



IPTA

2011 Annual Conference

6-10 April

**Ayers Rock Resort
Yulara, Northern Territory**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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AYERS ROCK RESORT, YULARA

Located at the gateway to the World Heritage listed Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) National Park, Ayers Rock Resort offers facilities to complement the living cultural landscape and awe-inspiring natural backdrop of Australia's Red Centre. Comprising a number of accommodation options including the premium Sails in the Desert, Australian Tourism Award winning Desert Gardens Hotel and the self contained Emu Walk Apartments, the resort caters to a range of tastes, needs and means.

Check-in time: 3.00pm

Check-out time: 10.00am

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is to be booked direct with Voyages Hotels and Resorts (VHR) Groups Reservations. A group block is held for the following Ayers Rock Resort properties under the corresponding codes:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Booking Code</u>	<u>Room Rate</u>
Sails in the Desert	060411SIPT	\$192
Desert Gardens Hotel	060411DIPT	Standard \$156 Deluxe \$180
Emu Walk Apartments	060411EIPT	Two Bedroom \$240

Room rates are per room, per night and include complimentary non exclusive coach transfer to the resort and airport. Arrival/departure details must be supplied no later than 7 days prior to arrival. A compulsory \$7.00 per person Porterage Fee (round trip) applies.

Please complete the Accommodation Booking Form (downloadable from the IPTA website) and email/fax/send it to:

Voyages Hotels and Resorts (VHR)
Groups Reservations
GPO Box 3589, Sydney NSW 2001
e: groups@voyages.com.au
t: +61 2 8296 8010 f: +61 2 9299 1763

Bookings must be guaranteed by credit card at time of booking and full payment is required at check out. Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1% of the total transaction value. Amendments to bookings must be made in writing to VHR.

Pre & Post Accommodation: The IPTA rates are available prior and post the conference, depending on availability.

Accommodation Cancellation Policy:

All cancellation notices must be sent to VHR in writing and will become effective as at the date of receipt by VHR. Within 72 hours prior to arrival, 100% cancellation fee applies.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is available daily at \$27 per person for Full Breakfast, \$24 per person for Continental Breakfast and will be charged to delegate's room. Buffet Breakfast is offered free of charge to children under the age of 12, in the following hotel restaurants:

Winkiku Restaurant - *Sails in the Desert*
White Gums Restaurant - *Desert Gardens*

CLIMATE

The average temperatures in the Northern Territory's Red Centre in April are:

Minimum: 12 °C

Maximum: 27 °C

DRESS RECOMMENDATIONS

Business Sessions	Smart Casual
Informal Dinners	Smart Casual
Tours	Casual
Annual Dinner	"Bow Tie and Sandshoes" (preferably dark shoes)

Don't forget sunscreen, a hat and comfortable walking shoes. The days are generally warm, the nights and early mornings can be cold, so layered clothing is recommended.

NAME BADGES

Name badges must be worn to all functions.

Registered Full Delegates	White
Registered Accompanying Persons	Red Stripe
Guests for additional functions	Blue Stripe

REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Full Delegate registration package: Includes business sessions, lunches, evening functions, Mala Sunrise Breakfast Tour & Fun Run, Saturday activity and hospitality suite.

Accompanying Person registration package: Includes evening functions, Mala Sunrise Breakfast Tour & Fun Run, Saturday activity and hospitality suite.

Please note that accompanying persons who do not register for the Accompanying Persons' Package may register to attend the Annual Dinner and Saturday activity only.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Completed registration form together with payment is to be returned to IPTA by **1 February 2010**. A higher registration fee applies after this date.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations for registrations must be notified in writing. Registration fees for cancellations received after 5 March will be non-refundable.

REGISTRATION DESK/SECRETARIAT

The IPTA Registration Desk and Secretariat will be located in Breakout Rooms 1 and 2 in The Uluru Meeting Place – Ayers Rock Resort's Conference Complex.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Requests for special dietary requirements will be passed on to caterers. Please identify yourself to the catering staff and they will ensure you receive the appropriate meal.

TOURS/ACTIVITIES

Please meet in the Concierge Station of the Sails in the Desert Hotel ten minutes prior to departure time.



INCLUDED SOCIAL PROGRAM

The following activities are included in the registration fee for delegates with Full Registration Package. The Accompanying Persons Package also includes the following activities except for the lunches.

National Park Entry Pass

Those registered with a Full Delegate Package or an Accompanying Person Package will receive an Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park Entry Pass with their registration confirmation pack. The pass is valid for three consecutive days and must be brought with you to attend tours within the National Park. Entry to the National Park is free for children under the age of 16.

Wednesday 6 April

Welcome Reception & Dinner Sails Poolside

7.00pm-10.30pm

Meet by the beautiful poolside for a welcome dinner. A great way to relax, mingle and become orientated with Ayers Rock Resort. Poolside is a popular location, as the sun sets behind the hotel and the pool lights come on. The tables are elegantly set with hurricane lanterns and white pillar candles.

Thursday 7 April

Mala Sunrise Breakfast Tour & Fun Run Mala Site

6.00am-8.15am
(sunrise 6.57am)

Witness the sunrise over Uluru and Kata Tjuta; an awe-inspiring experience and a 'must do' for all visitors to the Red Centre. Watch the remarkable changing colours of Uluru as the sun rises over the desert landscape. The Annual Fun Run will take place following the breakfast.

Breakfast and drinking water will be provided.

Opening Lunch & Address**12.45pm-2.00pm**

The official opening of the conference will occur during the Thursday lunch for delegates only.

Speaker: Mr Philip Noonan, IP Australia

Asian Market Place Dinner**Amphitheatre****7.00pm-10.30pm**

Immerse yourself in the sounds and ambience of the orient amid brightly coloured Chinese lanterns under a star filled Red Centre sky, while savouring the exotic culinary delights offered by the Asian Market stall holders.

Friday 8 April**Lunch****12.30pm-1.30pm**

Lunch for delegates only.

Annual Dinner 'Bow Tie & Sandshoes'**Sounds of Silence Site****5.45pm-11.00pm**

5.45pm Coach pick up from Emu Apartments and Desert Gardens

6.00pm Coach pick up from Sails in the Desert

Partake in a unique dining experience with the 'Sounds of Silence' under a million stars in the Australian desert wilderness while taking in unhindered views of Uluru and Kata Tjuta. Sip champagne as the sound of a lone didgeridoo fills the air and the sun slowly sets, highlighting the changing colours of Uluru. Take in the mystery of the desert night as an astronomer takes you on a tour of the clear Southern night skies.

Saturday 9 April**Uluru Walking Tour****8.00am-2.00pm**

Walk the 14 kilometre base trail around Uluru. Embrace the culture, geology and environment that is the essence of this amazing monolith. Visit waterholes and the rock art sites of the ancients and learn about Uluru's cultural significance. (Includes lunch at resort 1.00-2.00pm). **(National Park Entry Pass required)**

Mt Connor 4wd Outback Adventure**10.00am-4.30pm**

An Aussie 4WD outback experience to Mt Conner situated on a vast, fully operational cattle station. The perfect natural habitat for red kangaroos and a vast array of birds and reptiles where you will be able explore an ancient inland salt lake and learn about the pastoral history of the region.

Kata Tjuta Coach Tour**12.30pm-5.30pm**

Enjoy lunch at the resort prior to the 2pm pick up for a tour of Kata Tjuta where you will learn about the many attributes of Kata Tjuta's diverse environment. Walk between the mighty conglomerate rock walls into Walpa Gorge and hear how the 36 domes that make up this unique landmark have evolved over millions of years. (includes lunch at resort 12.30pm; 2.00pm pick up for tour). **(National Park Entry Pass required)**

Informal Dinner**Sails Poolside****7.00pm-10.30pm**

A final opportunity to indulge in this spectacular environment over an informal dinner and a few glasses of fine wine.

Hospitality Suite: Breakout Room 3, located in the Uluru Meeting Place – Ayers Rock Resort's Conference Complex. Open every night during the conference.

