



Robotic Telescopes, Student Research and Education Conference

The four separate events are conveniently located closely in topic, time and spirit in Melbourne, Australia in the week for the 5th to the 12th of December 2019. The four events are run by different groups and institutions in Melbourne. This was a conscious choice as each has their own unique approach and requirements for holding events of this nature. This does mean, however, that registration is separate for each event. This sheet helps you organise and register for the conferences. We provide links to the event registration sites as well as accommodation/transport suggestions for each event in chronological order.

Events registration cheatsheet

ART VISUALISATION and the COSMOS in education

Dates: Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th of December. 9am – 5pm both days
Host: Deakin University
Location: Deakin Downtown, tower 2 level 12/727 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3008, Australia - [click here](#)
Transportation: This venue is easily accessible using the Melbourne CBD tram network (or walking!)
Registration cost: General admission: \$100AUD per person. Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students: \$65AUD per person
Registration deadline: 8th of November
Abstract deadline: 6th of September
Catering: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea both days. There will be a social event with drinks and small foods on Friday 6th of December At Deakin Downtown.

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/art-visualisation-and-the-cosmos-in-education>

CONNECTING THE PUBLIC TO THE NIGHT SKY WORKSHOP

Dates: Saturday the 7th of December, 10am – 5pm with coffee from 9am.
Host: Mount Burnett Observatory
Location: Emerald Secondary College, 425 Belgrave - Gembrook Road, Emerald, VIC 3782 - [click here](#)
Transportation: This venue is in the [Dandenong Ranges](#) to the East of Melbourne. For those staying in the CBD, you can take a direct train (\$8.80 return) from Flinders Street to Belgrave Station where a private bus will take you to the school as well as return you to the station after the event. For those who might like to stay in the ranges for the weekend, we suggest a hire car.
Registration cost: \$60AUD per person
Registration deadline: No specific deadline, but early registrations are welcomed to help with catering purposes.
Catering: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

<https://mbo.org.au/event/connecting-the-public-to-the-night-sky-workshop/>



Dates: Sunday the 8th of December 5pm-> late, Welcoming Reception. Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th
Main Conference 9am-4pm. Monday and Tuesday afternoon social events. Conference dinner 6pm-8pm Wednesday evening.
Host: RTSRE / Our Solar Siblings
Location: University of Melbourne, David Caro Building, Parkville VIC 3010, Australia - [click here](#)
Transportation: This venue is easily accessible for those staying in the CBD by the tram network.
Registration cost: \$360AUD early registration, \$473AUD regular registration, \$100AUD Conference Dinner, smaller fees for the social events.
Registration deadline: Early registration – 7th of August, Full registration – 8th of November.
Abstract deadline: 4th of October
Catering: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/robotic-telescopes-student-research-and-education-conference-rtsre-tickets-56852810286>

EDUCATION AND STUDENT RESEARCH WITH TELESCOPES TEACHER WORKSHOP

Dates: Thursday the 12th of December, 10am – 5pm with coffee from 9am for the workshop. 5.00pm for pre dinner drinks.
For the dinner only, 6.30pm arrival for a 7.00pm start
Host: ELTHAM College
Location: ELTHAM College, D Davey Library Auditorium, 1660 Main Road, Research, Victoria 3095 - [click here](#)
Dinner at Swiper's Gully Winery across the road.
Transportation: This venue is in Eltham on the edge of the [Yarra Valley](#) to the North-East of Melbourne. For those staying in the CBD, you can take a direct train (\$8.80 return) from Flinders Street to Eltham Station where a private bus will take you to the school as well as return you to the station after the event.
Registration cost: \$35AUD per person for the workshop day, \$60AUD per person for the dinner.
Registration deadline: No specific deadline, but early registrations are welcomed to help with catering purposes.
Catering: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=525122&>
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=525150&>

ACCOMMODATION

Melbourne is a CBD (Central Business District) centralised city. By that we mean that: if you are in the CBD it is relatively easy to get most places by public transport, whereas if you are not, it can be a case of travelling to the CBD first before going where you need to go. There are many transit routes that travel radially out of the city in all compass directions. Even if you are travelling by car, there are interesting things in all compass directions from the CBD anyway. RTSRE itself and the Visualisation Conference are both in the CBD and the majority of the social events are intended for this area. The two events planned to be outside of the CBD are most easily accessed by starting from the CBD. Therefore, we recommend staying around the CBD area.

There are far too many accommodation choices in the CBD to even begin to summarise them. Hotels and accommodation options are very well regulated in Australia and, basically, you get what you pay for. We are happy to help you out directly with your choice via email if it is a little overwhelming, if you want the finest luxury suite you can find or if you want to save every last \$. You can actually save quite a lot of money if you have a larger group and want to hire a house 5-10 minutes train ride from the CBD. If you want advice just email us.

On the map [presented here](#), we suggest a general border within which to find accommodation. Within this region you will be swamped with public transit options, much of it free as the trams in the city area are free to travel on. At worst, the cost would be a few dollars a day. The big F represents Flinders Street station, which is where most public transit within Melbourne comes and goes from. The S represents Southern Cross station, this is where most public transit to and from regional (non-metropolitan) Victoria as well as the Airport comes and goes from.

ACCOMMODATION FOR LARGE GROUPS

For those who are travelling in a group of 4 or more, it could be very cost-effective to find a house with multiple bedrooms outside of the CBD. Most of the inner city suburbs, particularly to the North or East of the CBD are very good options. Particularly Richmond, West Richmond, North Richmond, Collingwood, North Melbourne, Clifton Hill and Westgarth are good options if you find a place within easy walk of the train station. Fitzroy, Fitzroy North and Carlton North are good locations that have good tram line access to the CBD.

Within this general red border, we break the city into three regions. North of the blue line, the city is largely medium-density single houses and post-industrial gentrified areas. Particularly on the Eastern side of the region near Brunswick Street and Smith Street you will find a wealth of restaurants, craft beer, craft wine bars, small art galleries and people eating smashed avocado on toast. It is probably around this region you might like to look for inner city Airbnb options.

The next region is south of the Green line, which largely follows the Yarra River. This area is called "Southbank". It is essentially the arts centre of the city, which is quite extensive as well as being close to the, also extensive, Royal Botanic Gardens. The reason that this is a suggested region is that it would be the quietest of the three regions but still in easy walking (and tram) distance of all the action in the CBD.

The middle region is the CBD itself. There are an infinite amount of accommodation options, alleyways, bars, restaurants, street art and... just about anything you can think of... and then you will find a secret alleyway with much more. It is where most of the social events for the conference will be held. It is also the easiest region to travel to those co-located events that are outside of the city centre. Staying somewhere within a comfortable walk to Flinders Street Station will serve you well if you are staying in this region. The only drawback is it is the very centre of the city so can be quite busy... but that can also be an attraction!

