

# VISIT CANBERRA - GENERAL INFO

## Welcome to Canberra

Canberra, the Aboriginal word for 'meeting place' is the capital city of Australia. Designed around three lakes, Canberra is laced with parks, gardens and is surrounded by mountain ranges. Its distinct seasons make it a picturesque and ever-changing city. Canberra has more restaurants per capita than any Australian city and boasts some excellent local wineries.

Extensive bike paths make cycling a joy and Mt Kosciuszko (the highest peak in Australia and part of the snow fields) is only a two hour drive away. The city is home to many of Australia's national cultural institutions and iconic buildings, all of which are located within easy reach of hotels. Canberra is an exciting place to visit and is home to a diverse and multicultural population of about 325,000 people. It is a vibrant, creative city and offers many attractions including national institutions, scenic outdoor areas, wineries, museums and art galleries.

To learn more about what Canberra has to offer, go to [www.visitcanberra.com.au](http://www.visitcanberra.com.au).

## Insurance

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that participants take out their own general travel insurance. It is suggested that the insurance policy cover loss of fees/deposit, airfares, accommodation charges, medical expenses, loss or damage to personal property and repatriation expenses. The HoneyNet Project and Conference Secretariat do not take responsibility for any delegate failing to insure.

## Privacy clause

In registering for this conference, relevant details will be incorporated into a delegate list for the benefit of all delegates (name, organisation and state only) and may be made available to parties directly related to the conference including Conference Logistics, venues and accommodation providers (for the purpose of room bookings and conference options) and key sponsors (subject to strict conditions).

## Visa

Under Australia's universal visa system, all visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival).

There are many visa options available to people wishing to visit Australia. The appropriate visa option will depend, amongst other things, on the person's purpose for visiting Australia.

To ensure you have the appropriate visa please read the following factsheets:

- [Business Fact Sheet: for guidance on the visa options that may be most suitable for you](#) (PDF).
- [Visa Application Requirements Fact Sheet: for information on visa application requirements](#) (PDF).

It is suggested that all visitors should apply for a visa at least two months prior to their intended date of departure, and four months prior for people with character or health concerns.

If you require assistance with your visa application please provide Conference Logistics with your passport details via email at [conference@conlog.com.au](mailto:conference@conlog.com.au), these details will then be provided to the International Event Coordinator Network (IECN) at the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. However you will need to make your own visa application through your nearest Australian Embassy.

## **Weather**

November is the wettest month in Canberra (64.5mm of rain on average). Expect fresh mornings and brisk nights, with average temperatures 9°C at night and 23°C during the day. Be prepared for the occasional thunderstorm.

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