

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia 53rd Annual Federal Conference

'Bridging the Divide'

Wednesday 24th – Thursday 25th July 2024 Doltone House – Hyde Park, Sydney



Dear Members and Guests

Federal Council invites you to the 53rd Annual Federal Conference of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia. The Conference this year will held in bustling Sydney at the glamourous Doltone House a stone throw away from all the sights on offer around the harbour.

AGM:

The AGM will be conducted at Doltone House at 8:00am Thursday 25th July 2024, the second day of conference will follow at approximately 9.30am.

Conference Venue:

Doltone House Ballroom 181 Elizabeth St, Hyde Park

Accommodation:

Sydney has multiple options for accommodation and with conference being in the inner city, getting around is made very easy with public transport.

Here are some options;

Pullman's Hyde Park

Details, rates, links https://www.idem.events/r/icpa-accommodation-pullman-sydney-hyde-park-8e33611a
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Classic Room - Double \$279 Classic Room - King Bed \$279

Other forms of accommodation in a close proximity of Doltone House are:

Rydges World Square Hotel – 750m (Approximately \$270 to \$320 a night subject to availability)

Hyde Park Inn – 450m (approximately \$250 a night subject to availability)

Meriton Suites – 750m (approximately \$350 - \$450 for a 2-3 bedroom suite a night)

Oaks Hyde Park Suites - 600m (approximately \$210 a night subject to availability)

Plus a myriad of other options within reasonable walking distance with a quick google search.

Transport:

The fastest mode of transport: Sydney Airport – Museum Station (if staying at Hyde Park Pullman's)

Sydney Airport is located just 13 minutes by train from the city. Airport Link offers a fast and convenient way to reach the city and suburbs, with trains running approximately every 10 minutes. To use this service, you can either purchase an Opal Card from the station or WH Smith, or tap on with your Amex, Visa or Mastercard.

When you get off at Museum, the hotel is on the other side of Hyde Park



If you prefer to use an uber or taxi, an approximate cost of the fare will be around \$50 - \$60. If possible, share a fare with another conference goer to be cost efficient.

Partners Tours:

Our significant others have not been forgotten with partners tours will commence after morning tea Wednesday and Thursday from Doltone House Hyde Park.

Up front Costs: morning tea.

We will be conducting 2 tours (costs to be covered by individual)

First Day: walking tour of Sydney (Historical Pub lunch)

Second Day: Ferry over to Manly

Registration Check-in:

Registrations will be held in conjunction with our pre-conference function and will be located at Doltone House from approximately 5pm Tuesday 23rd July 2024.

Conference bags will be prepared and distributed at this function.

Pre-Conference function:

Pre-Conference Welcome event will be held at the very glamourous Doltone House in the iconic area of Hyde Park and within a stone throw from Pitt St Shopping. Doltone House is well known for its spectacular bespoke interiors and second to none catering. Conference goers will be surrounded by beauty, including the beautiful Hyde Park, Sydney Museum and many other tourist hotspots within walking distance of our venue.

Conference Dinner:

Conference dinner will be a prestigious event being held at the NSW Parliament House in the Strangers Room. You can't help but to wonder about the conversations our government leaders may have had in this room! A beautiful building to admire and full garden views from the restaurant, you will forget you are in the middle of busy Sydney. Who knows who we might see in the corridors!!!

Parliament House has a long history of playing host to a high calibre of esteemed guest, including Heads of State, World Leaders, Consul Generals, Ambassadors, Hollywood stars and British Royalty. Among the famous names include <u>King Charles III</u>, the late <u>Queen Elizabeth II</u>, the late <u>Diana, Princess of Wales, Prince Edward, Duke of Wessex</u>, his <u>Holiness the Dalai Lama</u> and Actress <u>Audrey Hepburn</u>.

Strangers Room catering is world class and we look forward to see what they prepare for us!

The theme for our conference dinner is 'Glitz, Glamour & Sequins'

We would love to see everyone in their sparkle outfits, whether it be sequins, shiny, beaded, glitter anything that makes us shine!

To view information about 'Strangers Room' please click the following link: https://parliamentarycatering.com.au/venue/strangers-function-room-lounge/

Post Conference Function:

Post Conference function will be held at the Glenmore Hotel, a more casual feel that our conference dinner, but wow, the views make up for the relaxed feeling. —

Located in the very trendy 'The Rocks' in the Glenmore Rooftop space with views to the harbour bridge and has been described as 'old world charm meets the buzz of modern Sydney'

A fantastic space to wind down after a insightful conference, debrief and catch up with ICPA members and stakeholders with the ambiance of the Sydney sunset.

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