



CONFERENCE UPDATE · 15 AUG 2026 · TORRENS UNIVERSITY BRISBANE (Meanjin) · 24–27 AUGUST

Dear MMIRA2026 Attendees,

It's hard to believe, but **MMIRA2026 is just one week away!** The Organising Committee is super excited to welcome all of you — attendees from 27 countries across every continent — to Torrens University Australia's Brisbane Campus. We can't wait to meet you in person and share in what promises to be a truly memorable conference.

Workshops — Last Chance to Register

If you haven't registered for a workshop yet, now is the time — places are limited. We'd especially love to see you at our **two FREE in-conference workshops**, generously offered by **A/Prof. Timothy Guetterman** and **A/Prof. Peggy Shannon-Baker**. These are open to all registered conference attendees at no extra cost — simply reserve your seat below.

Registration is required for all workshops (including the free ones); to register: [\[click here\]](#) — fill in the form and move to “workshops” tab:

- ***Critical Dialectical Pluralism in Action*** — Prof. Anthony Onwuegbuzie
- ***Making Complexity Visible: Using Systems Diagrams to Plan Integrative Mixed Methods Designs*** — Prof. Cheryl Poth and Dr Emma Bullock
- ***The AI Shift in Research: Understanding Artificial Intelligence as Both Lens and Laboratory*** — Dr Farveh Farivar
- ***Teaching of Mixed Methods Research: Centring Integration in Instructional Design*** — Prof. Cheryl Poth
- ***Developing Joint Displays to Conduct and Represent Integration in Mixed Methods Research*** — A/Prof. Timothy Guetterman (**FREE, in-conference, Wednesday 26th Aug PM**)
- ***What Are Your Contributions to Mixed Methods: An Introduction to Publishing*** — A/Prof. Peggy Shannon-Baker (**FREE, in-conference, Wednesday 26th Aug PM**)

Monday 24 August — Your Conference Day One Timeline

Here's what to expect on the first day of the conference:

- **9:00 am** — Registration opens for workshop attendees
- **10:00 am – 12:00 pm** — Pre-conference paid workshops
- **12:00 pm** — Registration opens for all attendees
- **1:30 pm sharp** — Conference commences

There are plenty of restaurants and food outlets in the vicinity of campus (including our café) — perfect for grabbing lunch before the kick-off.

Venue Guide — Please Read Before You Travel

With one week to go, please take a few minutes to download and read our [Venue guide](#) before you set off (also available on our [Resources page](#)). It covers everything you need to know: getting from the airport into the city, discounted AirTrain fares, getting around the Torrens University campus, campus amenities and floor plans, public transport, and all campus information as well as additional info, including:

- **Airport to city (AirTrain):** MMIRA2026 delegates can access discounted AirTrain tickets (\$16 one-way / \$32 return) between Brisbane's Domestic and International Airports and the city, valid 20–31 August 2026. **Booking code:** MMIRA2026. **Must be booked online at:** airtrain.com.au.
- **Getting around Brisbane:** all TransLink trains, buses and ferries now feature permanent flat 50c fares — simply tap on and tap off with a debit or credit card (no travel card needed). Check the venue guide for details.
- **On campus:** floor plans and full campus navigation information are included in the guide — well worth a look before you arrive so you can find your session rooms with ease.

Conference Program & Resources

The draft conference program is published: mmira2026.com/draft-program/

For additional information, visit our [Resources page](#), and for local recommendations, see [Things to Do](#).

Conference App — Coming Soon!

We're putting the finishing touches on the MMIRA2026 conference app, and we'll be sending download details very soon — keep an eye on your inbox!

Exhibitor Stands — Don't Miss Them

While you're on campus, we highly encourage you to stop by our exhibitor stands on Level 1:

- **Sage Publishing/Woodslane** — stop by to browse the latest in mixed methods research publishing
- **University of Michigan Mixed Methods Program** — learn more about their research and training in mixed methods
- **MMIRA (Mixed Methods International Research Association)** — meet the association behind the conference and find out about membership and MMIRA Chapters

Planning Your Trip — Beyond the Conference

Start planning with [Visit Brisbane](#). If you have a day (or more) to spare for travel and sightseeing, Brisbane and its surrounds offer plenty beyond the city centre:

- **South Bank Beach & Parklands** — a swimming lagoon and parkland right on the river, minutes from the CBD
- **Brisbane CBD Botanic Gardens (near the Parliament House and QUT)** — on Sundays, look out for a fresh food market with cuisine from all over the world
- **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, Fig Tree Pocket** — the world's first and largest koala sanctuary (bus 430 or 445 departs from the city or check the previous newsletter for alternatives)
- The immersive **Bluey experience** at Northshore Hamilton. Allow 1-2 hours.
- **Mount Coot-Tha, Botanic Gardens and the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium (also on the grounds)** — covering the lookout views over the city/river/Moreton Bay, the café and gift shop, and the 70km+ of walking/hiking trails including the Summit Track. Bus 471 will take you there.
- **North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) & Moreton Island** — easy island escapes by ferry
- **Mount Tamborine, Gold Coast**
- **Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast** — further afield, reachable by a train + tram journey from Brisbane, now covered by Queensland's permanent flat 50c public transport fare
- **Bribie Island & the Sunshine Coast** — to the north, including Mount Tamborine for rainforest walks and views
- **Australia Zoo, Sunshine Coast** (get to Beerwah Station by train + free Zoo Shuttle)- founded by Steve Irvin and his family.

Explore more of the state: queensland.com.

Explore more of Brisbane: visit.brisbane.qld.au and check our 1-, 3- and 5- day itinerary suggestions on our website: mmira2026.com/things-to-do/

Stay Connected

Check mmira2026.com regularly for updates, and get in touch with any questions. We can't wait to welcome you to Brisbane — see you next week!

Warm regards,

The MMIRA2026 Organising Committee