

Pilbara

Coastal and Marine Science SYMPOSIUM

First notice of event and official call for Abstracts

The Geological Society of Australia Inc. (GSA) and partners invite Abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations for the Pilbara Coastal and Marine Science Symposium (PCMSS) on **Friday 12 July 2019** at the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle. This Symposium is linked to the Australian Marine Science Association Conference (AMSA 2019) Fremantle 7th- 11th July "Marine Science for a Blue Economy". The theme for AMSA 2019 focuses on science that will contribute to safeguarding the health of our oceans and marine life while also sustaining the economic and societal benefits that accompany a growing nation. In this context, the PCMSS provides a region-specific exposé of this theme.

The scope of the Symposium will be the natural region of the Pilbara Coast - shown in the upper right illustration, extending from Giralia Bay in south-eastern Exmouth Gulf, through the Dampier Archipelago, to as far north as Pardoo Creek, the eastern distributary of the De Grey River delta, and includes the corridor of near-coastal islands such as the Mangrove Islands, Weld Is., Regnard Is., Dixon Is., and Depuch Is.

The aim of the Symposium is to bring together up-to-the-present and state-of-the-art science of universities, government agencies, researchers, and industry in a symposium to share information and exchange ideas towards the understanding and better management of the Pilbara Coast. The objective also is to produce a quality refereed publication.

A Scientific Review Committee has been established to structure the Symposium and session themes based on the papers received. At this stage, the Themes of the Symposium will include (1) coastal geology and nearshore, geomorphology, and physical features of the Pilbara Coast, (2) coastal, nearshore, and hinterland ecology (including coastal habitats, mangroves, rocky shore, saltmarsh, seagrass, coral reefs, fish, amongst others), (3) link between geodiversity and biodiversity along the Pilbara Coast, (4) Indigenous, archaeological, and rock art aspects, (5) European colonisation and industry, and (6) conservation and management.

If you are interested in presenting a paper verbally or a poster paper at the Symposium, please send your paper title and a 250 word abstract to pcmss@iinet.net.au before 29 March 2019.

After the Symposium, invited authors will be encouraged to submit a manuscript of their presentation by December 2019 for review. The peer review period will commence thereafter with final corrected manuscripts due back to the PCMSS editing team by July 2020. It is intended that the Symposium proceedings will be sent to a prestigious international publishing house showcasing the paper and poster presentations.

The Symposium will be a stand alone one-day event held in partnership with the Wetlands Research Association Inc. (WRA) and Geoheritage Australasia Inc. (GA), and in association with the AMSA 2019 Marine Science for a Blue Economy Conference (Fremantle).

Registration for the Pilbara Coastal and Marine Science Symposium will open in February this year and close on 1st June 2019 unless the Symposium is fully subscribed. **Registration** is online via the AMSA website <http://amsa19.amsa.asn.au/> or, alternatively, by email at PCMSS at pcmss-wra@iinet.net.au. Fees are \$180 for individuals (\$150 for AMSA registrants), \$120 for GSA, WRA, AMSA and GA members, and \$90 for students, unwaged and concession holders. If you are interested in becoming a member of GSA, please download a membership form from www.gsa.org.au.

If your organisation would like to become a supporter of this prestigious and important event, please email pcmss@iinet.net.au for more details.

We look forward to hearing from you.

