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# YOUNG & EMERGING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM 2026

## YEP SUPPORTER & PREMIUM EXHIBITOR

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| TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2026 | |
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| 09:00 | **Registration Opens** |
| 10:00 | **Introduction and Opening \| Chair: John Darwin Oanes**<br>*Acknolwedgement of Country* |
| 10:15 | **Networking Workshop – Hosted by Laura Kostanski**<br>*Building Effective Networks* |
| 11:00 | **Morning Tea Break** |
| 11:30 | **Meet The Mentor Session \| Chair: Alexandra Wong** |
| 11:40 | **Round Table Discussions \| Chair: Alexandra Wong** |
| 13:00 | **Lunch Break** |
| | **SYMPOSIUM \| Chair: John Darwin Oanes** |
| 14:00 | **Symposium Opening \| John Darwin Oanes** |
| 14:15 | **Mr Sammy Hudson**<br>*How to Allow Spatial Data to Protect Endangered Species from Impending Renewable Expansion: A Hemiaspis damelii Case Study* |
| 14:20 | **Miss Zhou Zhou**<br>*Identifying potential dark sky reserves in Queensland using gis based multi criteria analysis* |
| 14:25 | **Miss Zhengyuan Chai**<br>*Semi-Automated Coastal Vegetation Line Extraction Workflow Using Machine Learning in Western Australia* |
| 14:30 | **Q&A** |
| 14:35 | **Afternoon Tea Break** |
| | **SYMPOSIUM \| Chair: Alexandra Wong** |
| 15:05 | **Symposium Recommences \| Alexandra Wong** |
| 15:10 | **Mr Ahmad Emami**<br>*Mapping The Missing Layer: AI-Assisted Mapping of Pedestrian Networks At Scale* |
| 15:15 | **Mrs Moloud Damandeh**<br>*Walkable to Whom? Human-Centred Multimodal AI for Personalised Walkability Assessment* |
| 15:20 | **Mr Dominikus Yoeli Wilson Laia**<br>*Can we detect mangrove dieback before it becomes visible? Insights from the 2015-2016 Gulf of Carpentaria event* |
| 15:25 | **Q&A** |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | **Awards & Close \| Chair: John Darwin Oanes** |
| | **YEP Networking** |
| 15:00 - 17:30 | **Locate Exhibition Showcase** |
| 17:30 | **ESRI Australia Welcome Reception** |

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