

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

University of Wollongong

IDEAL

**Experienced Item Writers' Workshop**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009

INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## GETTING TO WOLLONGONG CITY

Wollongong is located 80 kilometres south of Sydney and is easily accessible by road and rail.

### By Car

#### From Sydney

An easy 1 hour and 20 minutes drive to Wollongong via the Princes Highway (F6 Freeway) from Sydney CBD or 60 minutes from Macarthur in Sydney's west via the Westlink M7

#### From the Southern Highlands

About 45 minutes drive time via either Mount Ousley Road/Picton Road and the Hume Highway (F5 Freeway) or Macquarie Pass/Illawarra Highway.

#### From Canberra

About 2.5 hours drive time along the Hume Highway to the Picton interchange and the Picton Road/Mt Ousley Road, or to Moss Vale and the Illawarra Highway.

*For detailed directions from you to Wollongong visit [www.whereis.com.au](http://www.whereis.com.au)*

### By Train

Trains connect the International and Domestic terminals of Sydney Airport with Central Station. From Central Station (Sydney City), you can catch a train to Wollongong on the "South Coast" train line. The destination is shown as Port Kembla, Dapto or Bomaderry (Nowra). You will need to get off the train at Wollongong train station and take a taxi to your accommodation.

Trains depart from Central approximately each hour and the journey will take around 80 minutes.

Alternatively, from the Airport you can catch the following connections:

*South Line* train to Wolli Creek Station - **transfer to**

*Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line* to Hurstville Station **transfer to**

*South Coast Line* to Wollongong Station

A one-way train ticket between the airport and Wollongong station will cost approximately AUD\$20 to AUD\$25.

Visit [City Rail](#) for train timetable information.

### Airport Shuttle

There are a number of companies that provide a direct shuttle service between Sydney Airport and Wollongong. You generally need to book a few days in advance and they will provide you with further details regarding where to go at the airport, and drop you directly to your hotel (or chosen address). The estimated travel time is at 1 1/4 hrs, however this can be quite a conservative estimate if they need do several drop offs.

The listed companies below all provide the shuttle service, charging approximately \$50 pp (travelling in one direction).

Airport Connection (02) 4261 7393

Airport Direct (02) 4229 4935

Kellys (02) 4272 6106

## **Private Vehicles**

If you prefer to travel in a private vehicle, you can arrange for a car transfer from the airport to Wollongong. If you are travelling in a group, a private car may be the most cost-effective option.

Leisure Coast Limousines (02) 4261 7393  
Rates from \$150 - \$240 for 4 -11 seater vehicles

Wollongong Limos 0422 351 422  
Rates from \$200-\$300 for 7-9 seater vehicles

If you would prefer to hire a car for the duration of your stay, please visit <http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/SACL/Car-Rental.html> for car rental services at Sydney Airport.

*Please note that we have endeavoured to include the most current prices for each service listed however final quotes will be provided to you by the company.*

## **GETTING AROUND WOLLONGONG**

### **Driving**

Wollongong is an easy city to drive around with plenty of on and off street parking around major business and shopping centres. For maps of the city and areas of interests visit <http://www.tourismwollongong.com/maps/default.aspx>

### **Taxi**

Wollongong RadioCabs can be booked by calling 4229 9311. There are also several taxi ranks located in main streets throughout the city.

### **Free Gong Shuttle**

A free Gong Shuttle bus service operates seven days a week around Wollongong city. It's a high frequency service running every 10-20 minutes from Wollongong Station to Wollongong University travelling in both directions via Princes Highway and Cliff Road.

You can hail the bus from any specially marked green Gong Shuttle bus stop, and hop right on. The service operates between **7:00 am and 10:00 pm from Monday to Friday and 8:00 am and 6:00 pm on weekends.**

### **Buses & Trains**

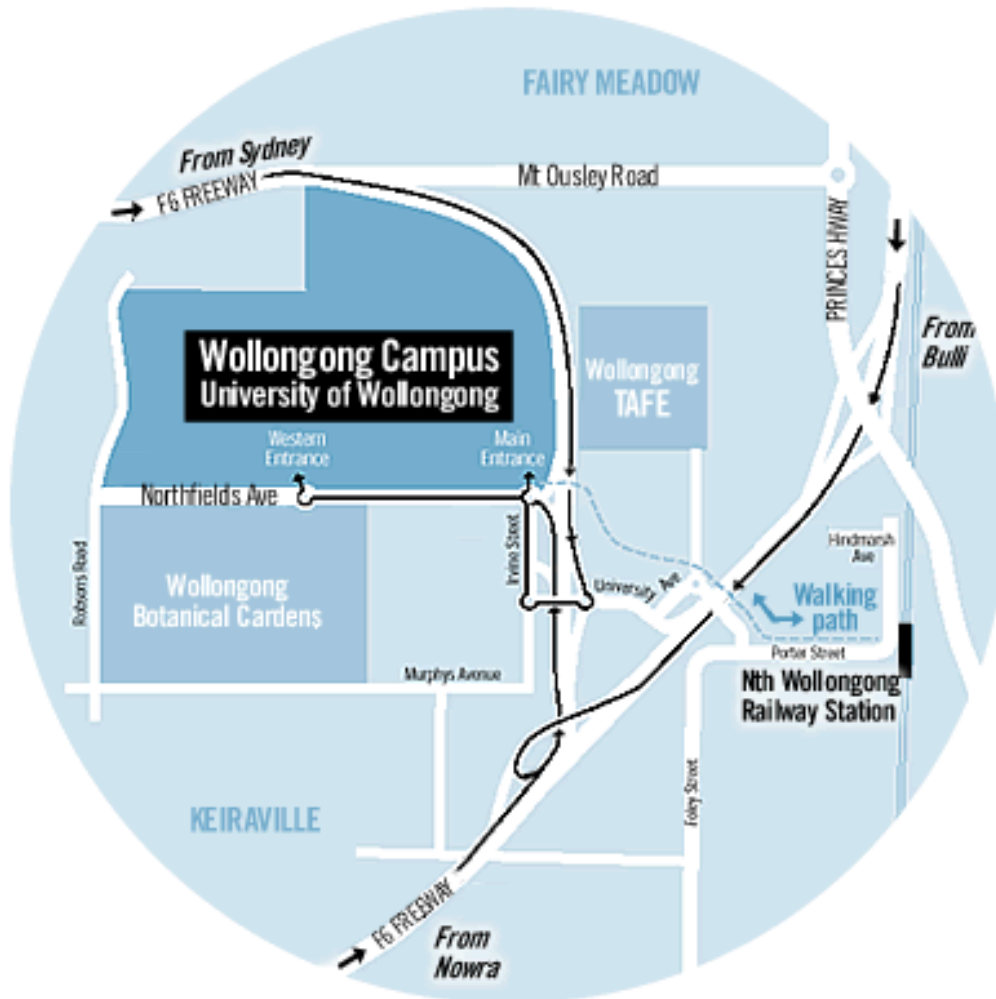
Wollongong has a well connected public transport system that travels between major attractions and business centres. For timetables and route maps please visit

<http://www.dions.com.au/html/route-map.cfm>

[http://www.cityrail.info/timetables/timetables\\_by\\_line.htm#landingPoint](http://www.cityrail.info/timetables/timetables_by_line.htm#landingPoint)

# VENUE INFORMATION

Both days of the Workshop will be held on campus at the University of Wollongong. There are a number of options to get from anywhere in Wollongong, to the University. Please visit <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/transport/index.html> to find the option that best suits you.



## ON CAMPUS

All sessions of the symposium will be held in Building 28 – Graduate School of Medicine (GSM)

A separate campus map is provided for you, alternatively please visit <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/campusmap/>. Signs will be posted around campus directing you to the appropriate buildings.

Specific details on session locations will be found in the Programme section.

# PARKING

While there is street parking around the University it is extremely busy with the available free street parking often full by the early morning. There are numerous car parks in the University grounds, the most accessible and convenient car parks for registrants will be either the Multi-Story Car Park or the Western Car Park.

A separate parking map is provided for you, alternatively please visit

<http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@bg/documents/doc/uow002386.pdf>

## **Pay & Display Ticket Parking**

### *UniCentre, South-Western and Western Carparks*

Ticket parking is available in signposted bays of the above-mentioned carparks between 8.30am and 6.30pm, Monday to Friday. Tickets may be purchased for the following time periods:

- 0 - 4 hours
- 4 - 6 hours
- 6 hours and over

Ticket machines do not give change. Only \$2, \$1, 50c, 20c and 10c coins are acceptable.

A change machine is available at the entrance to the Western Carpark. The change machine will change \$20, \$10 and \$5 notes for \$2 and \$1 coins.

In the UniCentre, South-Western and Western Carparks ticket machines with credit card facilities are installed. The credit card machines will accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

## **Short-term Parking Station - Open 24 Hours**

The Short-term Parking Station is available for staff, students, visitors or anyone who does not have an entry permit. This carpark is intended for casual or short-term parking. Access and exit from this carpark is through a ticket-controlled boom gate on Level E of the Multi-Storey Carpark.

After parking, take your ticket with you and on your return pay at either of the 'pay-on-foot' machines located on Level F and Level H. Your ticket will be validated on payment for exit. You must exit the carpark before the expiration of 15 minutes. Otherwise you must return to the 'pay-on-foot' machine and pay an additional fee.

Pay-on-foot machines accept \$20, \$10 and \$5 notes; \$2, \$1, 50c, 20c and 10c coins.

Payment can also be made by Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit cards.

Hourly rates apply.

Please visit <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/parking/fees/index.html> for current parking fees.

# PROGRAMME

## WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS

Each registrant must bring to the workshop, draft items designed to measure reasoning or application in the biomedical or clinical sciences. These should include either

- 20 Items, preferably 10 R-type (Extended Matching Questions) and 10 A-type (best one of five options)

Draft items must be submitted to the University of Wollongong prior to the workshop. Please submit the items in MS Word file as an attachment, with subject heading "IDEAL Draft Items", to the following email address: [alethbr@uow.edu.au](mailto:alethbr@uow.edu.au)

**Draft items must be received by no later than November 16, 2009.**

Registrants are requested to write their draft items consistent with the item writing criteria identified in the DVD/CD instructional material supplied by the Consortium to all member schools or the publication by the National Board of Medical Examiners *Constructing Written Test Questions for the Basic and Clinical Sciences* (available at [www.nbme.org](http://www.nbme.org)).

## TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

Time	Activity	Location Building 28
8.15am – 8.45am	Registration Opens	Lecture Theatre Foyer
8.45am – 9.00am	Official Welcome & Introduction  Professor Liz Farmer & Clarke Hazlett	Lecture Theatre
9.00am – 10.00am	Plenary: Writing Quality MCQ Items, Task Setting  Susan M. Case	Lecture Theatre
10.00am – 12.30pm	Small Group Session: Review, Editing & Clarifying of Drafted Items - A-type (best one of five options) (morning tea included)	28.119 28.127 28.125 28.G07
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	Foyer
1.30pm – 4.00pm	Small Group Session: Review, Editing & Clarifying of Drafted Items- A-type (best one of five options) (afternoon tea included)	28.119 28.127 28.125 28.G07
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Plenary: Summary of Progress & Task Re-setting	Lecture Theatre

	Susan M.Case	
5.00pm	Close	
6.30pm - 9.00pm	Dinner	

WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

Time	Activity	Location Building 28
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration Opens	Lecture Theatre Foyer
9.00am – 10.00am	Plenary: Progress Discussions  Susan M.Case	Lecture Theatre
10.00am – 12.30pm	Small Group Session: Review, Editing & Clarifying of Drafted Items - R-type (Extended Matching Questions) (morning tea included)	28.119 28.127 28.125 28.G07
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## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Dinner at Sixty-Seven Dining – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**7.00pm**

This dinner is included for all full-fee paying registrants of the IDEAL workshop however if you have not advised of attendance already, please do so as numbers need to be confirmed.

If you are attending the IDEAL workshop as a non-full-fee paying guest or staff member, and would also like to attend the dinner, the cost will be \$55.00 per person.

Sixty-Seven Dining is located at Building 67 (McKinnon Building) on the University of Wollongong Campus.

There are still places available for this dinner, if you would like to attend please email or phone the Conference Coordinator on [atran@uow.edu.au](mailto:atran@uow.edu.au) or 0411 534 658 by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

## **The Illawarra Fly – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**8.00am**

Registrants who are participating in this trip to the Illawarra Fly should meet at the front steps of the Graduate School of Medicine (Building 28) at the University of Wollongong at 8.00am. A chartered bus will pick up the group at 8.15 am sharp for the 45-60 minute drive to The Fly.

Once the tour has completed, a light lunch will be provided. Registrants will be returned to the University at approximately 12.45pm in time to register for *Workplace Assessment: Use of the Mini-CEX to Assess Advanced Learners in Medical Education*.

For a map and further information on the Illawarra Fly, please visit

[http://www.illawarrafly.com/uploads/pdfs/ifly\\_guide.pdf](http://www.illawarrafly.com/uploads/pdfs/ifly_guide.pdf)

There are still limited places available for this trip, if you would like to attend please email or phone the Conference Coordinator on [atran@uow.edu.au](mailto:atran@uow.edu.au) or 0411 534 658 as soon as possible,

## **Dinner at The Lagoon Restaurant– Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**7.00pm**

Registrants who are attending the dinner can make their own way to this centrally located restaurant, where dinner will be held in The Grace Room. Registrants are welcome to arrive early for pre-dinner drinks.

The Lagoon is located in Stuart Park, Wollongong. For a map and further information on The Lagoon Restaurant, please visit <http://www.lagoonrestaurant.com.au/>

There are still places available for this dinner, if you would like to attend please email or phone the Conference Coordinator on [atran@uow.edu.au](mailto:atran@uow.edu.au) or 0411 534 658 by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

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