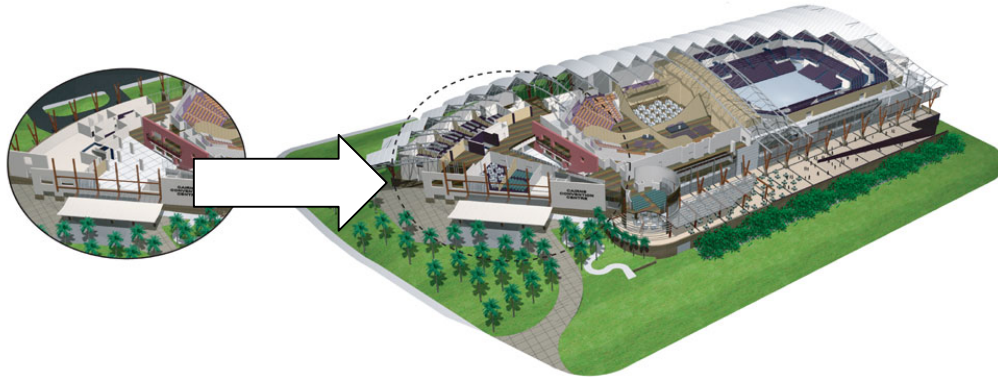


## **Newsletter – 33<sup>rd</sup> International Radar Conference, Cairns, August 6-10, 2007**

**Location of Convention Centre** – The venue is on the corner of Sheridan and Wharf Streets. The main entry to the Convention Centre is from Wharf Street. The venue covers a large area, so you may have a long walk if you go to the wrong end of the complex. The entry is highlighted in this plan.



**Speakers** – Please bring your presentation (on USB flash drive, CD etc.) to the Registration Desk well before your session begins (preferably on the morning of the presentation), so that we can load it onto the AV equipment provided by the Convention Centre. You will not be able to run your talk directly from your notebook. If you prepared your presentation on a Mac, make sure it will run in a Windows environment. Detailed instructions for speakers (and those giving poster presentations) are on the conference website at: [http://ametsoc.org/meet/fainst/200733radar\\_poster.pdf](http://ametsoc.org/meet/fainst/200733radar_poster.pdf)

**Breakout Meetings** – Some groups may need to arrange breakout meetings during the week of the conference. We will do our best to find a suitable room for your needs. Could you please advise if a meeting is being planned so that we can provide a summary of such meetings, including times, locations and key contacts. Contact Andrew Hollis ([a.hollis@bom.gov.au](mailto:a.hollis@bom.gov.au)).

**Excursion** – The conference excursion at *Tjapukai Cultural Park* on Wednesday afternoon will be a fascinating and fun event and give you a chance to throw a boomerang or two. The ticket price of US\$50 is great value and covers your park entry, a **full buffet lunch**, return coach transfers from the convention centre to Tjapukai, and the opportunity to interact with the 40,000 year old Aboriginal culture of Tropical North Queensland. Activities include boomerang and spear throwing, creation and dance theatre, didgeridoo playing and bush tucker (food) tastings. Coaches will depart the Convention Centre at 12:45pm and leave Tjapukai at 5:00pm. Their website is: <http://www.tjapukai.com.au/>

We will be taking bookings for the Excursion at your registration from Sunday afternoon onwards. Please note that we need to finalise excursion numbers by lunchtime Tuesday, so make sure you confirm your excursion booking as soon as you arrive at the conference.

**Accommodation** – Nearby hotels and apartments are shown on the city map (page 2). Many guests are staying at *Rydges Plaza* or *Gilligan's*, which are both a short walk of less than 5 minutes to the Convention Centre.

Details on a range of accommodation options and walking distances are at: <http://www.cairnsconvention.com.au/accharts.html>

**Shuttle buses** – Guests staying at other Rydges Hotels (*Tradewinds Esplanade* and the *Esplanade Resort*) have a longer walk to the Convention Centre (15 minutes and 20 minutes respectively). Rydges are offering access to a complimentary shuttle bus that will transport guests to and from the Convention Centre.



Cairns city map showing the Convention Centre and accommodation locations.