



## RA-V Training Workshop on Metrology Melbourne, 21 - 25 November 2011

### Information for Participants

#### Background:

The RA-V Training Workshop on Metrology will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 21-25 November 2011. It is hosted by the Regional Instrument Centre of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

#### Venue of the Meeting:

The meeting will take place at:  
6th floor Conference Facilities  
Australian Bureau of Meteorology Headquarters Building,  
700 Collins Street, Docklands  
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

#### Accommodation Arrangements:

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. Special meeting rates have been negotiated at the following hotels which are all within walking distance of the meeting venue. Please mention the "Bureau of Meteorology" when booking. The attached map shows hotel locations. The hotels prefer email bookings and confirmations.

HOTEL	RATE – AUD\$	CONTACT
<b>Travelodge Docklands</b> 66 Aurora Lane, Docklands <a href="http://docklands.travelodge.com">docklands.travelodge.com</a>	Standard room with kitchen facilities: \$135	Tel: +613 8615 1000, Fax: +613 9356 1085
<b>Quest Docklands Apartments</b> 750 Bourke St, Docklands <a href="mailto:Questdocklands@questapartments.com.au">Questdocklands@questapartments.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.Questdocklands.com.au">www.Questdocklands.com.au</a>	Studio: \$155 1 bed apart \$180 2 bed apart \$275	Tel: +613 9630 1000, Fax: +613 9630 1099
<b>Quality Batman's Hill on Collins</b> 623 Collins St, Melbourne <a href="mailto:res@batmanshill.com.au">res@batmanshill.com.au</a>	Standard: \$143 Club: \$184 Studio: \$204 1 bed apart: \$236 2 bed apart: \$272	Tel: +613 9614 6344, Fax: +613 96141189
<b>Kingsgate Hotel</b> 131 King Street, Melbourne <a href="mailto:info@kingsgatehotel.com.au">info@kingsgatehotel.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.kingsgatehotel.com.au/default.htm">http://www.kingsgatehotel.com.au/default.htm</a>	Standard room Double bed: \$125 Single bed room \$109	Tel: +613 9629 4171, Fax: +613 9629 7110

Alternative accommodation may be found at the following websites:

[www.wotif.com.au](http://www.wotif.com.au) or  
[www.hotelclub.com.au](http://www.hotelclub.com.au)

**Local Transport:**

Melbourne International and Domestic Airport Tullamarine is located about 20 km to the northwest of the city centre. Transport to the city is by Skybus or taxi. For details of the Skybus, see:

<http://www.skybus.com.au/timetables-how-to-get-around-in-melbourne-airport/>

The bus fare is AUD 16 one way AUD 26 return. The city terminal is around 200 m from the recommended hotels, via the Bourke Street elevated walkway over Southern Cross Station. A shuttle service also operates from the Skybus city terminal to most city hotels at no extra cost.

A taxi from the airport to the hotels will cost AUD \$45-50, depending on the time of day.

**Time:**

Australian Eastern Standard Time is UTC +11.

**Entry Requirements:**

Visitors to Australia from most countries will require a visa or electronic travel authority (ETA) to enter the country. They should also be in possession of national passports valid for at least 6 months from the first date of travel. For visa requirements and other information on entry conditions, see:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/event-organisers-participants/>

Another useful web site here is:

<http://www.acacia-au.com/australia-visa.php>

If you require an invitation letter then please contact Dr John Gorman. At [j.gorman@bom.gov.au](mailto:j.gorman@bom.gov.au)

**Money**

The Australian currency is the Australian dollar (AUD) and cents on the 26 October 2011 the exchange rates were:

\$1 AUD = \$1.04 US dollar

\$1 AUD = € 0.75 Euro

All major credit cards are accepted virtually everywhere. Most restaurant, taxi and similar bills already incorporate some form of service charge, so additional tipping is not obligatory. Nevertheless, tips are always welcome, 5 % of the bill is suggested.

**Melbourne**

Melbourne is Australia's second largest city, with a population approaching 4 million, renowned for its parks and gardens, art and culture, sport and extensive tramway system. Melbourne is an industrial (working) city, not a tourist city, and all signs are in English.

The city transport system, comprising a network of tramways, rail and bus lines, is excellent. For a map, see:

<http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/maps-stations-stops/melbourne-public-transport-map>

For details of timetables, fares etc, see: <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/>

## Climate

Late November, at the end of spring, is a pleasant time of year for visiting Melbourne, with normally mild to warm days and mild to cool nights. The weather begins to warm up towards the end of spring. Participants should expect days where the maximum temperature is in the mid 30 C range.

Average conditions for November:

Mean daily max.: 19.7 C

Mean daily min.: 9.5 C

Mean m'thly rainfall: 62.8 mm

Mean daily sunshine: 7.6 hours

For more detailed climate information, see:

[http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw\\_086282.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw_086282.shtml)

For daily weather forecasts and related information, see: <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/>

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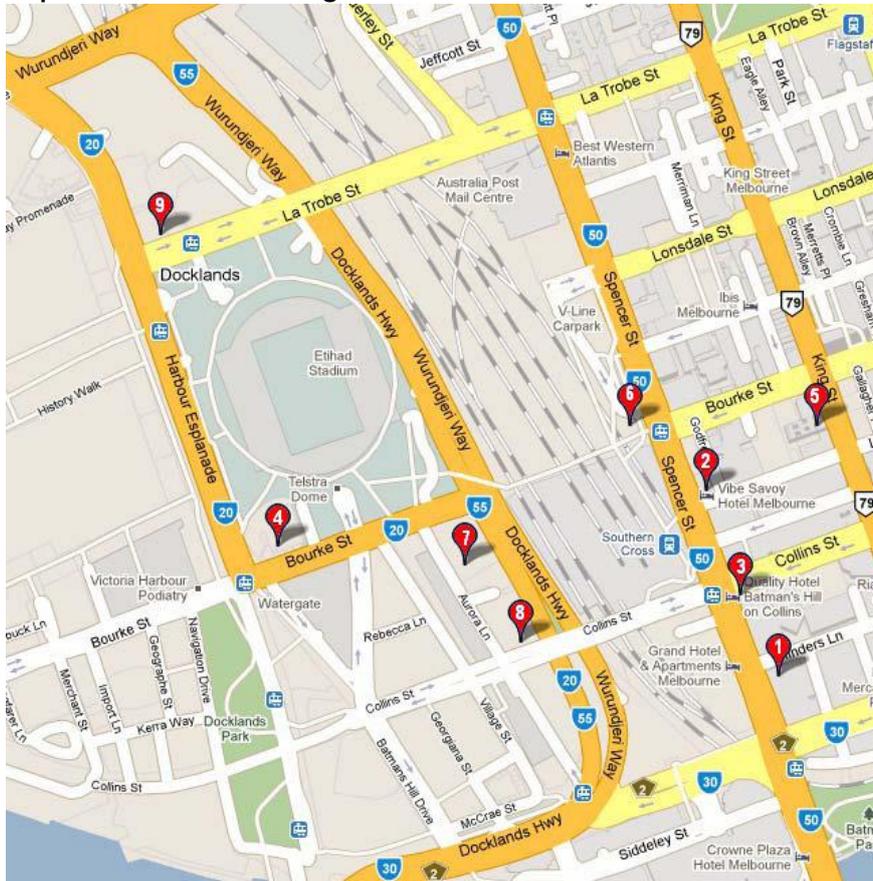
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## Map of Hotels and Meeting Location



1. The Holiday Inn on Flinders Hotel
2. Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne
3. Quality Batman's Hill on Collins
4. Quest Docklands
5. Kingsgate Hotel

6. Skybus Terminal
7. Travelodge Hotel Docklands
8. Bureau of Meteorology Head Office
9. Bureau of Meteorology Training Centre