

## Report on NSW ANZIAM 2009

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During 2009, the main activity of NSW ANZIAM was the joint NSW/ACT mini-meeting. This was held at the Coachhouse Marina Resort, Batemans Bay, on Friday 4 December and Saturday 5 December. The organising committee for the mini-meeting comprised Dr M.I. Nelson (UoW) and Dr H.S. Sidhu (UNSW@ADFA).

The registration fees charged were: student member of ANZIAM \$20; members of ANZIAM: \$25; former Chairs of ANZIAM: \$20; accompanying person: \$30; everyone else: \$50.

The registration fee covered the hire of the facilities, afternoon tea (Friday), conference meal (a buffet) and morning tea (Saturday).



Thirteen delegates from NSW (UoW 12, misc 1) and 10 from the ACT (UNSW@ADFA 5, CSIRO 1, ANU 3, Geosciences Australia 1) attended the meeting. There were 18 talks, including 13 from students. It was recognised at the meeting that the standard of student talks was very high. The prize for the best student talk was given to Mr Alex Badran, an honours student from UoW. This is the second time that Alex has won the prize. Mr Ahmed Msmali (UoW) and Mr Thiansiri Luangwilai (UNSW@ADFA) were highly commended for their talks. Alex received \$200 (cash). All three will also receive certificates.

The assessment panel for the best student talk comprised Dr Bob Anderssen (CSIRO), Professor Brian Gray and Mr Jonathan Griffin (Geosciences Australia).

The Coachhouse Marina Resort was an excellent venue with very friendly staff who went out of their way to help organise the meeting at very short notice.

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