



# PHENOLOGY 2018

ONE PLANET,  
TWO HEMISPHERES,  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, SEPT 23-27 MANY REGIONS.

**Conference theme:** Phenology 2018: One Planet, Two hemispheres, Many Regions

**Meeting dates:** Sunday 23<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**Sponsors-to-date:**



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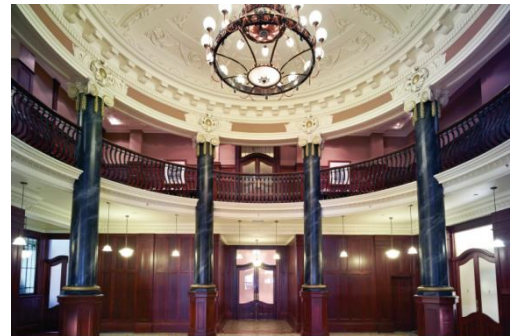


**The organizing committee:**

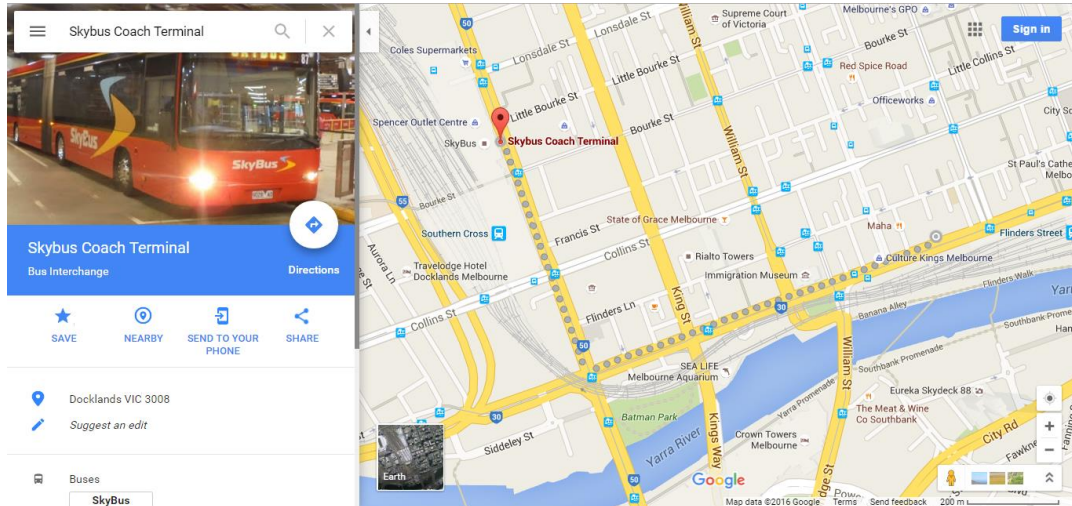
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- Tim Entwisle, Director and Chief Executive, Royal Botanic Gardens, Victoria, Australia,
- Justin Foster, Director of Research Programs, EarthWatch Institute, Australia,
- Trevor Keenan, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Berkeley, USA,
- Amy Rogers, Urban Forest and Ecology Planner, Melbourne City Council, Victoria, Australia.

**Conference venue**

**Rendezvous Hotel, Flinders Street, Melbourne VIC, Australia**



1. The 4.5 star hotel is located in the CBD of Melbourne and has 24 hr reception and wheel chair accessible rooms. It is approximately 30 mins by taxi from the airport. The Airport SkyBus drops passengers off at the hotel free (after changing at the main terminal). Alternatively, the hotel is a 1.4 km or a 19 minute walk from the terminal:



2. All conference rooms are wheelchair accessible.
3. The entire conference would be held on the first floor which the conference would have sole use of.
4. There is onsite accommodation; delegates will be offered a 10% discounted conference rate –rooms currently range from \$125 to \$354 (~US\$92 to \$260, ~€81 to €229, ~£64 to £180 as at 13 May 2016).
5. Triple share is possible. However, there are many other accommodation options within easy walking distance of the hotel (e.g. Flinders St Backpacker, The Sebel Melbourne Flinders Lane, CauseWay Hotels and AirBnB).
6. There will be free onsite wi-fi for conference delegates.

### Registration Costs:

To be confirmed.

### Meeting plan:

1. Keynote and 2x plenary speakers @ 45 minutes
2. 2 poster sessions
3. A Melbourne Conversation: a free public evening session 6 – 7.30pm on Monday 24th
4. 30 mins morning and afternoon tea; 1 hour lunch break
5. Student Awards for best posters and papers sponsored by Springer
6. Phenology Commission meeting during lunch break on Tuesday

### Sessions:

Agricultural Phenology, Aerobiology, Phenology and Conservation Biology, Phenology and Citizen Science, Phenological Methods, Remote Sensing, Marine Science, Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Urban Phenology.

Proposed session plan- subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	830-900	Open & welcome	830-915	Plenary
	900-910	Commission President's message	915-1030	Concurrent sessions
	910-1000	Keynote	1030-1100	Morning tea
	1000-1030	Morning tea	1100-1300	Concurrent sessions
	1030-1230	Concurrent sessions	1300-1400	Lunch+ General Meeting Phenology
	1230-1330	Lunch	1400-1500	Poster Session 2/ Side Meetings
	1330-1515	Concurrent sessions	1500-1530	Concurrent sessions
	1515-1615	Afternoon Tea & Poster Session 1	1530-1600	Afternoon Tea
	1615-1715	Concurrent sessions	1600-1700	Concurrent sessions
Welcome mixer	1800-1930	Free Public Session	1900-2330	Conference dinner
			830-915	Plenary
			915-1030	Concurrent sessions
			1030-1100	Morning tea
			1100-1300	Concurrent sessions
			1300-1400	Lunch
			1400-1530	Concurrent sessions
			1530-1600	Afternoon Tea
			1600-1700	Closing Ceremony+ student prizes announcements

Excursions

### Confirmed post-conference excursions:

Three field trips are planned.

The first confirmed excursion is to the Wombat Flux research site located within the Wombat State Forest, between Ballarat and Daylesford in Central Victoria, 100 km west of Melbourne. The Wombat site is of part of Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network's OzFlux network and the Australian PhenoCam network. For further information see: <http://ozflux.org.au/monitoringsites/wombat/index.html#intro> , <https://stefanarndt.wordpress.com/wombat-flux-research-site/> and <https://phenocam.org.au/>

### Conference Dinner Location: Tuesday 25th September 2018

Location and price to be confirmed.

**Visa requirements:** Conference delegates are advised to make themselves aware of their individual Visa requirements. **ALL** visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia.

#### Visa options

The passport which you hold determines whether you can apply online, or if you need to lodge a paper-based application. For the best possible chance of obtaining a visa to travel to Australia to attend the conference, you should:

- Determine which visa you should apply for ([ETA](#), [eVisitor](#), [Visitor subclass 600 visa](#)).
- Apply for your visa at least six weeks before your intended date of travel to Australia (or two weeks if you are from an ETA or eVisitor eligible country) as visa processing times may vary.
- Consider Australia's [health](#) and [character](#) requirements, which you will have to meet as part of the visa application process.
- If you are not eligible to apply for an eVisitor visa or ETA, ensure you obtain a confirmation of your registration, or a letter of invitation, to attach to your Visitor Subclass 600 visa application.
- Lodge paper-based visa applications at the [Australian visa office](#) nearest to your current country of residence.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The above information is a guide only. It is the responsibility of individual delegates to make sure they are applying for the correct visa.

**Transportation arrangements and estimated costs:** Melbourne International Airport is serviced by 25 international carriers. It is approximately 30 mins from the Conference's location. Taxi ranks are located on the ground floor outside the terminals. The average fare into the city is \$64 (April 2016).

SkyBus offers an express bus service from the airport to the city centre. This service operates 24/7, including all public holidays. Buses run from every 10 minutes throughout the day. As of April 2016 a return fare was \$38 (~US\$28; ~€25, ~£20).

Melbourne Airport also has six car rental companies located on site. All have offices on the ground floor of the short term car park, and information desks in the Melbourne Airport domestic terminals.

Travel on trams within Melbourne CBD is free. Outside the CBD a myki is needed <http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki/myki-visitor-value-pack/>





**Location:** Melbourne is one of the world's most livable cities (No. 1 2011-2015; Economist Intelligent Unit). As one of seven UNESCO Cities of Literature, Melbourne's literary heritage and culture is internationally recognized.

**Weather** is cool to mild: average September minimum temperature is 8°C (46°F) and maximum temperature is 17.3°C (63°F) with 15 days of rain.

**Eating out:** Melbourne takes food, wine and coffee very seriously.

<http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/DiningAndNightlife/Pages/DiningandNightlife.aspx> If you can't find anything to your liking in the CBD two well known eating spots Lygon St Carlton and Acland St St Kilda are only a short tram ride from the Conference Venue.

### **Some Local Attractions – all accessible by walking or a short public transport trip**

A more detailed list can be found here <http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Pages/Home.aspx> and <http://www.imfree.com.au/melbourne/>

*Australian Centre of the Moving Image:* celebrates, explores and promotes the moving image in all its forms - film, television and digital culture ([www.acmi.net.au](http://www.acmi.net.au)). It is a short walk from the Conference Venue.

*Melbourne Zoo:* a tram ride from the Conference Venue has the Butterfly house, close encounters with Giraffes, Meerkats and Kangaroos among others (<http://www.zoo.org.au/melbourne>).

*Melbourne's Arcades and Lane ways* contain eateries, speciality shops and cosy little bars all nestle side-by-side threading throughout the city [http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/visitors/Documents/Melbourne\\_ArcadesLanes.pdf](http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/visitors/Documents/Melbourne_ArcadesLanes.pdf) or you can take one of the many guided tours.

*National Gallery of Victoria:* is the oldest and most visited gallery in Australia. It hosts a wide range of international and local artists, exhibitions, programs and events; from contemporary art to major international historic exhibitions, fashion and design, architecture ([www.ngv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au)). It is a short walk from the Conference Venue.

*National Sports Museum:* is home to one of Australia's finest collection of sporting heritage (<http://www.nsm.org.au>).

*Queen Victoria Market* is the largest open-air market in the Southern Hemisphere. Here you can shop, explore and discover your way through our iconic food halls and heritage Sheds (<http://www.qvm.com.au>). It is a short tram ride away from the Conference Venue.

*Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria:* is one of the world's leading botanic gardens. They are 38 has of landscaped gardens ([www.rbg.vic.gov.au](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au)). They are a 30 min walk from the Conference venue through the Domain Gardens

*Sea Life Aquarium:* is a ten walk minute from the Conference Venue (<https://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/>)

*State Library of Victoria:* was established in 1854 and is the keeper of Victoria's history. It holds many free events (<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/>) and is a ten minute walk from the Conference Venue.

*Shire of Remembrance:* is a short tram ride or 30 min walk from the Conference Venue. It was created to meet the needs of a grieving community after the extensive loss of lives in the First World War (<http://www.shrine.org.au/Home>).

Additionally, Melbourne also has a strong Performing Arts culture so you take in a show while you are here or attend a performance of the *Melbourne Symphony Orchestra* which is Australia's oldest orchestra. Its home, Hamer Hall at Arts Centre Melbourne, is a short walk from the Conference Venue (<http://www.mso.com.au/>).

