

33RD CONFERENCE ON RADAR METEOROLOGY

6-10 AUGUST 2007

CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE

CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA

SPONSORSHIP/ORGANIZERS

The 33rd Conference on Radar Meteorology is being convened jointly by the American Meteorological Society and the Australian Bureau of Meteorology Research Center with assistance from the AMS Committee on Radar Meteorology. The conference will be held 6-10 August 2007 at the Cairns Convention Centre in Cairns, Australia.

The American Meteorological Society and the Bureau of Meteorology Research Center would like to recognize the support for the meeting that is being provided by the following sponsors:

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GETTING TO CAIRNS

(Most flights go through Sydney)

Major Carriers from North America: Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Qantas, United Airlines

Flight Times: From NYC: ~23 hours

From LA: ~18 hours

Flight Costs to Cairns (including taxes): From NYC: \$1,700 - \$2,300 US

From LA: \$1,400 - \$1,800 US

AUSTRALIA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A passport visa is required for visitors from all other countries (other than New Zealand). For short-term visitors, a visa can be obtained within ~30 seconds on-line for a small fee via the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) at www.eta.immi.gov.au.

VENUE

All meeting sessions for the conferences will be held at the Cairns Convention Centre, Centre Wharf & Sheridan Streets, Cairns 4870, Qld. Australia. Use Wharf St entrance.

Web-site: <http://www.cairnsconvention.com.au/>

ACCOMMODATIONS

Special conference rates have been secured at the following hotels:

**US dollar conversions are listed as approximations only.*

Rydges Plaza:

<http://www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RQCAIR/Rydges-Plaza-Cairns.htm>

Aus\$165/US\$133* Standard Room

Aus\$185/US\$150* Executive Queen Room

Corner of Spence & Grafton Streets

Cairns QLD 4870

Distance to Convention Centre: 1.5 blocks

Link to on-line reservations: www.rydges.com/cwp/radarmeteorology

Reservations via E-Mail: reservations_plazacairns@rydges.com

Reservations from Overseas: (+61 2) 9261 4929

Local Phone #: +61 7 4046 0300

Gilligan's Backpacker Hotel & Resort:

<http://www.gilligansbackpackers.com.au/>

Aus \$92/US\$75 Basic/Private Room

57-89 Grafton Street

Cairns 4870

Distance to Convention Center: 1.5 blocks

Reservations via E-Mail: reservations@gilligansbackpackers.com.au

Reservations via Phone: +61 7 4041 6566

Rydges Tradewinds:

<http://www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RQTRAD/Rydges-Tradewinds-Cairns.htm>

Aus\$180/US\$145* Superior Waterview Room

Aus\$195/US\$158* Deluxe Waterview Room

137 The Esplanade

Cairns QLD 4870

Distance to Convention Centre: 8.5 blocks

(complimentary shuttle available to/from convention center)

Link to on-line reservations: www.rydges.com/cwp/radarmeterology

Reservations via E-mail: reservations_tradewinds@rydges.com

Reservations from Overseas: (+61 2) 9261 4929

Local Phone #: +61 7 4053 0300

Rydges Esplanade:

<http://www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RQESPL/Rydges-Esplanade-Resort-Cairns.htm>

Aus\$170/US\$138* Standard Room

Aus\$190/US\$154* Ocean View Room

Corner of The Esplanade and Kerwin Street

Cairns QLD 4870

Distance to Convention Centre: 10.5 blocks

(complimentary shuttle available to/from convention center)

Link to on-line reservations: www.rydges.com/cwp/radarmeterology

Reservations via E-mail: reservations_esplanade@rydges.com

Reservations from Overseas: (+61 2) 9261 4929

Local Phone #: +61 7 4044 9000

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. To receive the special meeting rate, attendees must request a room under the AMS block. Reservations may be made on-line, coordinated via e-mail or by phone. **Reservations must be made by 31 May** and accompanied by a one-night deposit. Reservations made after 31 May will be on a space available basis. Subject to room availability, these special rates will be available the weekends before and after the conferences. We urge you to make reservations early since space is limited.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Cairns Airport is 8km (5 miles) north of downtown.

Australia Coach <http://www.australiacoach.com.au/> (\$7.50 AUS) provides transportation from the airport to city hotels. Kiosks are available near the airport baggage claim area.

Reservations are not required from the airport into town, but reservations from the hotel back to the airport should be made 24 hours in advance.

A taxi ride from the airport to downtown Cairns runs ~\$15 AUS.

REGISTRATION

There are several ways to register for this conference.

1) On-line Registration: This option is available to AMS Members and non-members who are paying by credit card or purchase order. Please see the AMS homepage. Select the "Meeting Information" link located at the top of the AMS homepage. Then select the Online Conference Registration and follow the instructions. You can register on-line between now and the start of the conference. Be sure to register by **15 June** for the lowest rates.

2) Fax-In Registration: Download the registration form from AMS homepage (linked above). Select the "Meeting Information" link located at the top of the AMS homepage and follow these steps: a) Select AMS Upcoming Meetings; b.) 33 Radar / Cairns, Australia Meeting; c) Download and print the registration form; and d) Return the completed registration form by fax (617) 742-8718 or mail to: AMS, 33 Radar / Cairns Meeting., 45 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. **REGISTRATION FORMS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR FAX THROUGH 18 JULY. AFTER THIS DATE YOU MUST REGISTER ON-LINE OR ON-SITE.**

3) On-Site Registration: The AMS registration desk at the Cairns Convention Center will be open for registration during the following hours:

Sun. 5 Aug:	3:00pm-5:00pm
Mon. 6 Aug:	7:30am-5:30pm
Tues. 7 Aug:	7:30am-5:30pm
Wed. 8 Aug:	7:30am-12:15pm
Thurs. 9 Aug:	7:30am-5:30pm
Fri. 10 Aug:	7:30am-3:00pm

We urge you to pre-register. If you do not have Web access, please contact the AMS Meetings Department 617-227-2426, ext. 228 for a registration form. Completed forms must be faxed or mailed to AMS by **18 July**. We do not accept registration over the phone.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES

*Registration is listed (and will be collected in) American dollars.

Attendee Type	Full Week Package		One Day Package	
	By June 15	After June 15	By June 15	After June 15
AMS or BMRC Full Member, Speaker, Poster Presenter, Program or Session Chairperson	\$430.00	\$470.00	\$280.00	\$320.00
AMS Associate Member, BMRC Associate Member, Cosponsoring Member	\$470.00	\$510.00	\$280.00	\$320.00
Nonmember	\$510.00	\$550.00	\$280.00	\$320.00
Retired Member	\$250.00	\$290.00		
AMS or BMRC Student Member	\$235.00	\$275.00		
Student Non-Member	\$250.00	\$290.00		

FULL-WEEK REGISTRATION includes: a conference admission badge, a program, a copy of the conference CD-ROM, a booklet of conference abstracts, admission to all sessions and exhibits, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, admission to the Wednesday night conference banquet, the Monday evening icebreaker reception, and the Tuesday evening exhibits reception. (Registration does not include spouse admission to any events or admission to the optional Wednesday Tjapukai excursion.)

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION includes: for that calendar day only: a conference admission badge, a program, a copy of the conference CD-ROM, a booklet of conference abstracts, admission to all sessions and exhibits, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, and admission to evening events for the selected 1 day only. (Registration does not include spouse admission to any events or admission to the optional Wednesday Tjapukai excursion.)

GUESTS AT THE CONFERENCE: A separate guest admission ticket and name badge may be purchased (\$90.00) to allow admission to evening receptions on both Monday and Tuesday and admission to the Wednesday night conference banquet. The guest badge does not allow admission to conference sessions or to the optional Wednesday Tjapukai excursion.) Guest tickets may be purchased along with attendee registration or on-site.

Confirmation of registration will be sent once the registration form has been processed at AMS Headquarters. **REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Payment may be made with check, money order, purchase order, or credit card. (MasterCard/VISA/American Express). Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. dollars. Refunds (less a \$25 processing fee) will be granted only for cancellations received before **18 July 2007.**

CONFERENCE BANQUET—WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2007

A relaxing evening and gala buffet dinner will be held in the outdoors plaza of the Cairns Convention Centre starting Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. The Cairns Convention Centre is world renowned for its contemporary tropical cuisine utilizing the freshest tropical North Queensland produce. Reef fish, roast beef sirloin and numerous other tempting dishes including vegetarian dishes will be served.

This event is included in your registration package. Guest tickets (which also include admission to the Monday and Tuesday evening receptions) may be purchased for \$90.00/Ticket until **noon Tuesday, 7 August.**

RECEPTIONS

An Icebreaker Reception will be held in conjunction with the opening of exhibits on Monday, 6 August from 6:00-8:00pm with light food and a cash bar.

An Exhibitor Reception will be held on Tuesday, 7 August from 6:00-8:00pm with light food and a cash bar.

Attendee or guest name badges will be required for entry. Guest tickets (which also include admission to the Wednesday evening banquet) may be purchased for \$90.00/Ticket until **noon Tuesday, 7 August.**

LUNCH DURING THE CONFERENCE

Cash & carry lunch carts located in Halls C & D and outside Room 9 will be open for attendees' convenience on Monday through Friday (except Wednesday).

OPTIONAL CONFERENCE OUTING

Wednesday, 8 August 2007

Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park (Separate Tickets US\$50/pp)

An optional conference excursion to **Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park**

<http://www.tjapukai.com.au/> is being planned for those who would like an afternoon of interaction with Australia's 40,000 year old Aboriginal culture of Tropical North Queensland. A full lunch buffet will be served upon arrival and will be followed with activities including history theatre, boomerang and spear throwing, creation and dance theatre, and a visit to the cultural village where you might find a new talent for didgeridoo playing.

This excursion is not included in registration, but tickets may be purchased along with your conference registration for **US\$50/pp. Tickets must be purchased by 12:00pm on Tuesday, 7 August in order to reserve your spot.** Buses will leave the convention center at 12:45pm and depart the park at 5:00pm for the return trip.

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) NOWCASTING AND RADAR TRAINING WORKSHOP

The target audience for this workshop to be held in Cairns 1-4 August 2007 will be meteorologists practicing as weather forecasters within national meteorological organizations located within RA V. Participation will be by invitation only coordinated through the WMO. Additional information may be found on the AMS web-page.

COMMERCIAL OPERATORS SESSION

A special Commercial Operators session will be held on Thursday, 9 August from 8:00-10:00am in Hall A for those who would like to learn more about our valued exhibitors.

EXHIBIT HOURS

Move-In

Sun, 5 August 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Mon, 6 August 8:00 a.m.-1:00 P.M.

Installation must be complete by Monday, 6 August 2007 at 1 P.M.

Exhibit Hours

Mon, 6 August 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Tues, 7 August 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. AND 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Wed, 8 August 10:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Thurs, 9 August 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Move Out

Thurs, 9 August 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Fri, 10 August 8:00-11:00 A.M.

Exhibitors are not allowed to dismantle before 4:00 P.M., Thursday, . All exhibitor materials must be removed from the exhibit facility by 11:00 A.M. on Friday, 10 August 2007.

INTERNET ACCESS AT THE CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE

An E-Mail Café (e-mail stations and signal for wireless access) will be located in the Poster and Exhibit Hall C & D.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Due to the international location of this meeting, presentations will not be recorded. Presentations will need to be uploaded on-site in the Speaker Preparation Room near the Registration Desk prior to the start of your session. Presentations may be uploaded on-site via USB stick. Additional questions may be directed to Ms. Meryl Wiseman at M.Wiseman@bom.gov.au.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Please note that posters are to be A0 (portrait orientation) size for this meeting. (118.9cm X 84.1cm) This is different from a typical AMS meeting and will allow for two posters will be placed side-by-side on the display board. Please also note that wireless internet access will be available in the poster hall, but tables will not be available for placement in front of posters. Push pins are not to be used; double-sided Velcro adhesive will be available on-site for your convenience.

POSTER ROTATIONS

Posters will be displayed in three distinct poster presentation timeframes. Set-up and tear down times will be strictly as follows:

First Rotation (Monday)

Set-Up: Mon. at 10:00am
Tear-Down: Tues. by 8:00am

Second Rotation (Tuesday)

Set-Up: Tues. at 10:00am
Tear-Down: Wed by 8:00am

Third Rotation (Wednesday/Thursday)

Set-Up: Wed. at 10:00am
Tear-Down: Thurs. by 6:00pm

SPECIAL NEEDS

The Cairns Convention Centre is wheelchair accessible.

SIGHTSEEING IN CAIRNS AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Cairns Online: www.cairns.aust.com
Australia Tourism: www.tourism.australia.com

OTHER WEB-SITES OF INTEREST

Australian Bureau of Meteorology: www.bom.gov.au
Tourism Tropical North Queensland: www.tropicalaustralia.com.au
Environmental Protection Agency: (info. on national parks, camping & hiking)
www.epa.qld.gov.au
Bed & Breakfast and Farmstay Association of Far North Queensland: www.bnbnq.com.au