

SWPHC17 MEETING & TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

LOGISTICS & GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Both the Technical Workshop and the Meeting will be held at the Novotel Northbeach, Wollongong.

(www.novotelnorthbeach.com.au)

A map of Wollongong showing the location of the venue is at **Annex A**. The location of the Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO) is also shown.

PASSPORTS, VISAS

Please check the latest information from the Australian Department of Immigration's website, <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>; All meeting participants should check in advance if a visa is required, and apply within the necessary timeframe. If you need a letter of invitation to support your visa, please contact the SWPHC Secretariat (international.relations@hydro.gov.au)

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

There are no public buses connecting the airport with Wollongong and taxis are very expensive. Airport transfers are offered by a Wollongong company (\$75.00 one way) and take about 1.5 hours from Sydney Airport (www.leisurecoastlimousine.com.au/airport-transfers/)

There is an airport train which goes to Wollongong but you need to change train at Wolli Creek station (wait for the southbound train). To find the station at the airport, which is below the terminals, follow the railway signs. The train also connects the International Terminal with Sydney (if you want to spend the weekend up there). From Sydney you have frequent trains to Wollongong (see www.transportnsw.info/). Self drive rental cars are available at Sydney Airport and in the city (Avis, Budget, Hertz etc)..

WOLLONGONG FREE SHUTTLE

A free Wollongong Shuttle bus runs in both directions on a loop connecting Wollongong Station, CBD, University and Boat Harbour. There is a bus stop (Stop 8) location adjacent to the Novotel offering a convenient option for those not staying at the Novotel. (see www.premierillawarra.com.au/shuttle.html for route map and timetable and **Annex B**)

CLIMATE

February in Australia is summer, weather is warm at this time of year. The average temperature ranges from about 18°C minimum to 29°C maximum. Additional information on Australian climate can be found at www.bom.gov.au.

DRESS CODE

The Dress Code for the meeting and workshop is Smart Casual.

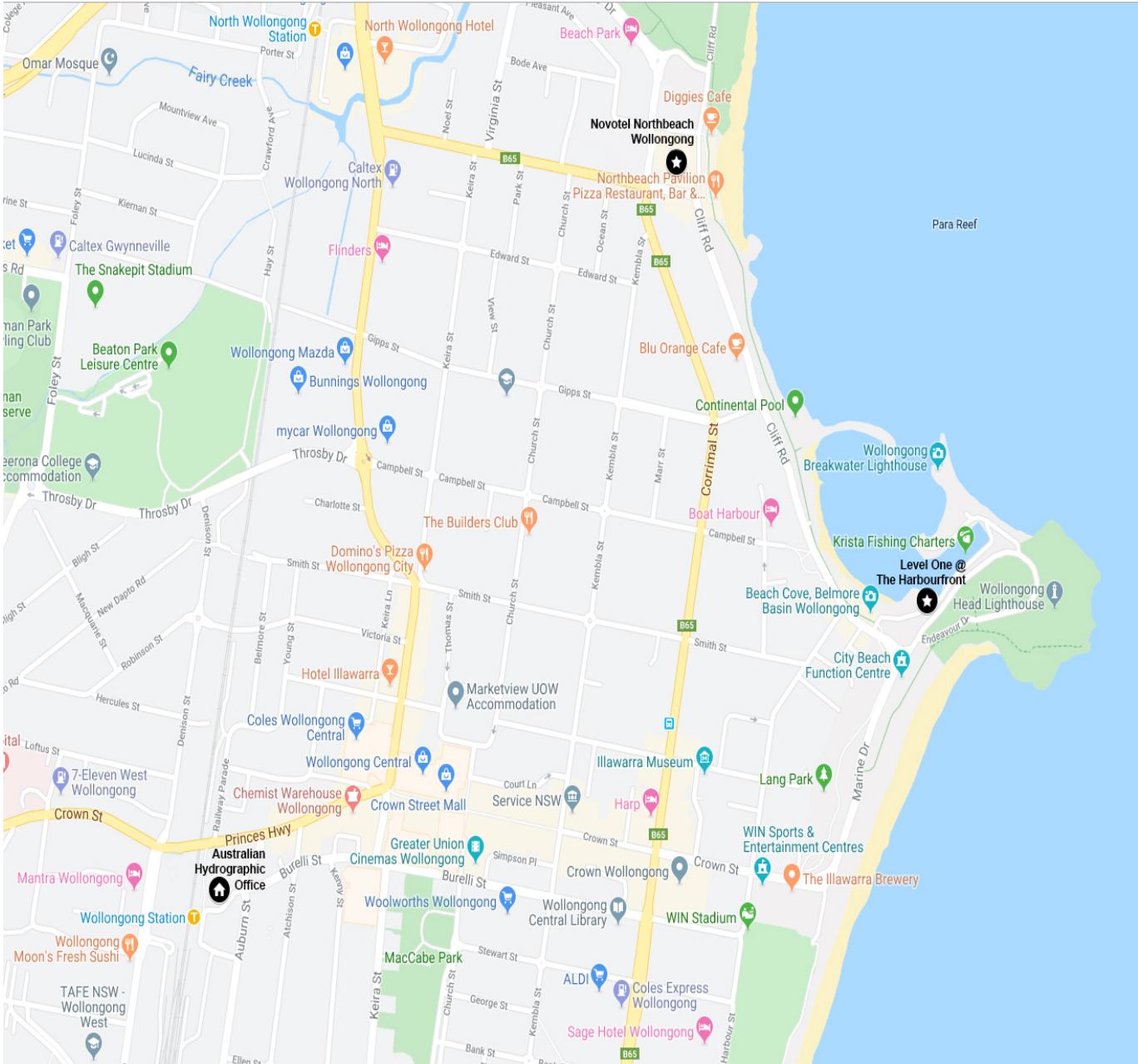
However for the official photographs on Day 1 (10 Feb) and Day 3 (12 Feb) it will be Summer White for the military personnel.

TRAVEL TIPS

Electrical voltage is 240V AC, 50Hz. Power outlet boards will be available for use in the meeting room. You will need an adaptor to fit your plug into an Australian 3 pin socket.



ANNEX A: Wollongong CBD



Annex B: Wollongong Free Shuttle Bus route

