

# **2008 Australasian Planetarium Society Conference**

**Horizon Planetarium, Perth, Western Australia**

**Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>**

## **General Information for Delegates**

### **Arrival**

#### **Perth Airport City Shuttle**

The Perth Airport City Shuttle has several convenient drop-off and pick-up points located near hotels, motels and hostels in Perth, including Northbridge, the Central City, East Perth, West Perth, Mill Point Road and Great Eastern Highway. Shuttles depart from the international terminal within 45 mins of customs clearance for each flight and within 30 mins of luggage collection for domestic arrivals. The cost is A\$15 one-way, A\$25 return. More information is available on the [Perth airport website](#) .

#### **Taxis**

Taxi ranks are located outside Terminal 1 (International), Terminals 2 & 3 (Domestic). Trips to Perth CBD will cost approximately A\$40.

### **About Perth**

#### **Climate**

Autumn in Perth is usually mild with daily temperatures ranging from 26-29 degrees Celsius and night time temperatures between 14-16 degrees. Perth has a Mediterranean climate with clear warm sunny days, however it is recommended that you bring a set of warm clothing with you in case of chilly evenings.

## **Time Zones**

Western Australia is on Western Standard Time (WST), eight hours ahead of GMT.  
UTC/GMT +8 hours.

## **Tourism**

The Western Australia tourism website is an excellent source of information about what to do during your stay: [www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com). If your visit to Perth is short, consider a visit to King's Park and Botanic Garden, overlooking the Swan River, Perth City and beyond, or visit the Swan Bell Tower on the Swan River foreshore. Other popular activities for visitors to Perth include visiting the port city of Fremantle by train or a day trip to Rottnest Island.

## **Conference**

### **Conference Venue**

The meeting will be held at Horizon – The Planetarium, Scitech, in the City West complex in West Perth. City West situated within the Perth CBD, with the City West train station just over the road.

### **Making your way to the conference venue**

#### **Public Transport**

Trains frequently travel between the Perth train station and City West with a journey time of approximately 2 minutes, you can reach city west by boarding a Fremantle line train on platform 7 of Perth train station, the cost to City West is minimal or free with a smart rider card. The free Central Area Transit (CAT) busses travel throughout Perth CBD, with the Yellow CAT Harbour Town stop 1 block away. For more information about public transport in Perth, please visit the Transperth web site [www.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au).

#### **Walking**

Depending on accommodation choice, it is relatively easy to walk the distance between some hotels and Horizon – The Planetarium, City West.

## **Taxis**

Taxis can be hailed in the street, but there are also taxi ranks throughout the Perth central business district, or they can be ordered by telephoning the major operators: Swan Taxis ph: 13 13 30; Black & White Taxis ph: 13 10 08; Yellow Cabs ph: 13 19 24.

## **Parking**

There is free parking at City West for conference delegates. You must display the parking permit issued at **our admissions desk** if you plan to stay longer than 2 hours. City West management imposes penalties for vehicles exceeding the time limit and not displaying visitor parking permits.

## **Registration Desk**

The registration and information desk will be located in the foyer of Horizon – the Planetarium on the Saturday morning from 8am – 10:30am. You can register outside of these times through Pete Wheeler or Carley Tillet of Horizon – the Planetarium.

## **Name Badges**

Each Conference delegate will receive a name badge at registration. This badge is your official pass and must be worn to gain entry to conference sessions, morning and afternoon teas, lunches and social functions, including the dinner.

## **Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Tea**

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided throughout the conference courtesy of Horizon – the Planetarium.

## **Special Diets**

Daily catering: If you have requested a special diet, please note that your meals (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) will be provided. Meals will be individually labelled.

Conference dinner: Please advise a member of the staff at the restaurant once you are seated that you have requested a special diet.

### **Meals outside of conference catering**

Perth and the surrounding communities have a number of excellent and diverse restaurants. Below are a few suggested venues in the Perth CBD:

Belgian Beer Café Corner King & Murray Streets Perth, 6000 T: 9321 4094	Tiger Lil's Restaurant & Bar 437 Murray St T: 9322 7377
King Street Café 44 King St T: 9321 4476	Maya Masala Indian Brasserie Lake St, Northbridge 6003 T: 9328 5655
Matsuri Japanese Restaurant Ground Floor QV1 building, Corner Hay and Milligan Streets T: 9322 7737	BOX deli, Lounge Bar Restaurant 918 Hay Street T: 9322 6744
Halo Café Barrack Street Jetty T: 9325 4575	Valentino Cafe Cnr James & Lake Sts T: 9328 2177

Cheaper meal options can be found in local pubs and food halls in the CBD, which offer a variety of cuisines. Upmarket restaurants are also available; many located within Perth's five star hotels, in stunning locations overlooking the city and the river. The Western Australia tourism website is an excellent source of information about what to do and where to eat in WA: [www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com).

### **Personal Safety and Security**

Perth is a reasonable safe city, but it is sensible to take precautions. Belongings should not be left unattended.

### **Internet Access**

Arrangements will be made for wired internet access during the conference, details of this will be provided upon registration.

## **Notes for Presenters**

Allocated time for speakers will range from 20 minutes to 45 minutes dependant on scheduling and content and should include time for questions. All presentations will be delivered in the planetarium and presentations will be displayed on a standard projector at the front of the dome. Presentations should be prepared in PowerPoint, or PDF and will be loaded onto a laptop PC. If you are presenting please endeavour to provide Pete Wheeler with your presentation upon registration or at the latest the start of the day in which your presentation is to take place.

## **Collection of Papers**

As a record of the meeting, presentations will be made available, with permission, as PDF's to delegates immediately after the meeting.

## **Contact Details**

### **Conference Contacts**

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### **Emergency Services**

The telephone number for all emergency services in Australia including AMBULANCE, FIRE, and POLICE is "000".