & New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference

Gold Coast, May 2015

The Australian & New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference was held at the Jupiters Hotel, Gold Coast, 3–5 May 2015. The conference theme, *EARTH, FIRE AND RAIN* personified the in-depth discussions on natural disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery both in Australia and globally.

The conference was attended by over 450 delegates and featured 10 keynote presenters, 66 session presenters, eight interactive workshops and panel presentations, and 27 poster presentations.

The accompanying exhibition featured 28 organisations presenting products and services to the sector. This provided good networking for guests to engage, continue discussions and maximise their conference experience.

Conference host associations included the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre, Australian Institute of Emergency Services, Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association Inc., and the Association for Sustainability in Business Inc. Speakers provided very beneficial, powerful and thought-provoking presentations.

Information about the 2016 conference is at www.anzdmc.com.au.



Keynote address by Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing APM, Regional Operations, Queensland Police Service.



Delegates took the chance to reconnect and make new contacts.



Winner of the Most Valuable Contribution to the Program, Tia Rowley, Queensland SES, with Assoc. Prof. Brett Aimers (left) and Elle Hilton, Toll Remote Logistics (right).



Fire Rescue Safety were just one of the exhibitors offering delegates industry information.