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**Australian Agricultural &
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55th Annual Conference
Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne
February 8-11, 2011

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Melbourne CBD, Victoria

INVITATION TO ATTEND

The members of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society extend a warm invitation to you to attend the Annual Conference in 2011. The Committee and contributors are developing a dynamic and diverse program incorporating a range of industry professionals and specialist speakers and presenters. The Conference venue is the Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne.

The Conference presents a great opportunity for all those involved in research, extension, teaching, policy making and managing agriculture and natural resources to catch up with and contribute to the latest research into those issues and to hear broader perspectives about where the issues fit in the Australian, New Zealand and world economies from some of the world's leading agricultural and resource economists.

ABOUT AARES

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is an independent association of persons and organisations interested in agricultural, resource and environmental economics. The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society aims to encourage study, research, discussion and extension in the discipline of agricultural and resource economics in order to promote the efficient development of agricultural and natural resources. AARES has a federal structure with branches in major states, and New Zealand and North America. AARES members receive a discount on Conference registration fees. For more information about AARES and how to join, visit www.aares.info.

REASONS TO ATTEND

The Annual AARES Conference is an important fixture on the agriculture, resource and environmental economics calendar. Here are some reasons you should attend the 2011 Conference:

- Networking with your peers
- Discuss the latest trends in agricultural and resource economics
- Meet with others in your specific field
- Build professional bridges to the future
- Get the latest word on emerging issues
- An opportunity to present your own research
- Take home the best of new ideas and research from industry professionals
- The continuation of the highly successful 'mini-symposia' initiative, which was introduced at the 2010 Conference in Adelaide
- Feature-packed social events

ABOUT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Melbourne, Victoria's state capital, is a vibrant and dynamic city which is consistently ranked among the world's most livable cities. With a population of over 3 million, Melbourne is Australia's second-largest city and boasts some of the country's great cultural and sporting attractions.

While you are in Melbourne, why not:

1. Stroll, skate or soak up the sun on the St Kilda beach promenade
2. Discover Australia's Aboriginal culture on a Koorie Heritage Walk
3. Dine in the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant, travelling city streets while you enjoy your meal
4. Meet multicultural Melbourne at the Queen Victoria Market
5. See the city from 'The Edge', 88 stories up in the Eureka Tower
6. Capture the city spirit at Federation Square, home to galleries, cafés and bars
7. Eat, drink and live like a local in Melbourne's sophisticated secret laneways
8. Swim with sea horses around the piers of Melbourne's peninsula
9. Capture culture at the National Gallery of Victoria, with art spanning the globe
10. Meet native and exotic animals or picnic over jazz at the Melbourne Zoo
11. Discover the *Melbourne Story* at the Melbourne Museum
12. Tee off at one of 15 championship golf courses around Melbourne
13. Take time out at one of Melbourne's seaside day spas
14. Experience café culture on Lygon Street – Melbourne's 'Little Italy'
15. See a show at a world-class theatre as Broadway comes to Melbourne
16. Live the sporting passion at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Australian Sports Museum
17. Drive a lap of Albert Park, home to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix
18. Shop at Melbourne's largest department stores, Myer and David Jones
19. Enjoy spectacular water views and stylish restaurants at Docklands
20. Let your hair down at one of Melbourne's many free festivals or public events

'20 Things to do in Melbourne' courtesy Melbourne Convention & Visitor Bureau
www.mcvb.com.au

CROWN CONFERENCE CENTRE

Crown Conference Centre (CCC) is a sleek, modern venue in the heart of Melbourne's vibrant Southbank precinct. The CCC is minutes walk to Crown Casino, an abundance of restaurants, cafes and accommodation options and the heart of Melbourne's CBD. Featuring spacious rooms and the latest in audio-visual technology, the CCC will ensure AARES delegates will enjoy an outstanding Conference in an outstanding venue.



Promenade Room, Crown Conference Centre

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Pre-Conference Workshop 1: Applied Productivity and Efficiency Analysis

This workshop will present methods for measuring the performance of multi-input multi-output firms. Among other things, participants will learn how Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) and Stochastic Frontier Analysis (SFA) can be used to decompose indexes of profitability and productivity change into measures of price change, technical change and efficiency change. The course will be aimed at graduate students, researchers, economists, statisticians and consultants working in agriculture and allied industries. Participants will be expected to have an understanding of microeconomics and regression analysis similar to that of a second-year undergraduate university student.

The presenter is Chris O'Donnell, Professor of Econometrics and Director of the Centre for Efficiency and Productivity Analysis at The University of Queensland. He is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Productivity Analysis* and a former editor of the *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He is author of the DPIN software for decomposing productivity index numbers. For more details see <http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/index.html?page=15893>.

The workshop will comprise lectures on the following six topics:

- The Economics of Production: this lecture covers basic economic concepts needed for a proper understanding of productivity and efficiency measurement.
- Productivity and Efficiency: this lecture reveals that profitability change can be decomposed into the product of a total factor productivity (TFP) index and an index measuring the change in the terms of trade. Most common TFP indexes can be further decomposed into measures of technical change and technical, mix and scale efficiency change.
- Index Numbers: this lecture presents index number methods for computing TFP change when production technologies have different regularity properties and when prices are (not) available.
- Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA): this lecture deals with the computation and decomposition of Laspeyres, Paasche, Fisher, Hicks-Moorsteen and Lowe TFP indexes using linear programming methods..
- Stochastic Frontier Analysis (SFA): this lecture deals with the computation and decomposition of TFP indexes using econometric techniques.
- Advanced Methods: this lecture provides an overview of bootstrapping methods for obtaining standard errors for DEA efficiency scores; generalized method of moments and Bayesian methods for overcoming endogeneity in SFA models; and methods for estimating efficiency and productivity in the presence of risk.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Pre-Conference Workshop 2:

Market design: Advances and Applications to Agriculture, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy Problems

Market design is a field of economics that synthesises mechanism design and experimental economics to provide a new policy design methodology. This process has been successfully applied in domains of the economy where markets are missing/inefficient to design, test and create new policy mechanisms that mimic the efficiency properties of markets. The workshop will inform participants about the process of market design; include presentations describing applications of this approach in Australia; and provide a forum to consider the potential for the market design approach in the agriculture, natural resource and environment sectors of the economy.

This workshop will feature a keynote presentation on the foundations of market design and the science of policy design, followed by discussion. Parallel sessions will then be run on the applications of market design policy problems in Australia, featuring the following topics:

- A market for native vegetation offsets in Victoria
- A market for water quality in urban areas
- Creating markets for environmental goods and services
- CSIRO's applications
- A market for pollution permits for the CPRS
- A market for swing moorings/others
- Energy market design
- Comparing energy efficiency options using experimental laboratories
- Spectrum auction design
- Drought policy design

The afternoon session will focus on the future of market design, including future applications, market design and the implications for environmental accounts and developments in experimental economics relevant to market design.

Pre-Conference Workshop 3:

The Economics of Food, Health & Nutrition: International Comparisons, Analysis, and Roles for Government

Issues surrounding the economics of food, health and nutrition are gaining in prominence – reports of an 'obesity epidemic' appear with increasing frequency. Governments and communities are concerned about food security and safety, the sustainability of food production systems and supply chains, food labelling and dietary changes.

The agricultural and natural resource sectors, as food producers, play a key role in contributing to food, health and nutrition outcomes. Changes in agricultural productivity, the production of new foods and functional foods, and shifts in consumer preferences pose new challenges for public policy.

Economic analysis is contributing new insights into:

- the impact of public policy settings on food, health and nutrition outcomes;
- areas where markets do and do not produce outcomes that benefit the community and;
- the impact of private and public incentives on these outcomes.

This workshop will explore relationships between agricultural and food policies, health outcomes, and the economic implications of those outcomes. Australian and international experiences will be compared.

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday 8 th February		
Time	Session	Venue
8.00am-9.00am	REGISTRATION OPEN (WORKSHOPS ONLY)	Crown Conference Centre
9.00am-5.00pm	PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS	Crown Conference Centre
4.00pm-6.00pm	REGISTRATION OPEN	
5.00pm-7.00pm	WELCOME RECEPTION	River Room, Level 1, Crown Towers
7.30pm-9.30pm	YOUNG RESEARCHERS' EVENT	Elephant & Wheelbarrow, 94-96 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Wednesday 9 th February				
Time	Session			
7.30am-5.30pm	REGISTRATION OPEN			
8.30am-9.00am	CONFERENCE OFFICIAL OPENING Richard Bolt, Secretary, Department of Primary Industries, Victoria			
9.00am-10.00am	OPENING PLENARY SESSION – MURRAY DARLING BASIN			
	<i>Economic, Environmental and Social Sustainability in the Murray Darling Basin</i> Professor Quentin Grafton , Director, Centre for Water Economics, Environment and Policy, Australian National University			
	<i>Sustainability in the Murray Darling Basin – and Some Reflections on the Concept of Sustainability</i> Professor Emeritus Alan Randall , The University of Sydney			
10.00am-10.30am	Morning Tea			
10.30am-12:00pm	CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION 1			
12.00pm-12.45pm	Lunch			
12.45pm-2.30pm	MINI SYMPOSIUM SESSION 1			
	<i>Water Quality Economics in Policy and Practice: Where is the Cutting Edge?</i> Convenor: Stuart Whitten , CSIRO	<i>Implications of the 'Openness' of Dynamic Farm Systems for Farm Management</i> Convenor: Bill Malcolm , DPI Victoria	<i>History of Australian Agricultural Economics</i> Convenor: Alistair Watson	<i>Some Current Agricultural Trade Policy Issues</i> Convenor: Donald MacLaren , University of Melbourne
2.30pm-3.00pm	Afternoon Tea			
3.00pm-4.30pm	CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION 2			
4.30pm-5.30pm	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Professor Philip Pardey , Director, International Science and Technology Practice and Policy (InSTePP) Center, University of Minnesota			
6.30pm-10.30pm	CONFERENCE DINNER Speaker: Dr Neil Byron		River Rooms, Crown Conference Centre	

Program Updates

For program updates please check the AARES 2011 Conference website at: www.alloccasionsgroup.com/AARES2011

Disclaimer

The speakers, topics and times are correct at the time of printing. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Organising Committee reserves the right to delete or alter items in the Conference Program.

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday 10 th February				
Time	Session			
7.30am–4.30pm	REGISTRATION OPEN			
8.30am–10.00am	CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION 3			
10.00am–10.30am	Morning Tea			
10.30am–12.00pm	INVITED PAPERS SESSION A <i>Security, Risk and Insecurity in the 21st Century</i>	INVITED PAPERS SESSION B <i>Managing Climate Change Without Another Global Agreement</i>		
	<i>Putting the Cat Back in the Bag: Optimal Management of Establish Invasive Species</i> Professor Jim Wilen , Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of California, Davis Speaker to be advised Richard Bolt , Secretary, Department of Primary Industries, Victoria	Speaker to be advised <i>The Current International State Of Play</i> Blair Comley , Deputy Secretary, Department of Climate Change Speaker to be advised		
12.00pm–12.45pm	Lunch			
12.45pm–2.30pm	MINI SYMPOSIUM SESSION 2			
	<i>Evolution of the National Primary Industries RD&E System</i> Convenor: Bruce Kefford , DPI Victoria	<i>Using Benefit Transfer in Environmental Policy Making</i> Convenor: Jeff Bennett , ANU	<i>Remember the Wool Industry</i> Convenor: Alistair Watson	<i>Issues in Taxing the Mining Industry</i> Convenor: John O'Connor
2.30pm–3.00pm	Afternoon Tea			
3.00pm–4.30pm	CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION 4			
4.30pm–5.30pm	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING			
6.30pm–8.30pm	NETWORKING EVENT	The Fishbowl, Melbourne Aquarium		

Friday 11 th February			
Time	Session		
7.00am–4.30pm	REGISTRATION OPEN		
7.30am–8.20am	EARLY SESSION		
	<i>Global Emissions Trends</i> Professor Ross Garnaut , Distinguished Professor, The Australian National University		
8.30am–10.00am	CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION 5		
10.00am–10.30am	Morning Tea		
10.30am–12.15pm	MINI-SYMPOSIUM SESSION 3		
	<i>Air Pollution Economics</i> Convenor: David Godden , NSW DECCW	<i>MDB: Striking the balance</i> Convenor: Gavan Dwyer , DPI Victoria	<i>Improving community benefits from fisheries resources</i> Convenor: Fisheries Victoria
12.15pm–1.00pm	Lunch		
1.00pm–2.30pm	CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION 6		
2.30pm–3.30pm	DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS' ADDRESS <i>Assessing the Extensive Margin: Supply and Demand for Cropland and Crop Products in 2050</i> Professor Tom Hertel , Centre for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University		
3.30pm–3.45pm	CONFERENCE CLOSE		
3.45pm–4.15pm	Afternoon Tea		

SOCIAL PROGRAM

The Local Organising Committee have developed an exciting social program to complement the Conference day sessions. We hope you will join us at these events to socialise and network with other delegates.

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, 8 February 2011, 5.00pm-7.00pm

River Room, First Floor, Crown Towers

1 ticket is included in **full** registration fee. Please indicate your attendance on the registration form.

Cost (day registrants & guests): \$50.00 per person (includes beverages & canapés)

Renew old acquaintances and meet new contacts at tonight's official Conference Welcome Reception. This event will open the Conference and get delegates ready for the Conference sessions the next day.

AARES Young Members' Event



Tuesday, 8 February 2011, 7.30pm-9.30pm

The Elephant and Wheelbarrow

94-96 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Cost: \$20 includes some food & beverages

Join fellow Young Members at this traditional British Pub in Melbourne's city centre. Higher degree students, recent graduates, early career professionals and new members of AARES are all encouraged to attend this event to share experiences and build contacts.

Conference Dinner

Wednesday, 9 February 2011, 7.00pm-11.00pm

River Room, Crown Conference Centre

Cost: \$100 (includes 3 course meal, beer, wine & soft drink)

Enjoy a relaxing night of fabulous food, wine & good company. Featuring stunning views over the Yarra River and Melbourne CBD, the River Room at Crown Conference Centre is a great place to dine. Recognise the achievements of your peers during the awards presentations, and enjoy the after dinner speech from Neil Byron.

Networking Event

Thursday, 10 February 2011, 6.30pm-8.30pm

'The Fish Bowl', Melbourne Aquarium

Corner of Flinders and King Streets, Melbourne

Cost: \$75 per person (includes beverages & canapés)

Just a short walk from the Conference venue across Kings Way Bridge, the Melbourne Aquarium is a must-visit attraction while in Melbourne. The Networking Event will be a great opportunity to relax and catch up with colleagues and peers, and will be held in the breathtaking 'Fish Bowl'. See what it is like on the other side of the glass!



REGISTRATION

All rates are in Australian dollars and include GST	Early Bird (Register and pay prior to 01/01/2011)	Regular (Registration after 01/01/2011)
Pre-Conference Workshop 1	\$150	
Pre-Conference Workshop 2	\$150	
Pre-Conference Workshop 3	\$150	
AARES Member - Full Conference	\$700	\$770
Non Member - Full Conference	\$800	\$870
Student/Emeriti Member - Full Conference	\$315	\$350
Student/Emeriti Non Member - Full Conference	\$365	\$400
AARES Member - Day	\$290	
Non Member - Day	\$390	
Student/Emeriti Member - Day	\$150	
Student/Emeriti Non Member - Day	\$200	

A **member** is any person who has **paid their 2011 AARES subscription by the start of the conference**. Please ensure you are a 2011 financial member of AARES by the start of the conference if you register at the member rate. If you have not yet paid your subscription for 2011, registering at the non-member rate will automatically renew your membership and subscription to the electronic journal.

A **non-member** is any person who has **not paid their 2011 AARES subscription by the start of the conference**. The non-member registration fee includes membership of AARES and a subscription to the electronic journal for 2011.

The **Pre-Conference Workshop** registration fees include attendance at the nominated workshop, morning and afternoon tea and lunch on Tuesday, 8th February and any relevant workshop materials.

Full Conference registration fees include attendance at all Conference sessions (9-11 February), morning and afternoon teas, lunches and attendance at the Welcome Reception, a satchel and program handbook. Attendance at the Conference Dinner, Young Researchers' Event and Networking Event are at an additional cost.

Day registration fees include attendance at Conference sessions, morning and afternoon tea and lunch on the nominated day, a satchel and program handbook. Attendance to all social functions is at an additional cost, and tickets must be purchased when registering.

Early Bird delegates must **register and pay** prior to January 1, 2011. Should payment for early bird registrations not be received by this date, delegates will automatically be charged the regular rate.

Payment of Registration Fees

All fees are in Australian dollars and are GST inclusive. Payment must accompany the registration form and may be made by:

- Credit Card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Diners Club)
- Cheque or money order payable to 'All Occasions Management – AARES'
- Electronic funds transfer (EFT) to All Occasions Group Trust Account #1
Commonwealth Bank, Hindmarsh, South Australia
BSB Number: 065 - 112
Account Number: 1016 - 3910
Please provide remittance advice, including your surname as payment reference.

REGISTRATION continued

Confirmation of Registration

Your registration will be acknowledged in writing with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration form. A tax invoice will also be sent. Please contact All Occasions Management if you have not received a confirmation letter within 5 business days of submitting your registration.

Registration Cancellation Policy

Registration cancellations must be sent in writing, mailed, faxed or emailed, to All Occasions Management. Registration cancellations received up to 30 days prior to the Conference receive a full refund, less a \$110.00 handling fee. Registration cancellations received less than 30 days and up to seven days prior to the Conference will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be given for registration cancellations received within seven days of the Conference; however a substitute delegate may be nominated.

Registration Desk

The registration desk will be located in outside Conference Hall 1 on Level 2 of Crown Conference Centre. All delegates must register to attend the Conference and the registration desk will be open for delegates to collect their registration materials at the following times:

Tuesday 8 February 2011	8.00am - 9.00am (located outside Meeting Rooms 11-16, Level 1)
Tuesday 8 February 2011	4:00pm - 6:00pm (located outside Tonic Bar, ground floor)
Wednesday 9 February 2011	7.30am - 5.30pm
Thursday 10 February 2011	8.00am - 4.30pm
Friday 11 February 2011	8.00am - 4.30pm

Register online at www.alloccasionsgroup.com/AARES2011

TRAVEL

Do you need assistance with flights, car hire or pre and post conference touring options? If you would like assistance with any travel options don't hesitate to contact Travelscene at All Occasions. Working alongside our conferencing department allows you to focus on your destination, while we manage the journey. We are a member of the Travelscene American Express network, so you can be sure that you are getting the best possible deals.

Contact:

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VISAS & IMMIGRATION

Anyone wishing to travel to and enter Australia must have a valid passport and/or the appropriate Australian visa. The type of visa required depends upon the purpose of the visit. For further information on visiting Australia and the requirements it is recommended that you visit Australia's Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs website: www.immi.gov.au.

ACCOMMODATION

The Conference Organiser has arranged bookings at a number of hotels close to the Conference venue. To access the special rates, delegates will need to book through the Conference Organiser, and provide credit card details as a guarantee. The credit card details will be forwarded to the hotel, and may be charged a deposit prior to your arrival. If you would like your accommodation charged to the credit card you provide as a guarantee, please indicate this when booking your accommodation, otherwise payment will be required upon check in.

Check in time is 2:00pm, and check out time is 10:00am unless otherwise indicated. If you require your room outside this time a further charge may be applicable. Accommodation options are limited so please book early.

Accommodation Options

All rates are room only per night unless otherwise indicated. All rates are in Australian Dollars and include GST. Please ensure you read the accommodation cancellation policies outlined on page 18.

Crown Promenade (hotel within Crown Conference Centre)

8 Whiteman Street

Southbank, VIC

www.crownpromenade.com.au

Standard Room - \$230 per night

Crown Promenade Hotel is located in Melbourne's vibrant Southbank entertainment precinct. Directly linked to the exciting Crown Entertainment Complex by air bridge, Crown Promenade is also close to the Central Business District, the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre and many of the city's most famous arts and sporting facilities.

Mantra Southbank Melbourne

31 City Road

Southbank, VIC

www.mantra.com.au/victoria/melbourne-and-surrounds/melbourne/accommodation/hotels/mantra-southbank/

One Bedroom Apartment - \$205 per night

Two Bedroom Apartment - \$305 per night

Mantra Southbank Melbourne offers spacious 4.5 star apartment-style accommodation in the heart of Melbourne's vibrant arts and entertainment district which includes the National Gallery of Victoria, the Arts Centre, Federation Square and the Botanical Gardens. Located just a stroll from Melbourne's CBD, Mantra Southbank is also within walking distance to Crown Casino, South Wharf and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre to the west.

Quality Hotel Batman on Collins

623 Collins Street

Melbourne, VIC

www.batmanshill.com.au/index_batman.cfm

Club Room - \$176 per night

First class style without the first class price tag. Quality Hotel Batman's Hill on Collins is located in the heart of Melbourne. The excellent location, opposite Southern Cross Station, is within a short walk to the Crown Casino and Entertainment Complex, Rialto Towers, Melbourne Aquarium, Southbank, Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, Docklands restaurants and Etihad Stadium.

ACCOMMODATION

Quest Apartments Southbank

12-16 Kavanagh Street

Southbank, VIC

www.questsouthbank.com.au

One Bedroom Apartment \$198 per night

Quest Southbank - Melbourne is conveniently located within easy walking distance of Melbourne CBD, Southbank Promenade and its famous Restaurants, The Arts Centre, Melbourne Exhibition Centre & Crown Casino. All apartments are 4½ star rated and are modern, spacious and tastefully furnished to the highest standards for comfort.

Riverside Annex Apartments (Best Western)

Corner Highlander Lane & Flinders Street

Melbourne, VIC

www.riversideservicedapartments.com.au

One Bedroom Apartment \$180 per night

Located on the corners of Flinders and Highlander Lane. Situated on the first, second and third floors, just near our reception in Highlander Lane. Highlander Apartments are unique boutique apartments with easy access to all the main attractions Melbourne has to offer.

Travelodge Southbank Melbourne

9 Riverside Quay

Southbank, VIC

www.travelodge.com.au/locations/features.aspx?hid=731

Standard Room \$145 per night

Travelodge Southbank is ideally located in vibrant Southbank, just minutes from the CBD and walking distance to the Casino. Travelodge Hotels offer great hotel deals for travelers looking for consistently clean, comfortable accommodation with caring friendly service.

Urban Central Accommodation

334 City Road

Southbank, VIC

www.urbancentral.com.au

4 person dorm room with ensuite \$37 per person per night*

*singles will have room-mates allocated by Urban Central

Double room with ensuite \$105 per room per night

Urban Central is located in the thriving Southbank district with the CBD and Casino on the doorstep. The ensuite dormitories offer a suitable alternative to the budget business traveler. The free daily breakfast consists of cereal, toast, juice and free tea & coffee is offered all day. Great local dinner deals are offered exclusive to Urban Central guests.

ACCOMMODATION

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations or changes to accommodation bookings must be made in **writing** to the Conference Organisers, **not** the hotel. Please note that the following cancellation charges apply:

Quest Southbank:

All cancellations must be made no less than 30 days prior to arrival or a charge of one (1) night's accommodation will be incurred onto the Guest's credit card.

Quality Hotel Batman on Collins

All cancellations must be made no less than 48 hours prior to arrival or a charge of one (1) night's accommodation will be incurred onto the Guest's credit card.

Crown Promenade

All cancellations must be made no less than 14 days prior to arrival or a charge of one (1) night's accommodation will be incurred onto the Guest's credit card.

Urban Central

All cancellations must be made no less than 30 days prior to arrival or a charge of one (1) night's accommodation will be incurred onto the Guest's credit card.

Cancellations received less than 6 days prior to arrival will be subject to a full 100% charge of total accommodation costs.

Travelodge Southbank

All cancellations must be made no less than 30 days prior to arrival or a charge of one (1) night's accommodation will be incurred onto the Guest's credit card.

Cancellations received less than 6 days prior to arrival will be subject to a full 100% charge of total accommodation costs.

Mantra Southbank

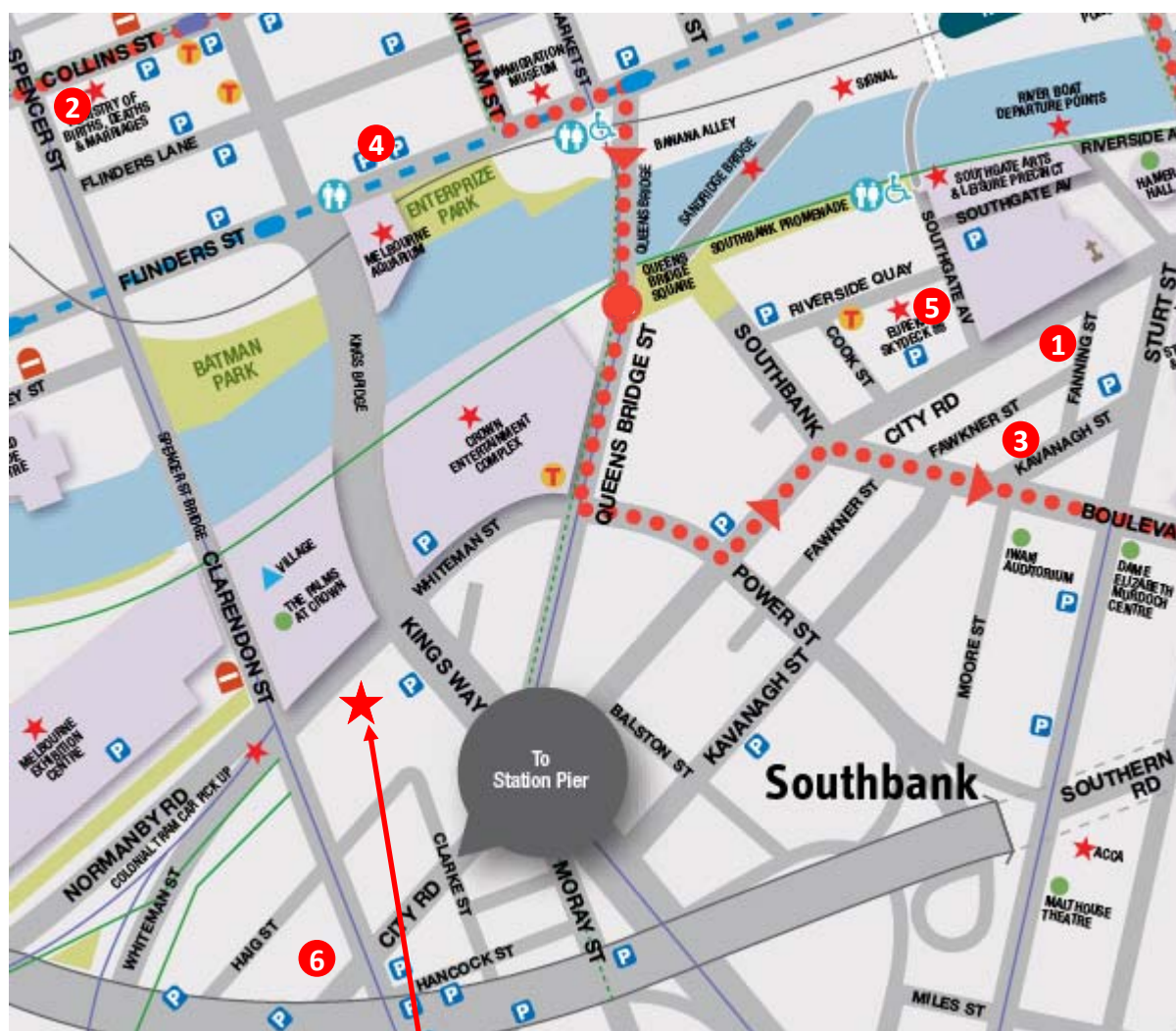
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Cancellations received less than 6 days prior to arrival will be subject to a full 100% charge of total accommodation costs.

Riverside Annex Highlander Apartments

All cancellations must be made no less than 7 days prior to arrival or a charge of one (1) night's accommodation will be incurred onto the Guest's credit card.

ACCOMMODATION MAP



Crown Conference Centre
8 Whiteman Street, Southbank

1. Mantra Southbank, 31 City Road, Southbank
 2. Quality Hotel Batman on Collins, 623 Collins Street, Melbourne
 3. Quest Apartments, 12-16 Kavanagh Street, Southbank
 4. Best Western Riverside Annex Apartments, Cnr Highlander Lane & Flinders Street, Melbourne
 5. Travelodge Southbank, 9 Riverside Quay, Southbank
 6. Urban Central, 334 City Road, Southbank
- ★ Crown Promenade (hotel within Crown Conference Centre)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Papers

Papers from the Conference will be made available on the AgEcon Search website after the Conference. Visit <http://ageconsearch.umn.edu/>.

Getting to Melbourne

Melbourne's main airport is Tullamarine Airport, which is serviced by all major local and international airlines. A taxi fare from the airport to Melbourne CBD is around \$50. Skybus runs an express service from the airport to Southern Cross Station every 10 minutes, 24 hours a day. A return ticket is approximately \$26. Southern Cross Station is the major interstate bus and train station. Southern Cross Station is located on Spencer Street, Melbourne, between Collins Street and Lonsdale Street.

Local Transport

Melbourne's public transport system consists of Metlink trams, trains and buses. Metcard or myki tickets must be purchased to travel on metropolitan trains, trams and buses, and can be used on all public transport. For metropolitan fares, routes and timetables, please visit www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au.

Melbourne's major taxi companies include:

- 13 CABS - Phone: 13 22 27
- Arrow - Phone: 13 22 11
- Embassy Taxis - Phone: 13 17 55
- Silver Top Taxis - Phone: 13 10 08

Melbourne's Climate

Melbourne's climate is temperate and variable with no great extremes, and Melbourne experiences one of the lowest rainfall levels in Australia. February can often experience days in excess of 32 degrees Celsius. Averages in Melbourne in February are:

Maximum temperature: 24 degrees Celsius

Minimum temperature: 13 degrees Celsius

Rainfall: 47mm

For further information, visit www.bom.gov.au.

Melbourne Shopping Hours

As a general guide, trading hours for city shops are:

Saturday to Wednesday – 10am-5pm

Thursday – 10am-7pm

Friday – 10am-9pm

Hours of operation often vary between shops and areas.

Time Zone

Melbourne operates on Australia Eastern Standard Time, which is GMT plus 10 hours.

Visitor Information

For more information on Melbourne, go to www.visitmelbourne.com.

Further Information

For further information, contact the Conference Organisers:

All Occasions Management

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Please accept this form as a Tax Invoice from AARES, ABN 96 079 246 304**

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Preferred name for badge (if different to above) _____

Position _____ Organisation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postcode _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Mobile Phone _____

Email _____

(all conference communication will be sent to this address)

Any Special Requirements? _____

(for example: special dietary, wheelchair access)

- A delegate list will be produced for the benefit of sponsors & delegates. Tick here to exclude your details from the delegate list.
- All Occasions Group uses electronic mail to inform delegates of future conferences, prizes and offers. Tick here if you do not wish to be contacted.

Pre-Conference Workshops (please tick)

Pre-Conference Workshop 1: Applied Productivity and Efficiency Analysis \$150

Pre-Conference Workshop 2: Market Design \$150

Pre-Conference Workshop 3: The Economics of Food, Health & Nutrition \$150

Conference Registration (please tick)

	Early Bird*	Regular**
	<small>*Register and pay prior to 01/01/2011</small>	<small>**Registration after 01/01/2011</small>
AARES Member ¹ - Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$700	<input type="checkbox"/> \$770
Non Member - Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$800	<input type="checkbox"/> \$870
Student/Emeriti Member ¹ - Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$315	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Student/Emeriti Non Member - Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$365	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
AARES Member ¹ - Day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$290	
Non Member - Day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$390	
Student/Emeriti Member ¹ - Day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	
Student/Emeriti Non Member - Day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	

¹ Member registrations must be financial members of AARES for 2011 by the start of the Conference.

Day registrants only - select day of attendance:

Wednesday Thursday Friday

Workshop & Registration Sub-Total \$ _____



Social Functions (please tick)

To assist with catering please indicate your intentions. **Failure to do so will be noted as non-attendance.** Additional tickets may also be purchased for any extra people who wish to attend the AARES Conference social functions listed below.

- Yes, I will attend the **Welcome Reception** (included in full registrations)
- I would like to purchase ___ (number) of tickets to the **Welcome Reception** @ \$55 each
- I would like to purchase ___ (number) of tickets to the **Young Members' Event** @ \$20 each
- I would like to purchase ___ (number) of tickets to the **Conference Dinner** @ \$100 each
- I would like to purchase ___ (number) of tickets to the **Social Event** @ \$80 each

Social Function Sub-Total \$ _____

Accommodation Booking (please tick)

You must provide credit card details to secure your accommodation booking. This card may be charged by the hotel prior to your arrival. Payment will be required directly to your hotel upon check in.

Card Type: Visa Mastercard Diners Club American Express

Card Holder Name _____

Card Holder Signature _____

I agree to the accommodation terms & cancellation policies outlined on page 19.

Check in date: _____ / _____ / 2011 Check in time: _____

Check out date: _____ / _____ / 2011 Check out time: _____

Special Requirements: (i.e. twIn beds, smoking room) _____

Please indicate your first, second and third accommodation preferences below:

- | | |
|--|--|
| Crown Promenade | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room \$230 per night |
| Mantra Southbank | <input type="checkbox"/> One Bedroom Apartment \$205 per night |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Bedroom Apartment \$305 per night |
| Quality Hotel Batman on Collins | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Room \$176 per night |
| Quest Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> One Bedroom Apartment \$198 per night |
| Riverside Annex Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> One Bedroom Apartment \$180 per night |
| Travelodge Southbank | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room \$145 per night |
| Urban Central | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 person dorm with ensuite \$37 per person per night [^] |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Double room with ensuite \$105 per room per night |

[^]singles will have room-mates allocated by Urban Central



Payment Summary

Registration and Workshop Sub-Total \$ _____

Social Program Sub-Total \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Registration Cancellation Policy

Registration cancellations must be sent in writing, mailed, faxed or emailed, to All Occasions Management. Registration cancellations received up to 30 days prior to the Conference receive a full refund, less a \$110.00 handling fee. Registration cancellations received less than 30 days and up to seven days prior to the Conference will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be given for registration cancellations received within seven days of the Conference; however a substitute delegate may be nominated.

- I have read and agree to the cancellation policy outlined above (registrations cannot be processed without agreement)

Payment Options

Payment or remittance advice must accompany this registration form. A tax invoice will be sent for your records. All payments must be received prior to the Conference. Admission to the Conference and associated functions will be refused should payment not be received.

- Cheque payable to 'All Occasions Management – AARES' enclosed
- Remittance advice attached detailing EFT payment to 'All Occasions Management – AARES', Commonwealth Bank, Hindmarsh, SA, BSB Number: 065 - 112, Account Number: 1016 - 3910
- Please debit my credit card:
- MasterCard Visa Diners Club American Express

Card number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry date ____ / ____

Cardholder's name as it appears on the card _____

Signature _____

Please note that debits to your credit card will appear as 'All Occasions Management' on your statement. Your registration will be acknowledged in writing via email, and a tax invoice provided.

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