

YOUNG & EMERGING PROFESSIONALS (YEP) PROGRAM

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2026		
9:30	Registration Opens	
10:00	Introduction and Opening <i>Welcome to Country</i>	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
10:15	Networking Workshop – Hosted by Laura Kostanski <i>Building Effective Networks</i>	
11:00	Morning Tea Break	
11:30	Meet The Mentor Session	Chairperson: Alexandra Wong
11:40	Round Table Discussions	Chairperson: Alexandra Wong
13:00	Lunch Break	
14:00	Symposium Opening	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
14:15	Mr Sammy Hudson <i>How to Allow Spatial Data to Protect Endangered Species from Impending Renewable Expansion: A Hemiaspis damelii Case Study</i>	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
14:20	Miss Zhou Zhou <i>Identifying potential dark sky reserves in Queensland using gis based multi criteria analysis</i>	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
14:25	Miss Zhengyuan Chai <i>Semi-Automated Coastal Vegetation Line Extraction Workflow Using Machine Learning in Western Australia</i>	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
14:30	Mr Ahmad Emami <i>Mapping The Missing Layer: AI-Assisted Mapping of Pedestrian Networks At Scale</i>	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
14:35	Q&A	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
14:40	Afternoon Tea Break	
15:10	Mrs Moloud Damandeh <i>Walkable to Whom? Human-Centred Multimodal AI for Personalised Walkability Assessment</i>	Chairperson: Alexandra Wong
15:15	Ms Elizabeth Tompkins <i>The YEP Symposium – Reflections of a Graduate</i>	Chairperson: Alexandra Wong

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15:20	Mr Dominikus Yoeli Wilson Laia <i>Can we detect mangrove dieback before it becomes visible? Insights from the 2015-2016 Gulf of Carpentaria event</i>	Chairperson: Alexandra Wong
15:25	Ms Marinda Nur Auliya <i>Integrating Sentinel-2 Derived LFMC and Fractional Cover Indices for Wildfire Dynamics and Recovery Modeling: Insights from K'gari, Australia</i>	Chairperson: Alexandra Wong
15:30	Q&A	Chairperson: Alexandra Wong
15:45	YEP Grant Presentations and Awards	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
16:00	Close	Chairperson: John Darwin Oanes
16:15	YEP Networking	
15:00 - 17:30	Locate Exhibition Showcase <i>Free to attend, open to all (registration required).</i>	
17:30 - 19:00	ESRI Australia Welcome Reception	