



Kiwanis International
Australia District
38th Annual Convention 2006
August 24 - 27
Newcastle NSW
Convention Theme – ‘Newcastle – Your Port O’ Call’
Convention Venue
Noah's On the Beach
Hosted by
The Kiwanis Club of Newcastle

SPECIAL OFFER

Convention deposits of \$100 and more are fully refundable up until 30 June 2006. Payment of your deposit of \$100 before 30 September 2005 enters you in the draw for up to three (3) free convention nights' accommodation at Noah's On the Beach.

REGISTRATION FEES

FULL REGISTRATION	\$100.00
ACCOMPANYING Spouse (member)	\$50.00
ACCOMPANYING PERSON (non-member)	\$Nil

Registration fee Includes entry to all convention sessions. Catered events are charged separately. The catered events are: Opening Cocktail Party Thursday, Welcome Dinner on Friday, Gala Dinner on Saturday, Lunch and Refreshments on both Friday and Saturday, and Brunch on Sunday. A convention satchel, souvenir and name badges are also included.

CONVENTION VENUE

Noah's On the Beach

Cnr Shortland Esplanade and Zaara Street

Situated adjacent to the beach, it is only a five-minute walk from the city's downtown shopping and dining districts.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Cancellations must be advised in writing to the Convention Treasurer.

- Deposits of \$100 or more - full refund if cancelled before 30th June 2006
- Deposits less than \$100 - full refund if cancelled before 31st January 2006

The Convention Organising Committee reserves the right to make alterations to the program as circumstances require.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Relevant details of people registering for this convention may be made available to parties directly related to the convention.

CONVENTION DRESS CODE

Please note that the dress standard for all Business Sessions is 'Smart Casual' which includes a shirt with collar. Preferred dress code for the Opening Cocktail Party and the Welcome Dinner is 'Lounge Suit' for men, and 'After 5' for women. For the Gala Dinner fancy dress is encouraged and the theme of the night will be advised on the internet and directly to your email address where provided.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please ensure that all special needs such as prescribed medical diets are advised on the registration form. Where possible, all necessary arrangements will be made to cater for your needs.

INSURANCE

Registration fees do not include personal travel or health insurance of any kind.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES:

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THE CONVENTION PROGRAM WILL BE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE BY 30 JUNE 2006



Welcome to Newcastle



CLIMATE

Newcastle has a sub-tropical climate zone, with temperate weather conditions throughout the year. The Convention is held during Autumn. Delegates should expect daytime temperatures of between 18 & 25 Celsius. and night time temperatures of between 8 & 13 Celsius.

HOW TO GET TO THE CONVENTION 2006 VENUE: NOAH'S ON THE BEACH

Newcastle has excellent transport links with frequent daily air, rail and coach services.

Car – The city is situated off the F3 Freeway, and is an easy two hour drive from Sydney. Come into the city and travel east down Hunter Street (the main road). Cross the intersection of Hunter and Watt Streets (the railway station is on your left), and a further 300 metres turn right into Zaara Street. Park your car in the street or in the undercover motel carpark.

Air - Newcastle is a 30 minute flight from Sydney. Flights arrive daily with Qantas Link, Jet Star, Virgin Blue and AeroPelican. Direct flights are also available from Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and some regional NSW centres.

In August 2005, fares as low as \$69 are available for direct flights from Melbourne or Brisbane to Newcastle. For people flying direct from Darwin or Adelaide to Sydney, Qantas and AeroPelican fly from Sydney to Newcastle, or you could catch a train or an airport shuttle bus. Adelaide visitors should check flights for Adelaide/Melbourne/Newcastle with Jet Star and Virgin or a combination with both. Shuttle bus operators for travel from Sydney to Newcastle and vice versa include www.alltravel.com.au and www.happycabby.com

Newcastle Airport is about 30 minutes by car from the city precinct. From Newcastle Airport taxis, hire cars and shuttle buses are available. **An airport shuttle service is available free to Kiwanians to and from Newcastle Airport.** E-mail your Newcastle flight details to kiwanis@tpg.com.au at least one week prior to the convention and a friendly Newcastle Kiwanian will be there to meet you.

Train - Newcastle Railway Station is only 300 metres from Noah's On the Beach. Newcastle is on the main northern rail line between Sydney and Brisbane, with services stopping several times a day at Newcastle and Broadmeadow www.cityrail.nsw.gov.au The rail journey is a scenic two and a half hours by a direct service from Sydney.

ACCOMMODATION

Convention attendees are to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Accommodation is available in the city area, either at the venue or within walking distance. The following web links provide information on accommodation options:

Hotels/Motels

Noah's On the Beach	www.noahsonthebeach.com.au	\$125-\$149/room/night (normally \$165-\$235)
The Novocastrian	www.novocastrian.com.au	\$155-\$205/room/night
Crowne Plaza Hotel	www.newcastle.crowneplaza.com	\$180-\$344/room/night
Hotel Ibis	www.accorhotels.com.au	\$110-\$140/room/night
Capri Plaza Hotel	www.capriplazahotel.com.au	\$120-\$250/room/night
Bimet Lodge	www.bimetlodge.com.au	From \$89 Single/\$99 Double

Self Contained

Terraces for Tourists	www.terracesfortourists.com.au	From \$80/person/night
Flagstaff Apartment	www.newcastleaccommodation.com.au	\$400/two nights
Quest Apartments	www.questapartments.com.au/newcastle	\$210-320 per night (1-3 br)

Caravan/Tourist Park

Stockton Beach Tourist Park ncc.stocktontouristpark@hunterlink.net.au (5 minute ferry ride to the CBD)

EXTENDING YOUR STAY & TOURS

Newcastle features a large range of visitor experiences, including beach days, harbour sights and city nights.

NEWCASTLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Located at 361 Hunter Street Newcastle NSW 2300

Phone (02) 4974 2999 Fax (02) 4929 5948

E-mail: tourism@ncc.nsw.gov.au Web: www.newcastle tourism.com



NEWCASTLE, YOUR PORT O' CALL

Beach Days, Harbour Sights, City Nights

Beach days... Australia's sixth largest city, Newcastle boasts some of Australia's best beaches. Nobbys, Newcastle, Bar, Dixon Park, Merewether and Stockton Beaches are all within 5 km of the city centre. Newcastle's spectacular coastline and pristine beaches have been celebrated with the creation of the Bathers' Way, a five kilometre coastal walk that starts at Nobbys and finishes at Merewether Beach. Experiencing the remarkable Bathers Way should be a 'must' during any visit

Harbour sights... Newcastle is built around a large working harbour, the entrance to which is guarded by Nobbys Lighthouse and Breakwater. The adjacent foreshore area is the perfect place to while away the hours watching the busy harbour traffic while enjoying a drink or meal in one of the harbourside cafes, bars or restaurants. Large expanses of grassy parklands on the harbour's edge are perfect for a picnic.

City nights... If you think just because the sun's gone down there's nothing to do, you're really in the dark. The city is home to some of the finest entertainment venues on Australia's east coast. You can catch the very best of live performers from around the country and overseas.

Arts & Culture The Civic is one of Australia's great historic theatres. Arguably Australia's finest regional gallery, the Newcastle Region Art Gallery hosts a constantly changing program of exhibitions. Wander through leafy streets, stopping off to visit the many galleries and interesting buildings along the way.

Heritage Discovered in 1797, Newcastle is the site of the second European settlement in Australia. A city rich in history, Newcastle provides countless opportunities to uncover our convict past. Take a dip in the Bogey Hole, which was cut into ocean rocks by convict labour in 1819. Perched high above Newcastle Harbour is Fort Scratchley. This was constructed during the Crimean War to protect the city from invasion. In 1942, at the height of World War II, the fort returned fire at a Japanese submarine shelling BHP, the only fort in Australia to have engaged the enemy in a maritime attack.

Nature King Edward Park, overlooking Newcastle beach, is both an historic and scenic area for walking and picnics. Blackbutt Reserve, a flora and fauna reserve, is home to many native birds and animals, including koalas. It is located in 182 hectares of bushland near the heart of the city. Shortland Wetland Centre is another haven for nature lovers and the home of up to 100 species of birds, as well as other reptiles and animals. Walking, cycling and canoe tours are available.



Details and information shown on this form are correct at the time of printing. The Kiwanis Club of Newcastle reserves the right to make changes to the program, costs or any other aspects of the event as may be required. Notification of any changes that may occur will be given as soon as possible prior to the event.