FOSS4G SotM Oceania 2027 - Letter of Intent for Brisbane, QLD, Australia

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Dear OSGeo Oceania Board,

We propose Brisbane, capital of the Sunshine State, as the host city for FOSS4G SotM Oceania 2027. The conference will run from Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 July 2027 at The University of Queensland's St Lucia campus, in partnership with the School of the Environment, and we hope to welcome up to 200 delegates from across the region.

Brisbane offers mild, sunny winter weather, easy travel from across the region, a strong open geospatial community and a university partnership that will help grow our community in the academic sphere. We look forward to hosting the FOSS4G SotM Oceania community in Brisbane in 2027.

Venue and dates

Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 July 2027 — The University of Queensland, St Lucia campus

We have secured venues for the workshop and presentation days in UQ's Steele Building, with breaks in the Global Change Institute Atrium. The venue is provided in partnership with the UQ School of the Environment.

The campus is easy to reach by public transport from the Brisbane CBD: by bus or, for a more picturesque journey, by CityCat ferry along the Brisbane River.



The University of Queensland venues: Steele Building, Global Change Institute Atrium and Lecture Theatre

Why Brisbane

- **Easy to get to.** Brisbane is a major regional hub with direct connections from across the Pacific, neighbouring countries and domestic locations.
- **Sunny July weather.** Early July brings clear, sunny days with comfortable daytime temperatures around 21°C.
- **A strong open geospatial community.** Brisbane nurtures an active open geospatial community, including the local OSGeo chapter, QGIS users and OpenStreetMap contributors.
- **A new academic audience.** Partnering with UQ's School of the Environment is an opportunity to grow our community in the academic sphere, bringing students and researchers into FOSS4G SotM Oceania.

Organising committee

Chair(s): to be confirmed

The organising committee has 14 members: Daniel Silk, Dawn Hendrick, Emma Hain, Gavin Kennedy, Greg Lauer, Hamish Campbell, Ian Reese, Jason Flower, John Tasker, Jonah Sullivan, Maria Kottermair, Martin Tomko, Pierre Kurth and Simon Nitz.

Experience

Committee members have been involved in running FOSS4G SotM Oceania since the first conference in Melbourne in 2018. The members have held various positions over multiple years including Chair, Program Lead, Sponsorship Lead, Travel Grant program, Volunteer management, Logo Competition, Conference daily management, Systems and Marketing.

Supporting partners and sponsors

Whilst the following partners are confirmed, the committee is working to extend their outreach for support with additional organisations including the Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government.

- University of Queensland
    - School of the Environment
    - UQ Geographic and Environmental Management Society (UQGEMS)
- Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT)
- Pacific GIS & Remote Sensing Council (PGRSC)
- QGIS Australia

Financing

We have budgeted conservatively and aim to deliver a modest surplus.

- **Size:** a small conference of 100–150 attendees, with capacity to extend to a maximum of 200.
- **Venue:** our venue partner, the UQ School of the Environment, is providing the venue and AV at no cost.
- **Budget:** projected revenue (excluding sponsorship) equals projected expenses. Excess sponsorship funds will go towards the conference surplus.

See the full budget: 2027 OSGeo Oceania (Brisbane) Budget

Community Engagement and Support

We are committed to engaging and supporting the open geospatial community. Alongside offering discounted tickets for students and community contributors, we will be continuing initiatives from previous conferences to help attendees connect, collaborate, and build lasting networks.