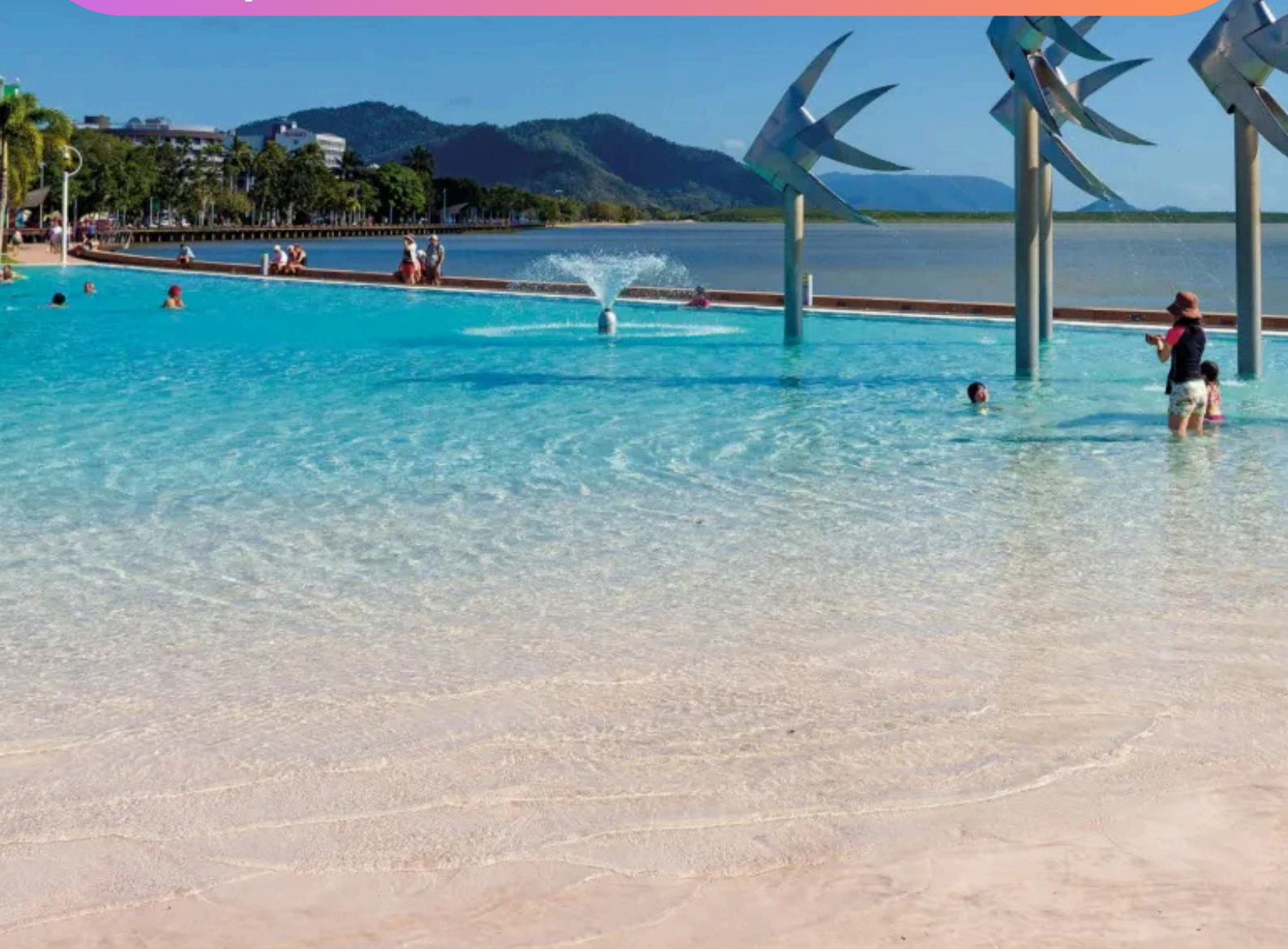


# 2027 NQLA CONFERENCE

SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES  
Expressions of Interest



North Queensland  
Law Association

# WHAT IS THE NQLA?

The North Queensland Law Association (**NQLA**) is an umbrella organisation representing Solicitors in and around North Queensland covering Sarina (to the South of Mackay) to Cape York. Currently, there are more than 600 Solicitors practicing throughout this large geographic region.

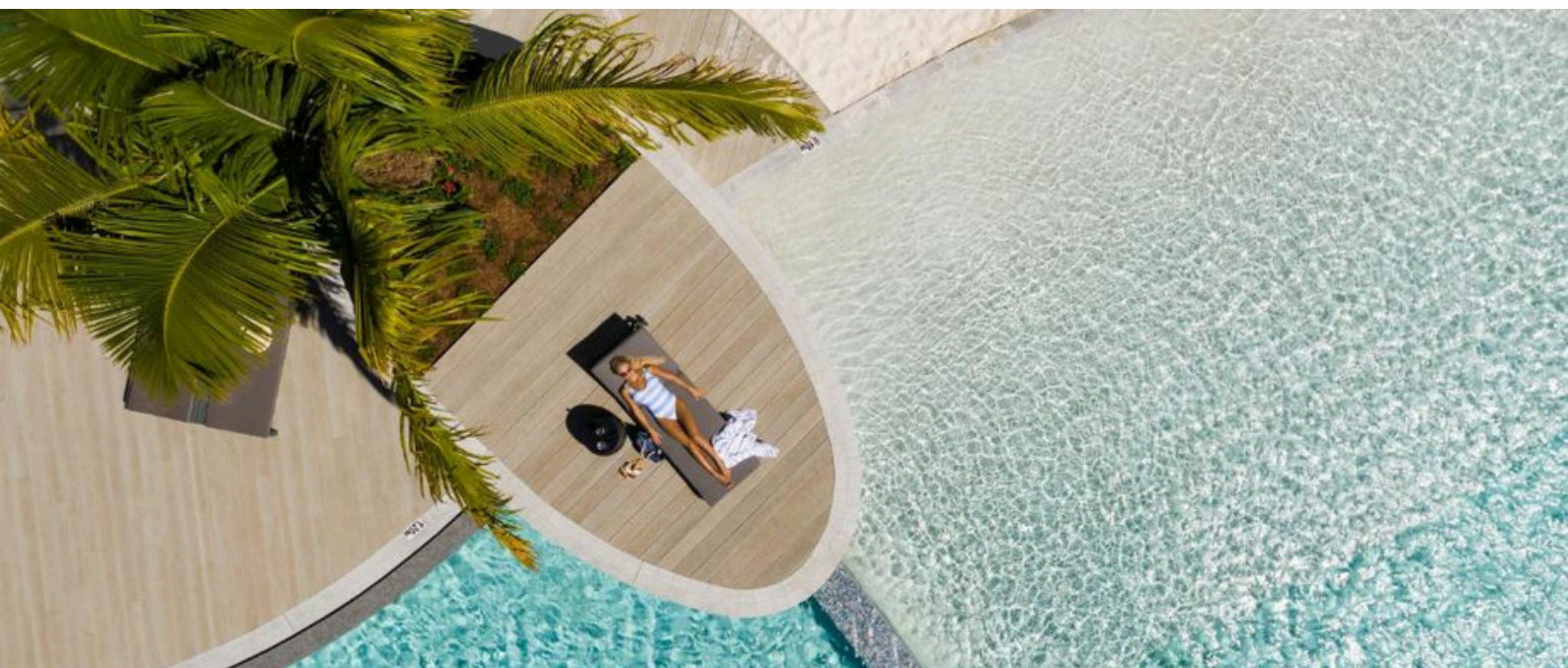
The NQLA holds an annual conference every year, rotating between venues in Mackay, Townsville and Cairns with an expected 170 - 200 delegates attending.

The annual conference is one of the premier continuing professional development events for practitioners across regional Queensland. Each year, the conference brings together solicitors, barristers, members of the judiciary and other legal professionals to share knowledge, discuss emerging issues and strengthen the regional legal profession.

Presenting at the NQLA Conference is an opportunity to contribute to that shared learning. Whether that be through sharing practical advocacy tips, recent developments in the law or insights from particular areas of practice, presenting at the NQLA Conference plays an important role in supporting the ongoing professional development of the legal profession.

It is also an opportunity for presenters to showcase their expertise, build professional profiles and contribute to the continued strength and collegiality of the North Queensland legal community.

Following another successful conference in 2026, the NQLA will return to Cairns in 2027. We invite practitioners, barristers, members of the judiciary and other legal professionals to share their knowledge, experience and expertise by submitting an Expression of Interest to present. Whether you are an experienced presenter or taking the podium for the first time, we encourage you to apply and help shape another outstanding conference program.



# Speaker Guidelines

Speaker contribution plays an important role in delivering practical, engaging and high-quality professional development for our delegates. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into preparing a conference presentation and are grateful to our speakers for helping us deliver another outstanding program.

## Conference Objectives

- Deliver high-quality continuing professional development.
- Showcase practical and relevant legal topics.
- Encourage discussion and the sharing of ideas.
- Promote excellence within the legal profession.
- Foster collegiality across North Queensland.

## Presentation Expectations

Presentations should be practical, engaging and relevant to legal practitioners. Where appropriate, Speakers are encouraged to include practical tips, case studies, recent authorities, legislative updates and audience discussion.

## Session Length

Unless otherwise advised, all conference sessions are allocated 60 minutes. This includes the introduction by the session chair, the presentation and audience questions. Speakers should aim to present for approximately 50–55 minutes, allowing 5–10 minutes for audience questions.

## Presentation Slides

Presentation slides should be clear, concise and visually engaging. Please avoid excessive text and ensure all citations are accurate.

## Conference Papers

Speakers are encouraged to provide a written conference paper to accompany their presentation. Papers should generally be between 5 and 20 pages and will be distributed electronically to delegates.

## Audio Visual

Presentation rooms will include a lectern, laptop, projector, microphone and presentation clicker. Please notify the NQLA Committee if you require additional equipment.

# Speaker Guidelines cont.

## Application Process

Please submit your Expression of Interest by completing the form located on our website: <https://nqla.com.au/conference-2027/speaking/>

## Submission Requirements ☐

- Biography (100–150 words) ☐
- High-resolution professional headshot ☐
- PowerPoint presentation ☐
- Conference paper (if applicable)

**Please submit all materials by 3 May 2027 to [secretary@nqla.com.au](mailto:secretary@nqla.com.au)**

## Arrival

Please arrive at your allocated room at least 15 minutes prior to your session to meet your session chair, test your presentation and familiarise yourself with the room.

## Photography & Recording

Photographs and short video recordings may be taken during the conference for promotional purposes.

## Presenter Registration

Speakers will receive complimentary registration to the conference. Registration details will be provided once registrations open in February 2027.

## What Makes a Great NQLA Session? ☐

- Provide practical takeaways. ☐
- Include real-world examples and case studies.
- Encourage audience participation. ☐
- Focus on current legal developments. ☐
- Leave delegates with knowledge they can immediately apply in practice.

## Important Dates

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| • EOIs Close                     | 31 August 2026       |
| • Successful Applicants Notified | Early September 2026 |
| • Conference Program Released    | Early January 2027   |
| • Registrations Open             | Mid-February 2027    |
| • Speaker Materials Due          | 3 May 2027           |
| • Conference                     | 14 - 15 May 2027     |



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