

HSPT3 - Logistics



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HSPT3 12 – 15 March 2019 Wollongong, AUSTRALIA

Title: Accommodation and meeting information, IHO HSPT3 in Wollongong, Australia.

Dates: 12 March – 15 March 2019

Status: Meeting information and registration

Required action: For information – Please register to confirm attendance

Distribution: HSPT members
IHO website (Project Teams – HSPT3 section)

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TRAVEL AND MEETING INFORMATION

The Australian Hydrographic Office is pleased to welcome HSPT members to Wollongong, Australia for HSPT3.

MEETING VENUE

The meeting will be held at:

NOVOTEL Hotel & Resorts, 'Admirals' Meeting Room.

2-14 Cliff Street,
Wollongong, NSW
2500,
AUSTRALIA.

TP: +61 2 4224 3111

Email: h1654-re1@accor.com

www.novotelnorthbeach.com.au

A map of Wollongong showing the location of the venue is at Annex A. Go to the hotel reception desk and ask for the 'Admirals' meeting room.

MEETING SESSIONS

Each day will commence at **0900**. Morning tea will commence at **1030 until 1045**, lunch will be between **1230** and **1330**, and afternoon tea will commence at **1445 until 1500**. Each day should conclude by **1700**.

REGISTRATION

All members and/or observers intending to attend the meeting must notify Andrew Coulls and David Wyatt as soon as possible to assist in finalising numbers and details for the venue (this may be best done by notifying us at the same time that you book your accommodation).

Please email your intention to attend the meeting before 18 January 2019 to:

andrew.coulls@defence.gov.au

david.wyatt@iho.int

LUNCH

Full buffet lunch at the hotel will be served each meeting day. The hotel is located on Wollongong's scenic Blue Mile precinct close to restaurants and cafes, local attractions and the CBD within easy walking distance of the meeting venue.

ACCOMMODATION

The Novotel Northbeach hotel offers the following discounted rates for attendees, but please note that rooms are not being held so will be subject to availability:

BOOK AND PAY DIRECT RATE ACCOMODATION DETAILS

Please call – 42 243111

Or email: h1654-re1@accor.com

Quote: Australian HydroGraphic service – block#88452

ACCOMODATION DETAILS

DISCOUNTED ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE – BOOK AND PAY DIRECT RATE – Sunday to Wednesday

Saturday rates will incur a \$50.00 surcharge

Room Type – Room Only	Rate
<i>Residential view room (Discounted from \$279.00 per room per night)</i>	\$209.00 per room per night
<i>Ocean view room (Discounted from \$329.00 per room per night)</i>	\$229.00 per room per night
<i>Ocean view balcony room (Discounted from \$379.00 per room per night)</i>	\$239.00 per room per night

A wider selection of hotels can be found by doing a Google search (also see Annex A).

If there are any questions or if you would like assistance with your booking please contact Andrew.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND VACCINATIONS

Please check the latest information from the Australian Department of Immigration's website, www.immi.gov.au. Vaccinations are not required unless you have come from, or have visited, a yellow fever infected country or zone within 6 days prior to arrival. You do not need any other health certificate to enter Australia.

QUARANTINE

Australia is an island continent, well protected from most animal and agricultural pests and diseases. To help maintain this, strict quarantine regulations apply, and the casual importation of food, seeds, animals, plants and animal or plant products is prohibited.

Quarantine regulations are strictly enforced, and penalties are very high. When you arrive in Australia, if you have any doubts about an item in your possession, **declare it**, and one of our helpful Customs Officers will assess it. More information is available from: www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity.

CUSTOMS

In common with most other countries, Australia allows in-bound passengers to import modest amounts of duty free alcohol, tobacco and perfume. High value gifts imported into Australia may be subject to a tax. More information is available at: www.customs.gov.au/site/page4352.asp.

Note that all Australian international inbound and outbound flights are subject to **security screening restrictions for liquids, aerosols and gels (LAG's)**. **Passengers are not able to carry onboard (in carry-on luggage) more than one litre in total of LAG's. LAG's must be in containers no larger than 100ml each and fit comfortably within a one litre transparent re-sealable plastic bag.** If you purchase duty free alcohol or perfume in containers/bottles of more than 100ml at your place of origin, **it will be confiscated by Customs Officials before you board your flight** unless it is packed in your checked luggage. For more information go to:

www.travelsecure.infrastructure.gov.au/international/lags/index.aspx.

Note that you will pass a duty free outlet when you disembark the plane in Sydney before going through customs where you can buy products that you wish to consume in Australia.

There are also duty free outlets in Sydney and at the airport to purchase duty free products to take back home if you wish, but please be mindful of the restrictions on LAG's.

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The unit of currency in Australia is the Australian Dollar (AUD\$). Notes come in AUD\$100, AUD\$50, AUD\$20, AUD\$10 and AU\$5 denominations. Coins come in 5, 10, 20, 50 (cents), AUD\$1 and AUD\$2 denominations.

Major credit cards such as American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club are widely accepted. ATMs (Cashpoints) are very commonplace throughout Australia, and generally accept a wide range of cards, including Cirrus/Maestro cards. Please take care in Sydney early in the morning and at night when using ATM machines.

Currency converters such as Travelex can be found at the airport and in the city.

TAX REFUNDS

Australia has a Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10%, which by law is always included in the displayed or marked price. For tourists buying goods in excess of AUD\$300 as part of a single purchase, a refund of the tax is available when the goods are exported. This can be obtained through the Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) desk at your airport of departure. Please note, however, that most Australian shops serving tourists do provide a tax-free purchasing option on presentation of a valid passport and airline ticket. TRS does not apply in these cases.

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

There are no public buses connecting the airport with Wollongong and taxis are very expensive. Airport transfers are offered by a Wollongong company and take about 1.5 hours from Sydney Airport (see www.leisurecoastlimousine.com.au/airport-transfers/)

There is an airport train which goes to Wollongong but you need to change train at Wollongong station (wait for the southbound train). To find the station at the airport, which is below the terminals, follow the railway signs. The train also connects the International Terminal with Sydney (if you want to extend the weekend up there). From Sydney you have frequent trains to Wollongong (see www.transportnsw.info/).

Self drive rental cars are available at Sydney Airport and in the city (Avis, Budget, Eurocar, Hertz etc)..

WOLLONGONG FREE SHUTTLE

A free Wollongong Shuttle bus runs in both directions on a loop connecting Wollongong Station, CBD, University and Boat Harbour. There is a bus stop (Stop 8) location adjacent to the Novotel offering a convenient option for those not staying at the Novotel. (see www.premierillawarra.com.au/shuttle.html for route map and timetable and Annex B)

CLIMATE

March in Australia is autumn but the weather is generally still very warm at this time of year. The average temperature ranges from about 15°C minimum to about 30°C maximum. Being the start of autumn, the weather may vary so come prepared for warmer temperatures and possibly rainy conditions. Additional information on Australian climate can be found at www.bom.gov.au.

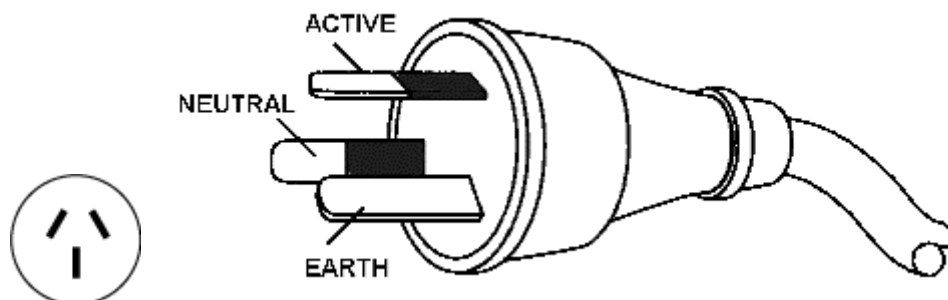
INSURANCE

The organisers and hosts cannot accept any responsibility for the above information, nor for any accidents, losses and/or damages that may occur. Delegates are advised to obtain

travel, medical, personal accident and luggage insurance in their home countries prior to departure.

TRAVEL TIPS

Electrical voltage is 240V AC, 50Hz. Power outlet boards will be available for use in the meeting room. You will need an adaptor to fit your plug into an Australian 3 pin socket.



Tipping is not obligatory. It is at your own discretion and only for very good service. As a guide, add 7-10% to a restaurant bill.

Smoking is not permitted within public buildings, including clubs and pubs, and is also not permitted on any public transport, including domestic air flights.

TOURIST INFORMATION AND SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Local sightseeing and tourist information will be available at your Hotel for Wollongong and the surrounding area. All arrangements should be made and paid for individually.

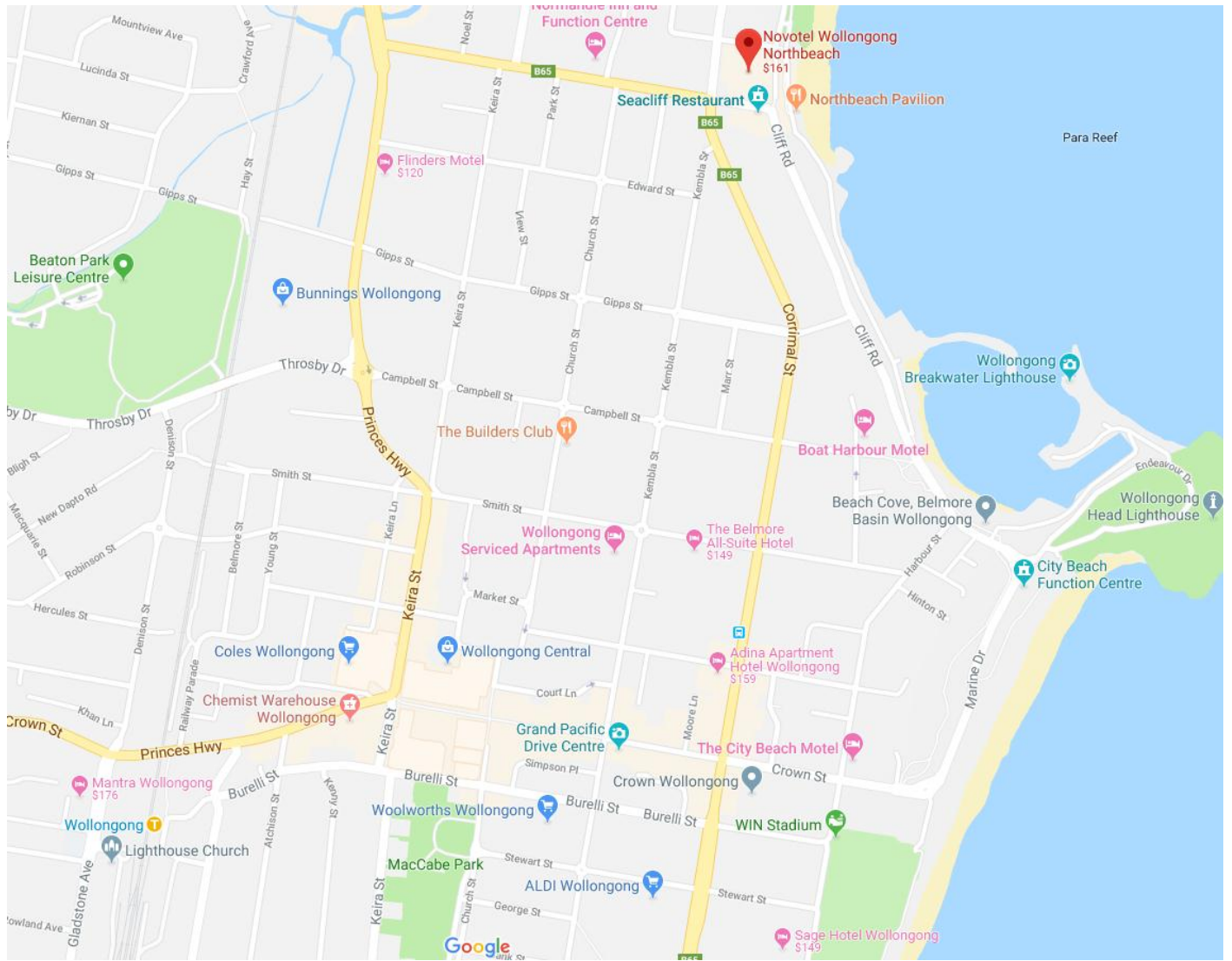
If you are planning to spend the weekend in Sydney there is a very good tourist information centre in "The Rocks" area. For further information on tourist activities go to www.sydney.com.au. Anyone who wants to know more about Sydney when you arrive at the airport, you can grab a booklet from the terminal corridor before you reach customs.

DEPARTING AUSTRALIA

All persons 12 years and older departing Australia must pay various Departure Taxes. This should be included in the price of your air fare, but it is advised that you check.

We look forward to welcoming you to Australia

ANNEX A: Wollongong CBD



Annex B: Wollongong Free Shuttle Bus route

