

Sydney International Storytelling Conference June 1st-3rd 2018

Helpful Information for Intertstate and international conference attendees:

Important contacts:

Christine Carlton (Storytelling Guild President): 0415 430 485

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Conference Email: storynsw@gmail.com

Getting to Conference venue

St Joseph's Centre for Reflective living

www.stjosephscentre.org.au

Address: 64 MacKillop Drive Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 Australia

Phone: + 61 2 9634 2317

Fax: + 61 2 9899 4249

Email: frontdesk@stjosephscentre.org.au

By train and bus- Download the App-Trip Planner NSW (<http://transportnsw.info>) for information on travel via train, bus and ferry.

Train and bus –best to purchase an Opal card* These can be purchased at the Airport station or many other venues like designated shops and petrol stations.

Please note that if you are an Australian Citizen and wish to purchase a Seniors Opal card please visit www.opal.com.au (our state govt doesn't make it easy)

From International/Domestic Airport to Sydney Central: 10-12 minutes \$16.72 - \$14.01, (airport line is run by a private company). Range of fares varies –seniors-adults.

From Sydney Central to Parramatta Station, 30 minutes, \$1.72 - \$ 3.45

From Parramatta Station to Conference Venue, by bus 45 minutes. \$2.30 - \$4.61

Different buses leave Stand B4 - Hills Buss #T60, (Tell the driver you want to be let out at St Joseph's Centre) There is also a 400 metre walk up the driveway to the main reception entrance.

By taxi: 37 km, 36 minutes

Normal: \$110-140

Uber -\$80-\$120

Airport shuttle:

Direct airport shuttle: +61 2 9614 1444 , mobile 0403 005 249

Email info@directshuttlebus.com.au, website: www.directairportshuttle.com.au

The fare for one passenger is \$55 or 2 people is \$65 and add \$10 for each additional person and so on.

Car Hire: www.discovery-carhire.com.au allows comparisons in prices.

If you're hiring a car, do check re: GPS and e-tags for motorway tolls and read the fine print!

Conference Book Store

There will be a number of vendors offering storytelling resources. They may not all have facilities to accept credit cards payments so do bring cash.

Electronic Equipment

Remember to bring all your chargers with whatever electronic equipment you bring (for camera's batteries, mobile, laptop, etc).

Conference venue facilities

- * Wireless in every room. If weather or closed doors interfere, get a cable from reception.
- * lounge rooms on every floor, some larger with a kitchenette. So if you want to bring your own breakfast there is a community fridge and place to eat it. Otherwise you can book in for breakfast with the centre when you book your accommodation.

Billeting before and after the Conference

If you need accommodation before or after the conference, drop an email to Kiran Shah at kiranstoryteller@gmail.com and she'll try her best to assist.

Dinner Friday 1st June is not provided (evening soiree will have plenty of decent finger food starting at 7pm.) If you wish to have dinner before that at 6pm you will need to book and pay ahead of time with reception at the centre. (cost \$30 AUD)

Check this website for a 7day forecast: <http://www.weather.com.au/nsw/sydney>

Sightseeing

Check out: www.visitnsw.com.au www.sydney.com.au www.bluemtns.com.au
VIVID Sydney will be on from 25 May 25- 16 June 2018 –a spectacular display of light, music and more.

International visitors

Visa

Please ensure you have obtained an appropriate visa before departure from your country.

Immigration Card

If you are arriving in Sydney a few days before the conference then you will need to put in the address of the hotel or home address where you are first staying.

If directly coming from airport to conference centre then put in 64 MacKillop Dr, Baulkham Hills, NSW, as the address and one of the contact numbers. Venue: St Joseph's Centre - + 61 2 9634 2317. Conference convenor – Christine Carlton +61 415 430 485

Fill in the card carefully. Do declare ALL food items and anything of plant and animal origin. No fresh fruit/meat is allowed. Australia is very, very strict so if you're unsure declare it anyway. You don't want to have to pay a \$200 fine.

Car Hire

For those with international driving licenses, please check this website:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/using-roads/visitors.html>

Currency

We advise you to bring some cash with you although you can use a credit/debit card for most of your purchases.

Electricity/Adaptors

Appliances work on 220-240V.

Please also bring an international travel adaptor for all your electrical and electronic equipment.

Updated by Kiran Shah
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