

Local Information and Directions

1. **Conference Venue:** Level 8, 12 Wally's Walk, Macquarie University, North Ryde NSW 2113, Sydney, Australia.

2. **Welcome Reception:** 4pm-6pm, Sunday 1 February. Venue: Level 8, 12 Wally's Walk, Macquarie University, North Ryde NSW 2113, Sydney, Australia.

The **Conference Registration Desk** will be open at this location 3pm—6pm. You can also register on Monday.

3. **Accommodation:** MGSM Hotel-Lakeside Hotel & Conference Centre (1 Executive Rd, Macquarie Park NSW, 2113, Australia).

4. **Meals:** Lachlan's Restaurant, located at the MGSM Hotel, is open from Monday to Friday. There are several restaurants inside the Macquarie University (food court). A nearby option is the Macquarie Shopping Centre which has many food outlets, about 10—15 minutes' walk from the MGSM Hotel. (Location is shown on the map.)

5. **Train ticket:** you can buy at the machine, or you can simply tap on and tap off your credit card (visa/master) at the train station. International credit card works.

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6. **Excursion on Wednesday.** Walk around Opera House & Royal Botanic Garden.

We will start from **MGSM at around 2:30pm** together, and walk to Macquarie University Station (approx. 5 minutes). From there, we will take the direct Metro line to the city.

Route:

Depart: Macquarie University Station (Metro Platform).

Travel: Take the Metro directly to Martin Place Station. (No transfers required. Travel time is approx. 23 minutes).

Arrive: Disembark at Martin Place and enjoy a short walk to Circular Quay, the Opera House, and the Royal Botanic Garden.

Note: The Art Gallery of New South Wales is also nearby if you wish to visit.

Important Reminders:

Return Trip: We do not have a scheduled group return to Macquarie; you are free to leave whenever you wish.

Payment: Remember to tap on and tap off using the same Opal card or Contactless Credit/Debit card.

Free activity— please arrange on your own

There will be lots of options for food and drink around the Opera House. You may also consider taking the [ferry to Darling Harbour](#):

Ferry Route: Circular Quay, Wharf 5, Side A to Barangaroo, Wharf 2, Side A.

Around 19 minutes. It is good for sightseeing for the Harbour Bridge and Opera House from the ferry.

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