



41ST ANNUAL ISA CONFERENCE
MAY 7-9TH SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA 2019
GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY QANTAS

Join us in Australia’s iconic harbor city of Sydney for the annual conference of the International Society of Women Airline Pilots. A city of five million, Sydney is rich in history and culture. Its world-famous Opera House and harbor are just two of its many attractions. May is a beautiful time of year, with sunny skies and a comfortable average temperature of 21°C / 70F. Side trips are planned before and after the main conference days to make the most of your time together Down Under....

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QANTAS CAMPUS



We look forward to welcoming you to 'The Street' at Qantas Headquarters for the welcome cocktail reception on Tuesday night. 'Hydson Fysh Street' is named for one of the founders of our soon-to-be 100 year-old airline. This aesthetic atrium rises four-storeys high and unites our three campus buildings to create a community space that is the hub of our company life.

As you arrive, make sure you head straight to 'The Engine', a retired Rolls Royce RB211 cutaway from one of our 747's, for a photo opportunity. The festivities will begin with a traditional Welcome to Country ceremony, performed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as a welcome to their ancestral lands.

A highlight of the evening's entertainment will be a performance of our famous Qantas Pathfinders' Charity Review. The cast and crew of the Review are our own very talented Qantas employees, and each year the Review is one of the biggest earners for the Pathfinders' charity. The show offers a hilarious satire of songs based on the day-to-day life of the airline industry. The Pathfinders have requested a small donation from each guest for their performance, with all monies raised supporting their charity, the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.



Throughout the evening, canapes and drinks will be served in The Street with plenty of time for everyone to mingle. The Silent Auction will also be happening all around, so take the opportunity to bid on the fabulous prizes.



Wednesday's activities will be hosted at our Qantas *Centre of Service Excellence* campus, affectionately known as COSE. This state-of-the-art space designed as an experiential environment for learning, collaboration and interaction is a truly unique venue. The Piazza within COSE will host the business meeting and will also be where our luncheon is served.

Looking forward to seeing you in May!
The Qantas ISA Conference Team:

Captain Lisa Norman
Captain Debbie Slade
Captain Helen Trenerry
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HOTELS

The Four Seasons Sydney

199 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY, NSW 2000 AUSTRALIA

Our main conference hotel, The Four Seasons Sydney, sits on the doorstep of bustling Circular Quay, and is within walking distance of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Opera House, The Rocks, and the main city shopping precinct.

The hotel will serve as the hub of our operations, housing conference check-in, the Board of Directors meetings, the hospitality suite and the transportation pick-up point for all our travel requirements. The ISA Conference check-in will be on the mezzanine outside the LOFT 1 meeting room, on Level 3. The Board of Directors will meet in LOFT 1 on Tuesday.



A limited number of rooms at the Four Seasons are available at a discounted conference rate. Call or email the Four Seasons and quote the discount code, "ISAG0519".

<https://www.fourseasons.com/sydney/>



The Four Seasons, left, pictured with the Shangri-la and the Quay Suites.

There are many good alternate hotel options very close to the Four Seasons:

Shangri-la Sydney, one block away, where the rates are currently comparable for those dates.

<http://www.shangri-la.com/sydney/shangrila/?akamai-feo=off>



The Quay West Suites provides apartment-style accommodation that would be good for sharing. It is across the road from the Four Seasons and has comparable rates. As it is an Accor property, some members may have access to a discounted industry rate through their airline.

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-8764-quay-west-suites-sydney/index.shtml>



Please check the following website for information about visa and entry requirements for Australia.

<https://www.australia.com/en/facts-and-planning/visa-customs-quarantine-faq.html>

Please note!
Sydney's time zone is UTC +10hrs, so be mindful when you are making flight reservations as you may cross the international date line on your flight!

TRANSPORTATION

OPAL CARD (for use on all public transport services)

Public transportation in Sydney is plentiful, clean, safe and easy to navigate. An Opal Card, onto which you can load money and use to tap-on/tap-off buses, trains, light rail and ferries, is the most convenient way to go. Opal Cards can be purchased at the Sydney International Airport station if you want to get a train into the city and can also be purchased at Circular Quay station which is across the road from the hotel. To add money, ask the attendant for a card "top up".

From the Sydney International Airport Station Platform 1, it's a 20 minute train ride to the Circular Quay Station then a 5 min walk to the Four Seasons Hotel. This will cost about \$17.50 AUD per person for the train. Download the Sydney Visitors Guide for information on networks and using the Opal Card.

https://www.opal.com.au/en/asset/89fd1c2c-f418-442d-b6b3-fbdf7b0d3541/opal061-visitor-guide-map+pack_digital_v1.pdf



Taxis & Ride sharing

Taxi fares from the airport to Sydney City range from \$35-\$50 AUD (online estimator).

Ride-sharing is also available in Australia, and there are many services to choose from including UBER. One called Shebah even features women drivers exclusively.

<https://ride.guru/cities/sydney-new-south-wales-australia>

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & ACTIVITIES

<https://www.iswap.org/>

Qantas is hosting the welcome cocktail reception on Tuesday evening and Wednesday's business meeting and luncheon. Registration fees will support the Four Season's meeting spaces, the fabulous Wednesday evening dinner cruise, our historic ISA Conference photo, and some incidentals.

Early Bird Discount offered through END OF FEBRUARY (Members \$180, Guests \$170)

Regular Registration 1-31 March (Members \$200, Guests \$190)

Late Registration 1 April until Conference if space available (Members \$230, Guests \$220)

MR WONG (Monday evening dinner)

Pictured here is our Monday night Cantonese-style dinner restaurant, Mr. Wong. This is an iconic Sydney restaurant owned by a prominent Australian family with a very interesting history. I promise you will all love it. (*David*)

<https://www.merivale.com/venues/mrwong>



SYDNEY HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE (Wednesday evening)



ISA has chartered the Captain Cook III for a luxurious dinner cruise around Sydney Harbor on Wednesday evening. This sleek, state-of-the-art vessel is 35 meters long, features a main dining deck with full length windows, an open upper deck for cocktails and is guaranteed to provide the very best views of Sydney harbor.



MONDAY, 6 May **OPTIONAL**

TBA Sydney Harbor Bridge Climb, groups of 14
1800 Dinner at Mr. Wong (group booking USD\$85/head + drinks)
2100 Drinks at The Four Seasons, Grain Bar

TUESDAY, 7 May

1000—1600 Registration & Silent Auction drop off, The Four Seasons, LOFT 1 mezzanine
1000—1300 ISA Board Meeting, The Four Seasons, LOFT 1
1600—1800 Silent Auction set up, QANTAS Campus

1745—1815 Buses depart from The Four Seasons to QANTAS Campus
1830—2130 Welcome reception & cocktail party, QANTAS Campus
2200—2230 Buses depart from QANTAS Campus to The Four Seasons

WEDNESDAY, 8 May

0815—0900 Buses from The Four Seasons to the Centre of Service Excellence (COSE)
Please wear your uniforms with jacket (no hats)
0900—1100 Guests Tour, Coffee Tour around Sydney's alleyways
0900—1215 General Business meeting, COSE
1145—1215 Guests' bus from The Four Seasons to COSE
1230—1500 Luncheon, COSE
1530—1600 Group photo and bus transport to Four Seasons
1800—2200 Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise, No. 1 King Street, Darling Harbour

THURSDAY, 9 MAY **OPTIONAL**

Featherdale Wildlife Sanctuary/Cruise the Parramatta River

1000—1045 Bus from The Four Seasons to Featherdale Wildlife Sanctuary
1100—1400 Explore the Sanctuary, Aussie Lunch with Koala & Talk, gift shop
1430—1630 Cruise on the Parramatta River to Circular Quay
1800 Meet for drinks at The Four Seasons, Grain Bar

FRIDAY, 10 MAY OPTIONAL

Blue Mountains Excursion

Participants to book their own accommodations & activities

1000 Meet in Lobby, The Four Seasons

1030—1230 Train to Katoomba

1230 Meet for Lunch

1300—1800 Katoomba Scenic World
Scenic Skyway
Three Sisters Walk & other hikes
The Giant Stairway
Leura Township
Waradah Australian Cultural Center

1800 Meet for Dinner/ Drinks

Overnight stay in the Blue Mountains or train back to Sydney



SATURDAY, 11 MAY OPTIONAL

Participants to book their own accommodations & activities
Blue Mountains and/or Sydney. More information to come!
Keep an eye on WhatsApp and Facebook.

SUNDAY, 12 MAY OPTIONAL

HARS Aircraft Museum 'Tarmac Day' Trip, on your own, or just explore Sydney!



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE CLIMB (Monday)

Conquer the spectacular Sydney Harbour Bridge! The Bridge Climb Experience (3.5 hours) takes you to the summit of the bridge. Groups of 14 will depart 10 minutes apart. Climbers will receive a Bridge Climb Cap, a photo, a Pylon Pass and a Certificate of Achievement. This will be the climb of your life! We are organizing an excellent group rate. So far, enough interest has been expressed for two ISA climb groups. Many of the stunning photos you see in this newsletter are Bridge Climb website press photos.



FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK & PARRAMATTA RIVER CRUISE (Thursday)

Established on 7 acres of land, Featherdale provides a home to over 1,700 native Australian animals from more than 250 species. You can meander through the park and see all the animals, including the opportunity to feed the kangaroos and have your photo taken with a koala. Featherdale also plays a vital role in many conservation efforts throughout Australia. After a true-blue Aussie lunch, we will have a talk from one of the Featherdale education experts. For a more relaxing ride back into the city we will board the ferry for a cruise along the Parramatta River.



Echidnas, koalas, and dingos await!



BLUE MOUNTAINS (Friday-Sunday)

Explore this stunning UNESCO listed region at your own pace, and for as long as you wish. See classic sites like the Three Sisters in Echo Point on the edge of Katoomba.

Visit <https://www.scenicworld.com.au/> to ride the famous railway, skyway, or cable car or keep your feet on the ground and stroll the picturesque walkway.



Nearby, postcard-worthy Leura township offers unique boutiques, historic buildings, restaurants, hotels, and manicured, formal gardens. Begin your own wine-tasting adventure at the Carrington Cellars in Katoomba and venture on to the many other wineries and breweries from there. An hour's drive beyond Katoomba are the Jenolan Caves—nine spectacular caves with pure underground rivers and astonishing limestone formations. (Below right: A platypus floating!)



HARS AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

The HARS (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society) is an all-volunteer group of aviation professionals and enthusiasts, many from QANTAS, who are situated in Wollongong's Illawarra Regional Airport (YWOL), Albion Park, just over an hour by road south of Sydney. Their museum features static display aircraft, flying aircraft, restored aircraft and engine displays. Admission also includes guided tours. During the 1990s, they took a derelict Super Constellation from the Davis-Montham aircraft graveyard and restored it to beautiful flying condition and flew it across the Pacific to its home here. You can see it and more on the monthly tarmac days of May 10, 11 & 12.

There is an hourly train from Sydney to Albion Park. The journey takes about two hours and is most enjoyable. From Albion Park railway station, turn west, cross the highway at the lights and follow the road around the airport. You can see HARS from the highway, which is about a 10-15 minute walk.



SILENT AUCTION & AUSSIE-STYLE RAFFLE

It's time to start thinking about the annual ISA Scholarship Silent Auction and Raffle again! There are two special considerations for this year. First, since many of you will be travelling from other countries, please bring smaller items that pack easily. Of course, we would love to have some wonderful big-ticket items donated (airline tickets, hotel/condominium stays, etc.), but jewelry, scarves, small electronics, aviation themed items, wine and wine accessories (no sharps!), are also always popular in the auction, just to name a few. Please remember to bring items for the Raffle as well. Think of things that you would enjoy winning in a raffle yourself. Gift cards are great!

Secondly, the organizers of the Silent Auction and Raffle must transport all of the items to the Qantas facilities to set up ahead of time. Please plan to get your items to us before 3:00 pm, or preferably, a **day in advance** if you come early.

It is always tremendously helpful if you can email me a description and the retail value of each item you are bringing, well in advance of the conference.

Dress up in your glitziest attire and mingle with your fellow ISA members and their guests. Reminisce on past conference experiences. Share your personal and professional achievements and struggles. Get advice from those who have "been there" and marvel at their stories. Meet and welcome new members. Remember to bid high and bid often as we raise money for our scholarship fund.

I can hardly wait to see what treasures you bring this year. Plus, on behalf of all the young women who benefit from ISA scholarships, I thank you!

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We want to thank our sponsors for last year's conference in Las Vegas:

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and Alaska Airlines were kind enough to donate tickets/miles.

Abington Watches donated a very nice watch that bidders coveted. <https://theabingdonco.com/>

Jet Set Candy donated beautiful gold and silver necklaces. <https://jetsetcandy.com/>

Qantas provided glasses and souvenirs in anticipation of this year's conference.

Of course our members were more than generous as they are every year, donating items!

We raised over \$14,000 in 2018 at Las Vegas!

ROOMMATES

Lynn Austin is once again volunteering to be our roommate coordinator. If you would like to be paired with someone to share room costs, contact Lynn at isaroomie@hotmail.com.

WHATSAPP

ISA has a group conversation under ISWAP/ISA+21 with WhatsApp. If you would like to be added, please contact Maria Haddad at lilcad@gmail.com with your cell phone number.

CAPTAINS CLUB

Please contact Katherine Wallace if you have not received your ISA+21 plaque to celebrate your captain status!

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ISA+21 is a charitable, non-profit organization of career women airline pilots whose purpose is to: celebrate camaraderie; support informational exchange and social interaction among its members in a healthy environment; provide aviation scholarship opportunities for career-seeking women; and inspire future generations of women aviators via educational outreach.

A "Qualifying Pilot" is a woman who serves as a Flight Crew Member and holds a seniority number at a FAR Part 121 or 129 Air Carrier or ICAO equivalent and possesses an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate or ICAO equivalent. This includes all pilots who are on medical leave, furloughed or retired.



Kathy McCullough and Davida Forshaw in the Blue Mountains at Katoomba Scenic World.

FACEBOOK
 We have a closed ISA+21 page: Request access using the link on the ISA homepage, or contact Maria Haddad at: lilcad@gmail.com



Please, please go onto the ISA+21 website and update your information, especially with a picture of yourself. It makes it so much easier for admin!

Don't waste your color ink printing the photo pages of the newsletter! The photos are reduced in size.

Thanks to the Qantas team for all your hard work!
Davida Forshaw
Karol Welling
Kathy McCullough