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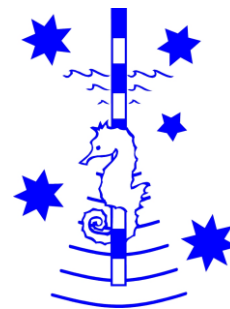
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## HYDRO 2015 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

**03-07 November 2015**  
**At Cairns, Queensland, Australia**

### **HARNESSING THE BLUE ECONOMY THROUGH HYDROGRAPHY IN THE ASIA—PACIFIC REGION**

**Dear Colleagues,**

You are cordially invited to attend The Australasian Hydrographic Society's international symposium, HYDRO 2015, at Cairns, Queensland, Australia during 03-07 November 2015.

The HYDRO 2015 theme, 'Harnessing The Blue Economy Through Hydrography In The Asia—Pacific Region' focuses on the emerging realisation of the importance of hydrography to the world's and regional economies, and the opportunities this poses the profession of hydrographic surveying and businesses related to the maritime industry. As such, HYDRO 2015 is timely, as it will assist many of the developing states within the Australasian region in identifying issues affecting their economies and development.

The symposium intends to bring together speakers from varying maritime fields including all of the specialist hydrographic streams, maritime transport, oceanography, offshore exploration, environmental science, maritime heritage, defence, tourism, coastal development, ports and harbours, and government. A very large proportion of trade (both internally and externally) is conducted through and within areas associated with the maritime world, and with the effects of global warming becoming a reality within the foreseeable future, our lives will be affected in some way or another. This international symposium seeks to gain insight as to these effects and the opportunities that may arise, as well as provide a platform to show how currently important hydrography and the 'Blue Economy' is to the Asia—Pacific region including our region's rich maritime heritage.

Cairns is a truly beautiful venue in which to hold such a symposium and it is a very relevant venue, due to its very close proximity to the Great Barrier Reef and one of the major shipping routes within Australian waters.

Further details of this exciting event will be posted on the Society's website and through the event coordinator during the next few months.

The Australasian Hydrographic Society (<http://www.ahs.asn.au>) looks forward to your attendance at this important and relevant event, and I look forward to meeting you in Cairns.

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