



**SYDNEY CONVENTION  
AND VISITORS BUREAU**

**The City of Sydney**

and the

**OSGeo Aust-NZ Chapter**

Express interest for



**Free and Open Source Software for  
Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference**

to come to

**Sydney, Australia  
2009**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- The OSGeo Aust-NZ Chapter welcomes the opportunity to bid for the FOSS4G Conference 2009. Our bid has the **full support** of the Sydney Convention and Visitors Bureau and its partners the New South Wales Government; the City of Sydney and the city's business tourism industry.
- Open Source Geospatial Software deployment is reaching a critical mass whereby it is beginning to get market recognition as a viable business solution by early adopters in Australia and an **FOSS4G 2009** conference would only enhance this recognition
- Asian uptake of Geospatial Open Source has started in specific areas, but has not progressed as fast as in other regions. Australia is uniquely placed as a bridge between the west and Australasian region. A Sydney **FOSS4G 2009** conference will be well placed to jump start the entire Asian region into the OSGeo fold.
- **FOSS4G 2009** will provide a platform for local developers and solution providers to highlight the commercial support for GeoFOSS in the region.
- **FOSS4G 2009** will raise awareness of the extent of use of GeoFOSS within Regional Governments.
- **FOSS4G 2009** in Australia would increase the global reach and understanding of the organisation and its mission.
- **FOSS4G 2009** will assist in the promotion of OSGeo as the community hub for GeoFOSS practitioners within Australia and the Asia Pacific Region.
- Proposed conference committee for **FOSS4G 2009**:
  - Cameron Shorter - OSGeo charter member, OSM PSC member:
  - Tim Bowden
  - Chris Tweedie
- The proposed venue for **FOSS4G 2009** conference is the University of New South Wales. This facility is situated in a central location and is within 20 minutes of city centre with shops, restaurants, museums and parks.
- Sydney, one of the world's most highly awarded cities, is the **gateway to Australia and is accessible to all delegates** with 44 passenger airlines flying into Sydney International Airport and over 600 flights arriving per week.

- **Sydney is an extremely cost-effective city.** A stay in Sydney costs significantly less than an average stay in Hong Kong, London, Paris or Vancouver.<sup>1</sup>
- Sydney and Australia's high desirability as a destination, will assist in **attracting more delegates** to the FOSS4G Conference 2009. In many cases Sydney draws larger attendance levels than previously staged conferences.
- The **internationally competitive rates and excellent range of accommodation** in Sydney provides a variety of choice to suit all delegates. The entire Sydney region has over 32,500 hotel, motel rooms and serviced apartments. The average cost of a night's stay in a Sydney hotel is approximately \$AUD123 per room.<sup>2</sup>
- The Sydney Convention and Visitors Bureau, is the most successful bureau in Australia with a win rate for international conferences of over 70%.
- Sydney has **leisure opportunities to satisfy and delight everyone.** Many wonderful pre and post touring destinations are less than three hours fly or drive from Sydney. For example, the spectacular Great Barrier Reef; sunny tropical islands and the wineries of the Hunter Valley.

**We believe Sydney will exceed all expectations for a memorable Conference and look forward to the opportunity to welcome FOSS4G Conference to Sydney, Australia in 2009**

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<sup>1</sup> Runzheimer International, 2006

<sup>2</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Tourism Data, June 2004.

## SECTION ONE

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## CONFERENCE VENUES

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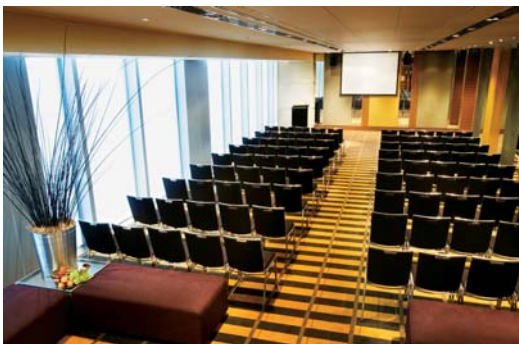
Sydney offers the FOSS4G Conference a wide choice of venues, including purpose built conference centres, university venues and hotels to unique venues.

### **SYDNEY CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, DARLING HARBOUR**

The award-winning Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre (The Centre), Darling Harbour is conveniently located in the heart of Sydney amongst a spectacular harbour setting. The Centre's multi-million dollar state-of-the-art technical equipment enables the staging of top level conferences and events, covering all aspects of event production, design and management.



### **SYDNEY HOTELS**



Sydney's hotels provide the highest standard in facilities and service. The hotel industry has developed an enviable reputation through its vast experience in organising meetings and functions. Sydney is represented by most of the internationally known hotel groups and its 4-5 star properties rival the best in the world.

### **SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK**

Sydney Olympic Park is a premier multi purpose event precinct, equipped to handle events up to 80,000. The precinct includes multipurpose venues, on site accommodation, restaurants, open spaces and activities that draw the local community and visitors to the area.



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## UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES – CAMPUS CONFERENCING



Located in the beautiful eastern suburbs of Sydney, Australia, the University of New South Wales offers the best of both worlds - whilst only minutes from stunning beaches, cosmopolitan cafes and quality accommodation. Access is easy and convenient with close proximity to the airport, city centre, public transport and ample parking. Reputation undoubtedly plays a role

when selecting a venue. Campus Conferencing, UNSW, has recently been acclaimed as one of *"the state's top meeting spots"*, and for good reason.

Spacious, modern architecture, exquisite catering and extensive sound, lighting and audio-visual systems are just some of the outstanding features of the venues. Complemented by helpful, experienced venue and technical staff, the University of New South Wales are able to facilitate the most professional of presentations, no matter how large or small. There is a wide range of accommodation in close proximity to the University of New South Wales and their venues.

## SECTION TWO

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# DESTINATION SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

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## 2.1 INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built around the attractions of a working harbour, Sydney is the thriving capital of New South Wales (Australia's most populated state).



Sydney has received many accolades for its expertise and professionalism in conference delivery. Reinforcing the city's growing reputation as a leading meeting and conference destination, Sydney was recently named the **"World's Best City"** for a record 11th time<sup>3</sup>. Sydney has also been given titles including **"World's Favourite City"**<sup>4</sup> and **"World's Friendliest City"**<sup>5</sup>

Sydney's international appeal has been strongly reinforced by the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Rugby World Cup in 2003. The global media coverage of these events generated enormous 'visibility' for Sydney.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge was voted "Favourite Icon", being found to be more popular than the Egyptian pyramids and the Grand Canyon.<sup>6</sup>

Australia has been recently named "Favourite Country in the World"<sup>7</sup> and the first choice among 25 countries for investment, immigration, tourism and people<sup>8</sup>. Australia is a politically, socially and economically stable country and is recognised as having the lowest risk of political instability in the Asia Pacific and the third lowest risk in the world<sup>9</sup>.

As a result of this international recognition, Sydney maximises delegate attendance, as many will choose to combine their visit with a holiday.

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<sup>3</sup> US Edition of Condé Nast Traveler Magazine, 2006

<sup>4</sup> Travel and Leisure Magazine, USA, 2005

<sup>5</sup> Voted by UK readers of The Sunday Times, 2003

<sup>6</sup> As reported by the UK's largest travel agency group, Trailfinders, 2003

<sup>7</sup> European Edition of Condé Nast Traveller Magazine, 2004

<sup>8</sup> Sydney Morning Herald, 2005

<sup>9</sup> World Competitive Yearbook Survey, 2004

## 2.2 ACCESS

Sydney is easily accessible to all delegates with 44 passenger airlines flying into Sydney International Airport totalling over 600 flights arriving per week<sup>10</sup>. Delegates from Asia, Europe, Africa, North America and South America can fly direct to Sydney. Flying from Los Angeles it takes half as much time to reach Sydney than Capetown, and approximately the same time it takes to fly to Hong Kong or Rome.

Major international airlines operate direct or one stop services from major hub cities including Bangkok, Singapore, London, Los Angeles, New York, Johannesburg and Santiago. Please refer to the following pages for a list of all cities served by non-stop and direct (includes re-fuelling stop with no change of flight) flights into Sydney International Airport.



<sup>10</sup> Official Airline Guide, DOME 2005

### INTERNATIONAL NON-STOP FLIGHTS

CITY	TOTAL WEEKLY ARRIVALS
Auckland	91
Bandar Seri Begawan	3
Bangkok	39
Christchurch	39
Denpasar Bali	7
Dubai	7
Guangzhou	5
Ho Chi Minh City	3
Hong Kong	40
Honolulu	14
Jakarta	4
Johannesburg	4
Kuala Lumpur	20
Los Angeles	23
Mumbai	3
Nadi	7
Norfolk Island	3
Noumea	7
Nuku'alofa	2
Port Vila	5
Queenstown	1
San Francisco	7
Seoul	14
Shanghai	12
Singapore	49
Suva	2
Taipei	7
Tokyo	14
Wellington	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>464</b>

### INTERNATIONAL DIRECT FLIGHTS

CITY	TOTAL WEEKLY ARRIVALS
Apia	2
Auckland	4
Bahrain	7
Beijing	7
Buenos Aires	4
Chicago	6
Denpasar Bali	4
Dubai	7
Frankfurt	7
Guangzhou	4
Hanoi	3
London	44
Los Angeles	7
Manila	7
Mauritius	1
Nagoya	4
New York	10
Osaka	7
Port Moresby	2
Santiago	4
Seattle	4
Shanghai	3
Shenyang	5
Singapore	8
Tokyo	6
Vancouver	7
Vienna	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

*Official Airline Guide, DOME May 2005*



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## 2.3 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Sydney Airport has maintained its status as one of the world's best airports by being ranked 10th in the latest survey of international airports<sup>11</sup>.

Sydney's city centre is only 8 kilometres/5 miles from the airport, making it one of the closest airports to the city compared to other international and Australian cities (see below table). This means that travel time for delegates is kept to a minimum, as is the cost of transferring delegates from the airport to hotels.

The cost of a taxi fare is at approximately 25 AUD (\$21.50USD/€16 Euro). Buses depart the airport every 15 minutes en route to various city hotels and cost approximately 9 AUD (\$8 USD/€6 Euro) per person. Delegates can also take a direct rail link from the airport to the city centre in 13 minutes.

Airport	Distance to CBD
Sydney	8km
Honolulu	10km
London	10km
Vancouver	15km
Durban	16km
Singapore	20km
Santiago de Chile	21km
Paris	23km
Bangkok	24km
Toronto	27km
Los Angeles	27km
Hong Kong	34km
Buenos Aires	51km
Kuala Lumpur	55km

*Source: Official Airline Guide, 2006*

<sup>11</sup> Skytrax World Airport Awards, 2005 [World's largest independent airport passenger survey]

## 2.4 TRAVEL AUTHORITIES AND VISAS

Australia's Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system is the world's most advanced and streamlined travel authorisation system. The ETA is an electronically-stored authority for travel to Australia for a short-term tourist or business entry. It replaces the visa label or stamp in a passport and removes the need for application forms. ETAs are issued within seconds of being requested either via the Internet or through computer links between the Australian Immigration Department, travel agents, airlines and specialist service providers around the world. Over 30 countries around the world have access to the free ETA system.

### *ETA Countries*

Europe		Asia
Andorra	Luxembourg	Brunei
Austria	Malta	Hong Kong
Belgium	Monaco	Japan
Denmark	The Netherlands	Malaysia
Finland	Norway	Singapore
France	Portugal	South Korea
Germany	Spain	Taiwan*
Greece	Sweden	
Iceland	Switzerland	
Ireland	UK **	
Italy	Vatican City	
Liechtenstein		
		North America
		Canada
		USA

\* Holders of Taiwan passports can only be processed for an ETA if resident in and applying in Taiwan.

\*\* Holders of UK passports which indicate their nationality to be British National (Overseas) can only be processed for an ETA if resident in and applying in Hong Kong.

For conference delegates from non-ETA countries, the appropriate visa is a Business (Short Stay) visa, even if some tourism activities are planned for part of the stay in Australia. It is called a 456 visa if it is issued as a label into a passport.

Business/Conference Visitors	Cost
<b>Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)</b> <i>Single entry up to 3 months</i>	\$0
<b>Business (Short Stay) Visa</b> <i>Up to 3 months</i>	\$AU65/\$US45

Australia's Department of Immigration has a service available to assist people organising meetings with obtaining visa information and assisting with visa problems. This service is free and is called the International Event Coordinator Network<sup>12</sup>. Please refer to the Conference Support section of this document for further information.

<sup>12</sup> Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs: [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## 2.5 EXPERIENCE AND ACCOLADES

Sydney's experience in planning and managing international conferences and its comprehensive meetings infrastructure, has earned it the status of a leading conference destination.

***"The President of the International Council of Ophthalmology ... stated publicly that Sydney 2002 was the best ever International Congress of Ophthalmology"***

Dr Frank Martin, Secretary General, International Congress of Ophthalmology 2002

**Sydney is currently ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the world for the number of international conventions held in the city**

**(International Congress and Convention Association, May 2006)**

**Sydney is currently ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the Asia Pacific for the number of international conventions held in the city**

**(International Congress and Convention Association, October 2005)**

**Sydney is currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the world for the number of future confirmed international conventions to be held in the city**

**(International Congress and Convention Association, October 2005)**

**Sydney has been ranked the World's Best City for a record nine times.**

**(Conde Nast Traveller Magazine, 2006)**

This ranking is based on a survey of 400,000 readers. Cities are evaluated on ambience, friendliness, culture/sights, restaurants, lodging and shopping.

**Sydney is currently ranked the 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite overseas city**

**(Guardian and Observer Travel Awards, UK 2005)**

This ranking is based on a survey of 22,000 readers,

**The Sydney Harbour Bridge was voted "Favourite Icon"**

**(Trailfinders, 2005)**

The Harbour Bridge was found to be more popular than the Egyptian pyramids and the Grand Canyon. As reported by the UK's largest travel agency group, Trailfinders.

**The Sydney Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) has been voted the best Convention Bureau 2004, 2005 and 2006**

**(National awards of Meetings and Events Australia)**

## SYDNEY ATTRACTS DELEGATES

Research shows that Australia is the number one preferred destination of potential travellers from China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, the United States and England<sup>13</sup>. This destination appeal, along with Sydney's world renowned meetings infrastructure and professional industry expertise means that OSGeo can be confident that the FOSS4G Conference, when held in Sydney, will attract a large number of participants. Sydney has been host to many conferences, and has many conferences contracted for the future. Please refer to the table below for a sample of these events, all held at the Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Event Name	Year	Delegates
7th World Congress for Microcirculation	2001	1000
Conference of the International Lactation Consultants Association	2003	900
International Conference of the Institute of Internal Auditors 2004	2004	1500
Danks National Conference	2005	1000
Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry	2005	800
13th International Heat Transfer Conference	2006	1000
International Congress of Neuropsychiatry	2006	800
World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association	2009	1000

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<sup>13</sup> Tourism Australia, Market Insights Tourism Facts, 2004



## 2.6 ASIA PACIFIC CITY

Sydney is the second largest financial centre in the Asia Pacific and is host to over 470 regional headquarters of global companies.<sup>14</sup>

Sydney and NSW are strategically positioned with excellent access to Asia Pacific countries. Sydney is the first major financial centre to open for trading each day, spanning the closing of the US business day and the opening of the European market.<sup>15</sup>

Sydney and Australia are proven to attract visitors and delegates from the Asia Pacific Region. More than half the international visitors to Sydney originate from Asia. With such a high proportion of visitors from Asia, it is not surprising that four of the top five languages spoken in Sydney are Asian with almost one-in-six (16.4%) of the residential population proficient in them.<sup>16</sup>

Recent visitor arrivals note that in the last twelve months 1.7 million people from Southeast and Northeast Asian countries travelled to Sydney<sup>17</sup>. These figures increased by as much as 23 per cent compared to the previous year, with an increase of visitors from Singapore, India, Korea, China and Hong Kong.

In 1999 Approved Destination Status (ADS) was extended to Australia by the Government of China. Australia was the first Western destination to be granted ADS, which in turn allowed Australia to be promoted in China as a leisure holiday destination.



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<sup>14</sup> NSW Department of State and Regional Development, 2004

<sup>15</sup> NSW Department of State and Regional Development, 2004

<sup>16</sup> City of Sydney Media Centre, 2006

<sup>17</sup> Tourism Australia C/o Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, 2005.

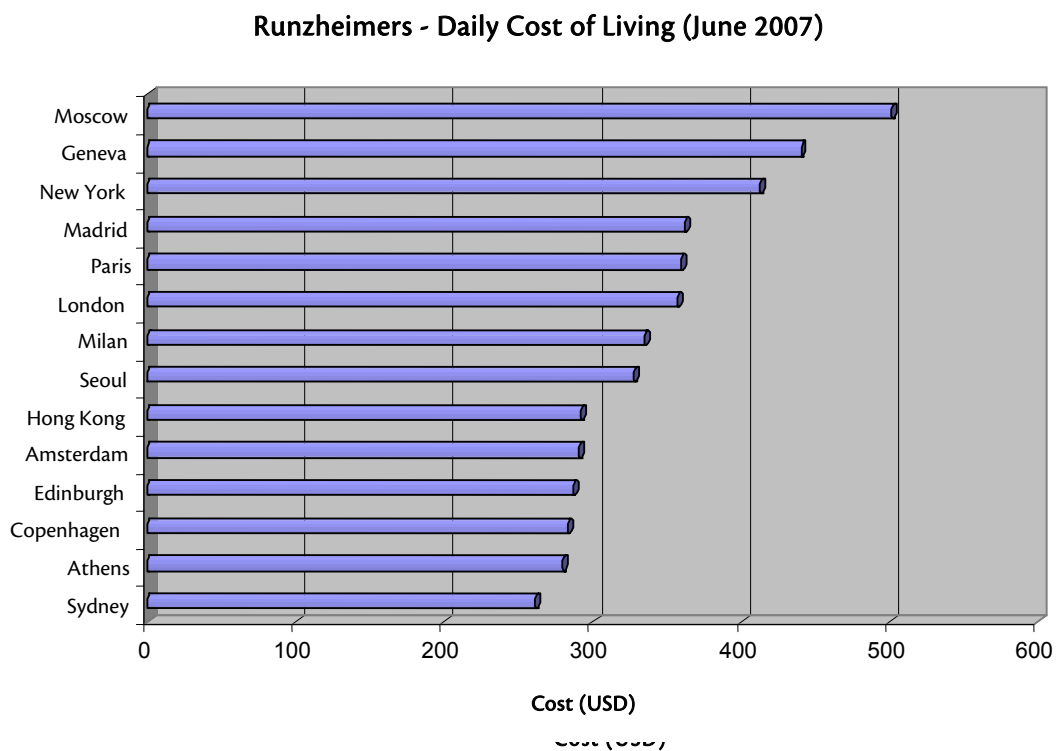


## 2.7 VALUE

Sydney is an affordable city, and ranks favourably in daily travel cost comparisons with other international conference destinations.

According to a study conducted by *Runzheimer International (2006)* of the costs of lodging and meals in the world's cities, visitors to Sydney pay significantly less than they would for an average stay in London, Hong Kong, Paris or New York.

The "Average Value (USD)" is the total cost of three business class meals plus single rack lodging per day in each city.



## 2.8 AFFORDABLE CITY

Sydney has a significantly affordable cost of living in comparison to many other international cities<sup>18</sup>. The table below compares the different prices across a range of common goods and services in various major cities.

CITY	BIG MAC (AUD)	BIG MAC (USD)	PREMIUM TICKET TO LION KING MUSICAL (AUD)	PREMIUM TICKET TO LION KING MUSICAL (USD)	ONE STOP METRO RAILWAY (AUD)	ONE STOP METRO RAILWAY (USD)
Sydney	3.25	2.47	99.70	75.71	2.20	1.67
New York	4.18	3.17	140.13	106.42	2.80	2.13
Tokyo	3.36	2.55	N/A	N/A	2.04	1.55
London	4.85	3.68	120.29	91.35	5.06	3.84
Frankfurt	4.72	3.58	204.79	155.56	2.62	1.99

<sup>18</sup> State Chamber of Commerce 2004-2005

## 2.9 LOCAL TRANSPORT

Sydney has an extensive, easy to use, public transport system, which includes harbour ferries, jet-powered catamarans, a monorail and city and suburban rail and bus systems. It is for this reason that over 70% of people accessing the city use public transport.<sup>19</sup> Private services are also available and include chauffeured limousines and rental cars, taxis and water taxis. There is a wide range of easy to use ticket options which make travelling around the city cost effective and efficient.

**Metro Monorail:** The monorail operates above the city's streets, providing delegates with a scenic loop and convenient transfer to/from Darling Harbour and the Central Business District. Eight stations are located along the 15-minute circuit, frequenting each station every 3-5 minutes. A **Convention Pass**, at a discounted rate, is available for conference delegates.



**Metro Light Rail:** The light rail system provides a 15 minute circuit around the city from Central Railway Station to Chinatown, Darling Harbour and Pyrmont. Regular services operate from ten stations every 8-11 minutes.

**Trains:** Sydney's railway network covers the entire metropolitan district. The New South Wales rail network is one of the world's most complex. The 10 kilometre (6.25 mile) underground *Southern Railway* links the airport to the city in 13 minutes.

**Buses:** Sydney has an extensive bus network covering areas not serviced by trains. It is efficient, cost effective and easy to follow.

**Ferries:** Sydney's ferries can transfer delegates from Circular Quay or harbour-side locations to Darling Harbour in under 15 minutes.



<sup>19</sup> State Chamber of Commerce, 2005

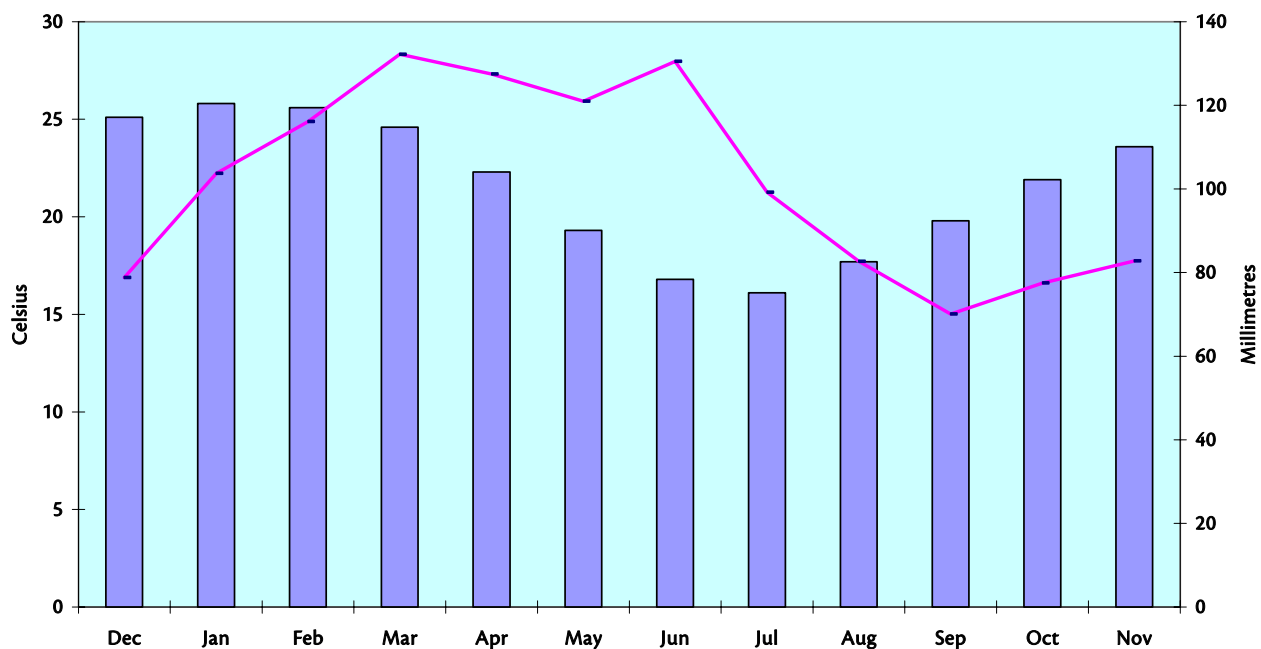
## 2.10 CLIMATE

Sydney experiences year round temperate climate. Sydney experiences four distinct seasons with summer running from December to February and winter extending from June to August. Sydney's subtropical climate gives average temperatures ranging from 16°C in the winter months to 26°C in summer.

Sydney boasts an enviable outdoor lifestyle because of its sunny weather, with 6 out of 10 days being rain free.

	SUMMER			AUTUMN			WINTER			SPRING		
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
<b>Average Daily Maximum Temperature</b>												
°C	25.1	25.8	25.7	24.7	22.4	19.3	16.9	16.2	17.7	19.9	22.0	23.6
°F	77.2	78.4	78.3	76.5	72.3	66.7	62.4	61.2	63.6	67.8	71.6	74.5
<b>Average Daily Minimum Temperature</b>												
°C	17.5	18.6	18.7	17.5	14.7	11.5	9.2	8.0	8.9	11.0	13.5	15.5
°F	63.5	65.5	65.7	63.5	58.5	52.7	48.7	46.4	48.0	51.8	56.3	59.9

Sydney's Average Temperature and Rainfall



(Source, Australian Bureau of

Celsius — Millimetres

Meteorology, 2005)



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## 2.11 SYDNEY'S VOLUNTEERS

Sydney has approximately 2,000 volunteers from a broad range of backgrounds.<sup>20</sup> These volunteers can be utilised during conventions, meetings, incentives and events to provide delegates with additional access to local residents, and the “real” Australian experience.

A small administrative fee may be applicable to Volunteering New South Wales for this service. This extensive volunteer pool was developed and expanded during Sydney's Olympic Games in 2000 and consequently Sydney now boasts volunteers who are eager to assist in events and activities in which they can showcase their city - Sydney.



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<sup>20</sup> Volunteering New South Wales, May 2004

## 2.12 LIFESTYLE

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Sydney is a highly multicultural society, with more than 160 ethnic communities live harmoniously in the city<sup>21</sup>. Approximately one third of Sydney's residents were born overseas – the seventh highest percentage of any other city in the world.<sup>22</sup> This multicultural quality influences the cities restaurants, entertainment and lifestyle.

One in five Australians speaks a language in addition to the country's official language, English.<sup>23</sup> Australian society is very accepting of other cultures. This attitude is reinforced by the Australian Government's extensive programs that promote public acceptance of diversity and multiculturalism. The 82 ethnic newspapers and Australia's Special Broadcasting Service radio and television network write and broadcast in many different languages. Sydney also offers places of worship for a diverse range of religions.

### DINING IN SYDNEY

With a multitude of cultural influences, eating out is one of Sydney's great delights. Sydney's good food reputation is spreading internationally with the city being named the "best place on earth to eat"<sup>24</sup>.

Sydney's restaurant scene reflects its enormously rich and diverse range of cultures and cuisines, from Indian and Asian to Middle Eastern and Mediterranean, and not forgetting Australia's own unique seafood dishes. Some of Sydney's fabulous dining areas include The Rocks, for fine dining restaurants in historic buildings, and Darling Harbour for seafood with Harbour views. Just beyond the Central Business District, Double Bay and Kings Cross offer a multitude of cafes, with fashionable nearby Paddington showcasing young chefs in some of the best pub restaurants. The famous Bondi Beach and Manly Beach excel in relaxed seaside dining, while the city-fringe areas of Glebe, Newtown, Leichhardt and Balmain present an extensive range of inexpensive restaurants including Asian, French, German, Italian and Australian cuisine.



### FRIENDLINESS

Sydneysiders are known for a lifestyle that reflects the perfect balance of work and leisure. The locals value the natural attractions and weather and, as a result, much of their leisure time is spent outdoors. 'Sydneysiders' even have access to more than 70 beaches spread along the city's coastline. Visitors, too, can enjoy this relaxed, healthy and inexpensive lifestyle.

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<sup>21</sup> Department of Immigration, 2005

<sup>22</sup> State Chamber of Commerce, 2005

<sup>23</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2003 Census

<sup>24</sup> Los Angeles Times, 2005

## 2.13 DELEGATE SAFETY

Australia is a politically, socially and economically stable country and is ranked as one of the countries with the lowest risk of political instability in the world.<sup>25</sup> Delegates can rest assured that when they come to Sydney, they are visiting both a safe tourist destination<sup>26</sup> and a city considered very safe by its residents.<sup>27</sup>

This high level of safety that Sydney enjoys means that delegates can explore the city in comfort and with minimal concern. Sydney understands that the safety and security of participants is a vital component to the success of an international conference.



Sydney is a safe and vibrant place to live, work, visit and do business. In a recent international “Quality of Life Survey”, **Sydney was ranked as the safest Australian city**, and equal eighth with Auckland in New Zealand.<sup>28</sup>

The City of Sydney is committed to ensuring that the city is a safe environment for all individuals. This commitment is demonstrated by the Safe City Strategy, a partnership between Sydney police and other city stakeholders which aims to address crime, anti-social behaviour and personal safety issues in Sydney<sup>29</sup> By all accounts, the level of crime against tourists in Sydney is very low in comparison to many other major cities<sup>30</sup>.

Safety initiatives that have been developed include:

- More visible and frequent police patrols
- A network of street safety cameras to monitor crime 24 hours a day
- Planning controls to achieve safe urban design in the city
- Improved street lighting in excess of the Australian standard to deter crime and increase natural surveillance

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<sup>25</sup> World Competitive Yearbook Survey 2004

<sup>26</sup> NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research survey 1999

<sup>27</sup> NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics, 2001 - from a sample of 1800 Sydney workers

<sup>28</sup> Mercer Human Resource Consulting, 2005

<sup>29</sup> City Of Sydney, 2005

<sup>30</sup> Safe City Strategy, 2001



## 2.14 SPECIAL EVENT VENUES

Sydney offers an increasing number of new, unique and boutique venues with growing meetings infrastructure for conferences and events. The range of venues available in Sydney will satisfy the needs of event planners world-wide. For conference dinners or gala functions, Sydney offers an exciting and unique range of specialty venues:

- The Sydney Opera House – an Australian icon – can host formal and informal functions in a breathtaking location.
- Dine on delicious seafood while cruising on the Harbour.
- Enjoy an evening with breathtaking panoramic views of the harbour and the Sydney skyline from a Sydney Tower revolving restaurant.
- Arrive in style at Sydney's historic Town Hall.
- Treat delegates to a unique experience by holding a gala event within a carnival by the Harbour at Luna Park.



Sydney Harbour Cruise



Sydney Town Hall



360 Bar and Dining – Sydney Tower



Luna Park Sydney



## 2.15 ACCOMMODATION

Sydney offers conveniently located accommodation (please refer to the map on page XX) at highly competitive rates by world standards. Delegates can select from a full range of accommodation, from budget to five star, from apartments to boutique hotels or major international hotel chains. Please refer to Appendix XX for a sample of hotels available in Sydney.

Sydney has approximately 32,500 hotel and motel rooms, and serviced apartments. The average rate of a hotel room in Sydney is 123 AUD (X USD/X Euro) per room<sup>31</sup>. The following table outlines the supply of hotel rooms including serviced apartments in the Central Business District (CBD) and close surrounds of Sydney in 2005.

STAR RATING	NUMBER OF ROOMS	AVERAGE COST PER NIGHT (AUD)
5 star	7,498	\$219
4 star	15,368	\$149
3 star	7,703	\$107
2 star	1,231	\$72
Budget accommodation	757	\$67
Total	32,557	

Sydney is represented by most of the internationally known hotel groups and its 4-5 star properties rival the best in the world.

Sydney's serviced apartments provide a convenient cost-efficient option for delegates travelling with family members or colleagues. Whilst still providing all the housekeeping and room service conveniences of a serviced hotel, these one, two or three bedroom apartments feature home comforts such as self-contained kitchens and laundries, and additional bathrooms.



In addition to the above table, university housing is also available (subject to the time of year), as are youth hostels.

<sup>31</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Tourism Data, September 2005.

## SECTION THREE

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### TOURING SYDNEY AND AUSTRALIA



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### 3.1 SYDNEY DAY TOURING PROGRAMS

The FOSS4G Conference when held in Sydney, will have access to the city's world class and award winning tourist attractions and local experiences to create an exciting and memorable leisure program. The success of an event's social and partners programs will contribute greatly to the overall success of the conference. Please refer to Appendix X for travel and visitor information. Sydney is home to many of the top tourist attractions and activities in Australia, including the Sydney Opera House; Darling Harbour; the Historic Rocks area; The Sydney Harbour Bridge; and our Famous Beaches.

#### Sydney Activities at a Glance

These activities can be included in partners programs or as conference tour options.

1. Sail Sydney Harbour
2. Visit the famous Sydney Opera House
3. Climb Sydney Harbour Bridge
4. Visit the Sydney Olympic site
5. Hit the big time at Star City – Sydney's Casino
6. Shop in the historic Rocks precinct
7. Visit Sydney Tower and experience Skywalk
8. Experience Sydney's Shopping
9. Enjoy Sydney's dining out culture
10. Splash out at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach
11. Relax in the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens
12. Take a Day Trip to Regional NSW
13. Go for a bicycle ride or rollerblade in Centennial Park
14. Tee off at one of Sydney's championship golf courses



Following are a selection of day touring options for Conference delegates and their partners.

### **VISIT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE**

Perform on stage with musicians from the symphony orchestra in the main concert hall or take a backstage tour of the Sydney Opera House for a special behind-the-scenes look at intricate sets and lavish costumes for some of the season's greatest shows. Delegates even get the opportunity to stand, baton in hand, to conduct the orchestra, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



### **CLIMB SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE**



Sydney Harbour Bridge is one of Australia's most well known and photographed landmarks. It is the world's largest steel arch bridge with the top of the bridge standing 134 metres above the harbour. Delegates can climb this world famous icon. A professional team will take you on an exhilarating climb all the way to the top! Climbs leave every 15 minutes, and for an extra thrill, you can climb at Sunset - a truly spectacular way to end the day.

### **SYDNEY CITY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR**

Duration: 3 hours and 30 minutes

Explore the vibrancy and style of cosmopolitan Sydney, one of the world's most beautiful harbour cities. Discover colonial buildings and cobbled lanes in The Rocks. Enjoy views of the Harbour Bridge and Opera House from Mrs Macquarie's Chair, a waterfront seat carved into the rock for the wife of visionary colonial governor, Lachlan Macquarie. Travel through Sydney's fashionable eastern suburbs, renowned for their elegant homes and harbour vistas, on the way to world-famous Bondi Beach – a haven for surfers and sun lovers.



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## **SYDNEY HARBOUR COFFEE CRUISE**

Duration: 2 hours and 20 minutes

Sail by Sydney's most famous landmarks including the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Fort Denison. Also includes upper reaches of Middle Harbour with natural bushland, harbour beaches and marinas. Includes light morning/afternoon tea and commentary.

## **AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE DISCOVERY**



Duration: 4 hours

Walk through a spacious, open koala enclosure and discover why the cuddly koala is one of the most unique and loved native Australian animals. Be photographed with a koala and hand feed the free-roaming kangaroos. Meet other native animals including emus, wallabies, wombats and echidnas – at one of Sydney's premier wildlife parks.

## **EXPLORE SYDNEY'S BEACHES – BRONTE TO BONDI WALK**

Duration: 4 hours

No trip to Sydney is complete without a visit to the famous Bondi beach. Accompanied by a local guide, enjoy an easy coastal walk along the Bondi to Bronte path, taking in the spectacular views of beaches, parks and aboriginal carvings. Visit a surf lifesaving museum and hear tales of heroic rescues by Bondi's own Lifesavers. Enjoy lunch in a local café and discover why Bondi was once considered the "Playground of the Pacific".

## **EXPLORE MANLY BEACH**

Duration: 4 hours

Experience the Australian beach lifestyle at Manly – Australia's first seaside resort. Surrounded by National Park, the ocean and Sydney Harbour, Manly is the perfect place to relax and unwind. Take a walk down the famous pedestrian walkway known as 'The Corso' and marvel at the huge Norfolk Pines lining the beach. Enjoy a casual lunch before catching the scenic ferry trip back to Circular Quay and the city.



## ABORIGINAL INSIGHTS - BOTANIC GARDENS & ART GALLERY



Duration: 4 hours

Experience the world's oldest living culture on a guided walking tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens, where the original inhabitants of Sydney gathered plants, seeds and roots for food and medicine. Discover how Aborigines produced a honey drink from the Banksia, roasted seeds from the Moreton Bay Chestnut and made fishing line from the bark of the Bolwarra tree. Learn about the Dreamtime in this excellent permanent collection celebrating the diversity of indigenous arts in Australia.

## SYDNEY SEAFOOD SCHOOL

Duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Sydney Seafood School is undoubtedly the finest seafood cooking facility in Australia. This fun, hands-on class features all aspects of seafood cookery and handling, plus the chance to make a delicious seafood dish. The School is located at Sydney Fish Market – an authentic fisherman's market on Blackwattle Bay – providing a vibrant harbour side experience. Enjoy canapés and drinks on arrival, followed by an expert seafood cookery demonstration from one of Sydney's top chefs. After the hands-on session, where you'll re-create the demonstrated recipe, it's time to enjoy your 'creation'.



## SAILING REGATTA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

Duration: 4 hours



Experience the thrill of yacht racing on world famous Sydney Harbour. After a safety briefing and instruction with your experienced skipper, it's time to practice manoeuvres before the race begins! This exciting afternoon of sailing is perfect for complete beginners, while still challenging for experienced sailors. Back on *terra firma*, teams will meet up to enjoy a celebratory drink.

### 3.2 AUSTRALIAN PRE AND POST TOURING OPTIONS

With the strong appeal that Sydney offers as a host city and Australia as the host country, the destination contributes greatly to maximising delegate numbers and partners at international conferences. Delegates may also choose to visit nearby New Zealand, just a short two hour flight east of Sydney.



Following are a selection of pre and post touring options for FOSS4G Conference delegates and their partners.

## **Around Sydney**

### **THE BLUE MOUNTAINS – VILLAGES & VALLEYS**



Duration: 8 hours

Escape the city and travel west to the Blue Mountains - where the spectacular scenery of this majestic World Heritage listed area includes sandstone cliffs, gorges and valleys of eucalyptus trees. Discover the Aboriginal legend of the Three Sisters - giant sandstone rock formations in the Jamison Valley. Descend the world's steepest railway on a thrilling ride via rock tunnels to the

fern-filled forest on the valley floor. After a delicious two-course lunch explore the quaint village of Leura, home to charming antique shops, tearooms and the famous Candy Shop.

### **HUNTER VALLEY WINE COUNTRY**

Duration: 8 hours

Travel inland to the picturesque Hunter Valley – Australia's premier wine region. Tour a large established winery and a smaller boutique vineyard with experts who explain the winemaking process from vine to bottle. Savour award-winning Hunter classics including Chardonnay, Semillon and Shiraz. Enjoy a delicious lunch, stroll through sun-kissed vineyards and learn why Hunter Valley wines are receiving worldwide acclaim.



### **AUSTRALIAN BUSH & BEACHES**

Duration: 7 hours and 30 minutes

Discover where Sydneysiders escape to when they need to relax and unwind. North of the harbour you'll find kilometres of golden beaches, untamed bushland and the beauty of the Hawkesbury River. After cruising the river aboard a local ferry, we disembark for lunch at a waterfront restaurant. Travel through Ku-ring-gai National Park and along the coastal road with sweeping vistas of Sydney's best surf beaches. Stop at the vibrant beach resort of Manly and enjoy dramatic views from North Head of the harbour entrance and city skyline.



## *Around Australia*

### **THE DRAMATIC RED CENTRE – 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS**



Called the Heart of the Nation, the 'Red Centre' is arid, dramatic, vast, a land of extremes and home of Uluru (Ayers Rock) Australia's spectacular monolith. Participants will also discover other geological wonders such as Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), Kings Canyon and more.

### **REEF AND RAINFOREST – 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS**

North of Cairns discover one of the most beautiful regions of Australia. Here, at the meeting point of an ancient rainforest and the Earth's largest living coral structure, slow to a unique rhythm found only in Tropical North Queensland. Based in the exclusive village of Palm Cove, highlights include swimming and snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef and discovering the beauty of the World Heritage listed Daintree rainforest.



### **HAMILTON ISLAND EXPLORER - 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS**

Located at the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, Hamilton Island is a perfect destination for those seeking an island escape. This tropical paradise boasts fabulous resort accommodation, fine cuisine, and spectacular scenery. Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef, witness a spectacular Whitsunday sunset on a cruise through the islands, walk to remote scenic lookouts or take a sea-kayaking tour in search of turtles, dolphins and maybe even whales.

## **CRUISE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF - 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS**



Australia's Great Barrier Reef stretches over 3,000 kilometres and features exotic island hideaways, soft sandy beaches, balmy bays and remote outer reefs. Enjoy the magic of shipboard life aboard the M.V. Reef Endeavour, as you discover the tropical wonders of Fitzroy and Dunk Islands and Hedley Reef. A highlight includes cruising the Hinchinbrook Channel – a refuge for native birds, dolphins, gentle dugongs and migrating whales.

## **NEW ZEALAND'S SPECTACULAR SOUTH ISLAND - 6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS**

New Zealand's South Island boasts magnificent Alpine scenery, rich history, thrilling adventures, superb cuisine and charming towns and villages. Come and breathe the fresh South Island air and explore this magical region of New Zealand.



## **WORLD HERITAGE FRASER ISLAND - 4 DAY/3 NIGHTS**

Considered the world's largest sand island – Fraser Island is a miracle of nature. Famous for its ancient rainforests, dramatic coloured sand dunes, pristine freshwater lakes and variety of birds and wildlife, Fraser Island offers an abundance of experiences to suit all tastes, but especially suited to the nature lover. Discover rich Aboriginal heritage and colourful European history on this four-day adventure to the World Heritage listed treasure trove.

## **DISCOVER THE TOP END - 6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS**

Australia's Northern Territory is part of the world's most ancient landmass - it began forming over 2,000 million years ago. This dramatic land is an exciting destination boasting spectacular wilderness, rare wildlife, rich Aboriginal heritage and hospitable local people.



## ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE SUPPORT

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The Sydney Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) is a joint venture between government and the tourism industry and has been extremely successful in promoting and encouraging business events in Sydney and NSW for 35 years. With over 300 members representing a range of business tourism suppliers, from 5-star hotels and unique venues to professional conference organisers, we have the expertise, creativity and most of all, the experience to help deliver an outstanding event.

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## INTERNATIONAL EVENT COORDINATOR NETWORK



A key issue for event or conference organisers is the need to be aware, and to make delegates aware, of Australia's requirement that every non-Australian travelling to Australia must obtain a visa before starting the journey. That information is now quickly and easily available through the International Event Coordinator Network (IECN), part of Australia's Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA). The IECN is a designated group of experienced immigration employees who provide visa information to event organisers and their delegates. DIMIA encourages event organisers to contact the nearest IEC as early as possible to ensure problem-free visa arrangements for delegates and participants.

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New South Wales  
Department of State and Regional Development

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