



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Australian Earthquake Engineering Conference AEES 2008

November 21-23, 2008

Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

The 2008 AEES conference will be held in Ballarat, Victoria and will consist of three half-days (Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday mornings). The Saturday afternoon is free for delegates to socialise and enjoy the township of Ballarat. There will be conference dinners on both Friday and Saturday evenings. For AEES members, the AEES AGM will also be held during the conference.

There will be no single theme for this year's conference to encourage anyone involved in earthquake engineering or engineering seismology in Australasia to participate. Authors are invited to submit papers on topics related to earthquake engineering and engineering seismology and also from related extreme event topics including blast, tsunami, critical infrastructure protection, emergency management and insurance.

The format will be similar to last year's with a blend of keynote speakers, oral presentations and poster presentations. Each poster presenter will be given the opportunity for a short oral presentation to the conference delegates together with a dedicated time in front of their poster for in depth discussion. The full paper will be published in the proceedings. All papers will be reviewed, but please indicate if you need refereeing for DEST purposes.

Ballarat is located approximately 110km north-west of Melbourne and is around a 75 minute drive. It is one of the largest inland cities in Australia, with a population of over 88,000 within the municipality. Ballarat lies within a gently undulating section of the midland plains which are made up of alluvial sediment and volcanic flows, and contain large areas of rich agricultural soils. The city displays a rich variety of topology and natural environment which comprises rolling hills, granite outcrops, heavily forested areas and numerous bodies of water. The urban settlement patterns offer a diversity of living environments, including small villages and country towns, as well as the main cityscape of central Ballarat, which includes heritage architecture of national significance and international interest. Ballarat is also home to Sovereign Hill which brings the town's gold rush history to life.

<u>Key dates:</u>	Abstracts due:	1 May
	Authors notified of acceptance:	31 May
	Papers due:	1 August
	Early registration due:	21 October
	Conference:	21-23 November

ABSTRACTS, of not more than 200 words, of proposed papers are invited to be submitted to the Organising Committee at the address/email/fax shown below by **1 May, 2008**. Papers should be no more than 5–7 pages long, and must be provided in Word format. Authors will receive instructions on acceptance of their abstract.

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Name:.....
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Mail, email or fax your abstract before 1 May, 2008 to:

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