

Invites



Bradley Cooper 2026 Conference Chair

Kia ora (Hello) and haeri mai (greetings),

On behalf of the Australasian Hydrographic Society (AHS), I invite you to join us at the *Hydrospatial: Shaping the Future of Marine Discovery* conference & trade exhibition at Shed 6 in the fitting location of Te Whanganui a Tara / Wellington's waterfront, from 23 to 26 March 2026.

The Conference theme "Shaping the Future of Marine Discovery" acknowledges the role of hydrography in understanding the marine environment and the future role it will have to play in that realm. Focusing on the future of hydrography, and emerging developments and techniques, Hydrospatial 2026 will bring together speakers from varying maritime fields including: specialist hydrographic streams, maritime transport, oceanography, research organisations, offshore exploration, environmental science, maritime heritage, defence, tourism, coastal development, ports and harbours, Law of the Sea, and government. We are also aiming to shape the future by encouraging student attendance to the conference.

Hydrography serves as the foundational science that unlocks our understanding of the world's oceans. By mapping seafloor topography, measuring water depths, and charting underwater features, it provides critical baseline data for safe navigation, sustainable resource management, and oceanographic research.

As we face unprecedented challenges from climate change, rising sea levels, and increasing maritime activity, accurate hydrographic surveys are essential for understanding ocean dynamics, protecting marine ecosystems, and supporting the blue economy. Modern hydrographic technologies – including multibeam sonar, autonomous underwater vehicles and bathymetric lidar systems – are revolutionising how we explore previously inaccessible ocean depths. The conference and trade exhibition aims to create a networking opportunity for hydrospatial professionals to discuss these technologies and their use cases.

The venue and theme are fitting given the namesake of Te Whanganui a Tara which translates to "the great harbour of Tara", a name said to come from Whatonga's son Tara who was sent down from Mahia Peninsula by his father to explore southern lands for their people to settle. In later years many would come to settle around the harbour and surrounding areas, utilising the water for trade and commerce – a trend that continues to this very day.

Te Whanganui a Tara / Wellington, New Zealand's vibrant capital city, offers an exceptional backdrop for your conference experience. Nestled between rolling green hills and a stunning natural harbour, this compact yet cosmopolitan city blends cultural attractions with innovative dining, craft coffee culture, and a thriving creative scene. Known as the "coolest little capital in the world," it provides easy walkability between venues, abundant accommodation options, and convenient international connectivity. The city's renowned hospitality and scenery create an inspiring environment that encourages networking and collaboration.

In addition to the trade exhibition, we plan on welcoming more than 150 delegates from both this region and overseas. With our focus on the Asia-Pacific region, many of us will find opportunities for cooperation and relationships, and of course, renewing acquaintanceships. The Australasian Hydrographic Society (www.ahs.asn.au) looks forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to Hydrospatial 2026. And I look forward to giving you a warm Kiwi welcome.

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Steve Duffield President of the Australasian Hydrographic

As President of the Australasian Hydrographic Society (AHS), I am pleased to invite and welcome you to the HYDRO 2026 'Shaping the future of Marine Discovery' Conference being held at Shed 6, Wellington, New Zealand from 23 – 26 March 2026.

We return our bi-annual Hydro conference to Aotearoa (New Zealand). We were last here in 2003. Māori and other South Pacific peoples have been involved in trans island and trans ocean exploration and navigation for millions of years. Creating stick charts and understanding the environment using ocean swells, current and bird flight patterns, and they had their own form of hydrography. We return to discuss the latest forms of hydrographic methods and hydrographic platforms.

There will be as large amount of space for exhibitors and sponsors alike to show your organisation's skills and products. The program design allows for time for participants to meet the exhibitors and sponsors and discuss their future plans and requirements for hydrography.

On behalf of the Australasian Hydrographic Society, I invite you to consider our sponsorship packages, and registration options for this interesting and exciting Hydrospatial Conference.

About the Australasian Hydrographic Society

The Australasian Hydrographic Society is the South West Pacific and South East Asian regional focus for those interested in hydrography and related sciences. The recent and extraordinary progress in oceanology means that the maritime industry and undersea exploration will be to this century, that which aviation and aerospace exploration was to the last.

In our region, hydrographic and related information increasingly facilitates the generation, sustainment, and transportation of resources. Better hydrographic and geophysical information now allows the responsible development of offshore projects that might have been considered financially tenable a matter of years ago. More accurate information will continue to allow the shipment of resources with greater effectiveness, speed, and safety. Of greater significance is that the quality and quantity of data coming from hydrography and related sciences now allows undersea cabling and pipelines that are more direct, geophysically prudent and environmentally responsible.

Similarly, in the recent past there has been an examination of the security of regional interests, both in the private and public domains. There has been a growing acknowledgment amongst maritime services, such as police, customs, and regional navies, that accurate hydrographic data in the littoral environment is fundamental to providing security, protection, and humanitarian support.

In this challenging time, it is apparent that hydrography and the associated skills that identify and ensure safe passage of shipping, irrespective of flag, are bridging gaps in regional understanding, where few other lines of navigation may exist. This is due to hydrography and the like being increasingly acknowledged as egalitarian in purpose and therefore humanitarian in the broadest sense. This is not new, but the extent of acknowledgement is.



Premium Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Sponsor

One available \$25,000 AUD

Platinum Sponsor benefits include:

- Named and promoted as the Platinum Sponsor of the conference
- Company logo included on all conference materials
- Direct link to your website from the Conference Webpage with your company logo
- Complimentary double trade exhibition stand in premium position (6m x 2m)
- Eight complimentary full conference registrations including attendance at Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner
- Additional full registrations from your company at conference early bird rates
- One email advertisement sent to registered delegates at a time of your choosing
- 1x Student Sponsorship
- Acknowledgment by the Chairperson at the opening and closing of the conference
- Opportunity to display a banner in the main conference room

Gold Sponsor

One available \$20,000 AUD

Gold Sponsor benefits include:

- Named and promoted as the Gold Sponsor of the conference
- Company logo included on all conference materials
- Direct link to your website from the Conference Webpage with your company logo
- Complimentary trade exhibition stand in premium position (3m x 2m)
- Six complimentary full conference registrations including attendance at Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner
- Additional full registrations from your organisation at conference early bird rates
- 1x Student Sponsorship
- Acknowledgment by the Chairperson at the opening and closing of the conference
- Opportunity to display a banner in the main conference room

Premium Sponsorship Opportunities

Silver Sponsor

Several available \$15,000 AUD

Silver Sponsor benefits include:

- Named and promoted as the Silver Sponsor of the conference
- Company logo included on all conference materials
- Direct link to your website from the Conference Webpage with your company logo
- Four complimentary full conference registrations including attendance at Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner
- Additional full registrations from your organisation at conference early bird rates
- Acknowledgment by the Chairperson at the opening and closing of the conference

Bronze Sponsor

Several available \$10,000 AUD

Bronze Sponsor benefits include:

- Named and promoted as a Bronze Sponsor of the conference
- Company logo included on all conference materials
- Direct link to your website from the Conference Webpage with your company logo
- Two complimentary full conference registration including attendance at Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner
- Additional full registrations from your company/organisation at conference early bird rates
- Acknowledgment by the Chairperson at the opening and closing of the conference

Premium Sponsorship Opportunities

Dinner Sponsor

One available \$15,000 AUD

Dinner Sponsor benefits include:

- Named and promoted as the Dinner Sponsor of the conference
- Company logo included on all conference materials
- Direct link to your website from the Conference Webpage with your company logo
- Complimentary trade exhibition stand in premium position (3m x 2m)
- Four complimentary full conference registration including attendance at Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner
- Additional full registrations from your company/organisation at conference early bird rates
- Opportunity for a 5 minute address during the Dinner
- Opportunity to display banners at the Dinner
- Acknowledgment by the Chairperson at the opening and closing of the conference

Other Sponsorship Opportunities

Welcome Reception

One available \$7,700 AUD

The Welcome Reception will be held on Monday 23 March 2026.

Sponsorship benefits include:

- Company named and promoted as the sponsor of the Welcome Reception
- Company logo included on all conference materials
- Direct link to your website from the Conference Webpage with your company logo
- Opportunity for a 5 minute address during the Welcome
- Opportunity to display banners at the Welcome

Refreshment Breaks

Several available \$3,300 AUD

Sponsorship benefits include:

- Company named and promoted as the sponsor of the refreshment break
- Acknowledgement by session chair just prior to sponsored refreshment break
- Opportunity to display banners in refreshment break area

Wi-Fi

One available \$3,300 AUD

Sponsorship benefits include:

- Company named and promoted as the sponsor of the Wi-Fi
- Direct link to your website from the Conference Webpage with your company logo
- Acknowledgement by session chair daily

Other Sponsorship Opportunities

Conference Notepads

One available \$2,500 AUD

(Cost includes production of notepads)

Sponsorship benefits include:

- Company named and promoted as the sponsor of the conference notepads
- Company logo printed on quality notepads

Conference Pens

One available \$2,500 AUD

(Cost includes production of pens)

Sponsorship benefits include:

- Company named and promoted as the sponsor of the conference pens
- Company logo printed on quality pens

Sponsor a Student

Several available \$1,500 AUD

(Students will be selected from applications by the organising committee and be linked with specific sponsors)

- Company named and promoted as a student sponsor
- Company logo included on the Conference Webpage
- Acknowledgment by the Chairperson at the opening of the conference
- Acknowledgment on Conference slides

Tailored Packages

We would be delighted to assist in the development of a tailored package for your company if none of the listed opportunities suit your promotional activities.

Please contact HYDRO@con-sol.com to discuss.

Trade Exhibition

Overview

The trade exhibition will be staged as an integral part of the Hydrospatial 2026 Conference. The trade exhibition will officially open at the Welcome Reception on Monday 23 March. Following this, morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas will take place within the trade exhibition area adjacent to the conference rooms at Shed 6.

Schedule

Monday 23 March 2026

- 9:00am – 1:00pm** Booth build by contractor
 - 1:00pm – 5:00pm** Exhibitors bump in
 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm** Welcome Reception
- Shed 6 (two tickets included per exhibition stand)

Tuesday 24 March 2026

- 9.00am – 5.00pm** Exhibition open
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea all served in exhibition area

Wednesday 25 March 2026

- 9.00am – 5.00pm** Exhibition open
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea all served in exhibition area
- 6.30pm – 10.00pm** Conference dinner
- Foxglove Bar & Kitchen (two tickets included per exhibition stand)

Thursday 26 March 2026

- 9.00am – 3.30pm** Exhibition open
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea all served in exhibition area
- 3.30pm – 4.30pm** Exhibitors pack down
 - 4.30pm** Contractor removes booths

Trade Exhibition

Stand Size and Fees

All booths are 3m x 2m and the following fees apply:

Corporate Member	\$4,400 AUD
Non-Member	\$5,500 AUD

Multiple stands may be booked. Additional furniture and equipment may be hired from the contractor. The contractor will contact each exhibitor directly to provide a furniture catalogue and request power loading and correct name to be displayed on fascia.

Exhibitor Package (per booth)

- Shell scheme display stand (3m x 2m) with dividing panels finished in grey velcro-compatible fabric
- Quality fascia sign with company name on all open sides
- Carpet-tiled floor area
- Two x 60-watt directional spotlights per booth
- One x 4amp general-purpose outlet (additional requirements may be ordered)
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea for two representatives on each day
- Attendance by two representatives at the Welcome Reception
- Attendance by two representatives at the Conference Dinner
- Company logo listed on website
- Additional full registrations from your company at conference early bird rates, and additional trade stand representatives at trade rates

Exhibition Kit and Contract

Once a completed application form and payment has been received, the Conference Managers will send a comprehensive exhibition kit and contract to each exhibitor. The kit will include all information in relation to setting-up your stand as well as details of logistics at the venue and forms for services such as telephone, internet access etc.

How to Apply

We look forward to working with you to maximise your business opportunities at the Conference. Please contact the Conference Managers to reserve your stand by completing the attached application form indicating your three choices of stand location in order of preference. Please forward your application form and full payment as soon as possible to HYDRO@con-sol.com.

Trade Exhibition Floor Plan

Shed 6, Wellington

To view booked/available stands, please [click here](#).



Sponsorship & Exhibition Prospectus

Application Form

ABN 86 101 591 502

Please note: All fees are being charged in AUD as the Conference is being hosted by the Australasian Hydrographic Society, which is an Australian registered company. GST does not apply, and will not be charged.

I/we wish to become a sponsor in the following category:

Platinum Sponsor	(\$25,000 AUD)
Gold Sponsor	(\$20,000 AUD)
Silver Sponsor	(\$15,000 AUD)
Bronze Sponsor	(\$10,000 AUD)
Dinner Sponsor	(\$15,000 AUD)
Welcome Reception	(\$7,700 AUD)
Refreshment Break	(\$3,300 AUD)

Please nominate break:

Wi-Fi Sponsor	(\$3,300 AUD)
Conference Notepads	(\$2,500 AUD)
Conference Pens	(\$2,500 AUD)
Sponsor a Student	(\$1,500 AUD)
Tailored Packages	

Sponsorships will be allocated strictly in accordance with the date of receipt of application and payment.

Payment Options

Direct credit:

NAB – Canberra | BSB: 082-902 | Account: 874 101 128
Name: Conference Solutions

Debit my card:

Mastercard Visa Amex

Amount \$

Name on card:

I/we wish to reserve the following display stand as per the live floorplan:

Stand number:

We have a custom-built stand and require space only.

Details

Name of Company:	
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Contact Person:	
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Signature:

Please return this form to:

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