



**AEES 2009**

**11-13 December, 2009**



**Newcastle Earthquake - 20 years on**

**Crowne Plaza  
Newcastle, NSW**

The 2009 AEES conference will be held in Newcastle, New South Wales to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1989 Newcastle earthquake. The conference will consist of three half-days (Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday mornings) and there will be conference dinners on both Friday and Saturday evenings. The AEES AGM will also be held during the conference.

The theme for this year's conference is 'Newcastle Earthquake – 20 Years On'. Authors are invited to submit papers on topics related to any and all aspects of the 1989 Newcastle earthquake as well as other topics relevant to earthquake engineering and engineering seismology and also from related extreme event topics including blast, tsunami, critical infrastructure protection, disaster response, emergency management and insurance.

Amongst the keynote speakers at this year's conference will be Professor Robert Melchers who will discuss the failure mode of the Newcastle Workers Club in the 1989 earthquake.

**COMMUNITY FORUM:** On the Saturday afternoon, a community forum will be held, on the theme 'Newcastle earthquake, 20 years on'. At this forum a panel of half a dozen experts will field questions from the audience.

The format will be similar to last year's with a blend of keynote speakers, oral presentations and poster presentations. Each poster presenter will be given the opportunity for a short oral presentation to the conference delegates together with a dedicated time in front of their poster for in depth discussion. The full paper will be reviewed and published in the proceedings.

Newcastle is a city that reaches out to the sea. It is bounded by pristine beaches and an active working harbour. A 2 hour drive north of Sydney, Newcastle is accessible via car, rail, air or bus. Newcastle Airport is located 30 minutes from Newcastle city centre and receives direct flights from Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Norfolk Island, the Gold Coast and Canberra. Flights from all other international and national cities arrive into Sydney airport.

**Key dates:**

Abstracts due: 15 June

Papers due: 28 August



**ABSTRACTS** Please submit abstracts, not more than 200 words, of proposed papers to Sharon Anderson at [srj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:srj@bigpond.net.au) by **15 June, 2009**. Authors will receive further instructions on acceptance of their abstract. For other information contact organising committee: Bill Jordan ph: 02 4929 4841

