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“Methods for assessing geomorphic processes and change”

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Report

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I am grateful to the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) for providing financial support that allowed me to attend the 11th International Conference on Geomorphology (ICG2026), held in Christchurch, New Zealand from 2–6 February 2026. Through this support I was also able to participate in the ICG2026 Young Geomorphologists Training Program, titled “*Methods for assessing geomorphic processes and change.*”

As part of the training program, I participated in the Cass field trip with other Young Geomorphologists, where we were introduced to the diverse geomorphology of the Southern Alps. The excursion travelled through Arthur’s Pass National Park and the Cass Mountain Research Area in the upper Waimakariri Catchment, North Canterbury (Photo 1). Throughout the day we examined a range of tectonic, glacial, fluvial and karst landscapes and discussed the active geomorphic processes and natural hazards shaping the region. The field trip provided an excellent opportunity to observe these landforms in the field and learn how to interpret landscape features (Photo 2). It also created a relaxed environment for participants in the Young Geomorphologists program to meet each other and begin building professional connections. Although this field trip was outside my primary research area of coastal geomorphology, I greatly enjoyed learning about the geomorphology of other landscapes.



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Photo 1. Cass field trip.



Photo 2. Learning how to interpret landscape evolution from soils on the Cass field trip.



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During the conference I presented my research titled “*Mangrove carbon accumulation in an Australian coral reef environment*” (Photo 3). Presenting my work at an international conference was a valuable experience as an early-career researcher. It provided an opportunity to communicate my research to a broader scientific audience, receive constructive feedback, and engage in discussions with researchers working in related areas of coastal change. These conversations were particularly helpful for refining how I frame my research questions and communicate my results.

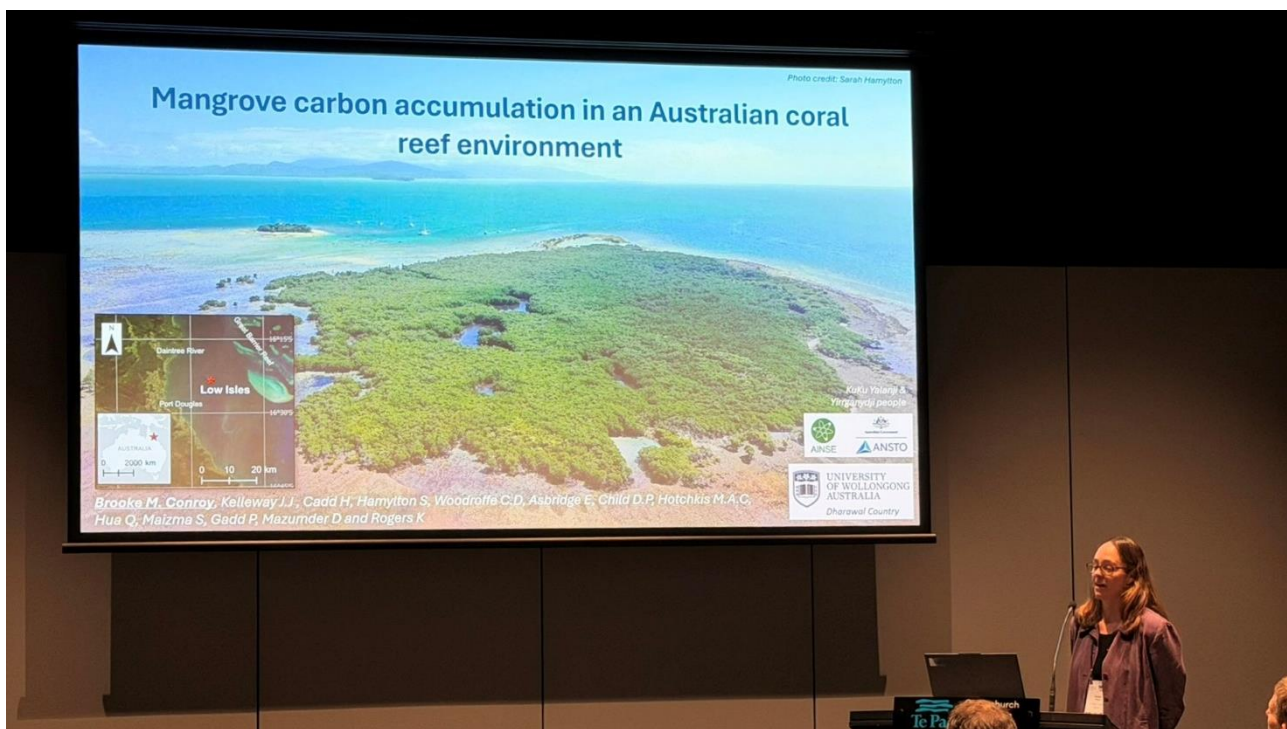


Photo 3. Me presenting my research at the conference.

Beyond presenting, the conference offered many interesting sessions and keynote presentations that highlighted current developments across the different areas of geomorphology. Attending these sessions allowed me to learn about other research that is relevant to my own work. The conference also provided many opportunities to connect with other early-career and senior researchers from around the world, which helped broaden my professional network and foster new research connections. The conference also allowed me to catch up with previous colleagues and maintain important connections with these people (Photo 4).



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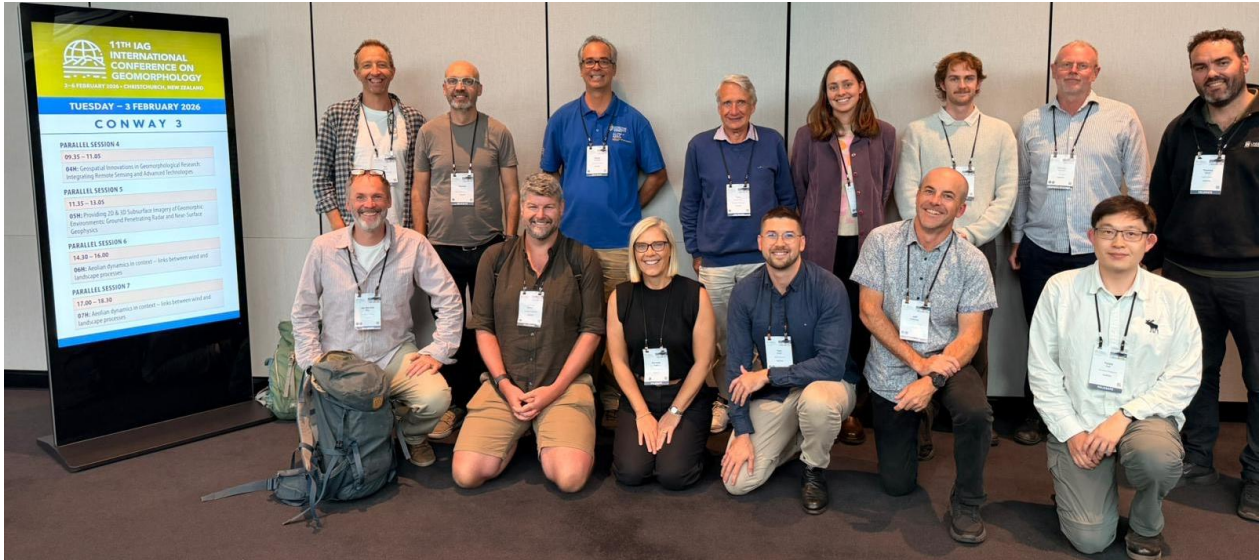


Photo 4. Myself and other University of Wollongong research staff and alumni.

Overall, attending ICG2026 and the Young Geomorphologists Training Program was a highly rewarding experience that contributed to both my scientific development and my growth as an early-career researcher. I am sincerely grateful to the IAG for their generous support, which made my participation in these events possible.