

2028 IFATCA 67th Annual Conference Venue

Presented by Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia

SUMMARY

Australia proposes that the 67th Annual Conference of IFATCA be held in Sydney, Australia May 1 – 5, 2028

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Australian Member Association, Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia (Civil Air) is proud to formally nominate Sydney, Australia as the venue for IFATCA 67 in 2028.
- 1.2. Civil Air has previously successfully hosted the 1975 and 2005 Conferences in Melbourne.
- 1.3. Australia has a strong record of involvement IFATCA, ICAO, and implementation of leading technologies in aviation. Australia is a large country, and aviation is the backbone of moving the public. Our members provide a vital service to the aviation industry here in Australia, in the Asia Pacific region, and worldwide. Our members are rightly proud of what we do, how we do it, and our enviable safety record.
- 1.4. Australia has a strong multi-cultural heritage and welcomes all.
- 1.5. A world class venue, the Sydney International Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICC) in Darling Harbour has been selected as the potential location and is central to a wide range of accommodation opportunities.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. Venue
 - 2.1.1. The Civil Air organising committee considered 3 east coast venues for ease of access to most nations. Sydney was selected because:
 - As the major port of entry for tourists in Australia, it has the highest frequency of international flights and widest variety of operators.

- Most visitors will be able to access Sydney easily with a wide range of international connections.
- Sydney offers many cuisine options from inexpensive meals to world class dining experiences.
- Sydney is renowned worldwide for its beautiful harbourside location, beaches, and friendly population. We will organise social activities to give you a taste of this great city.
- Sydney is also well connected for domestic travel for the delegates who have a little time to explore more of Australia. Your return home can start from many other Australian major cities with international connections to add great value to your trip.
- We are a great nation to visit with benign weather, low incidence of disease, excellent public safety record, and a high degree of national political stability.

2.1.2. The ICC was selected as they:

- have an excellent track record of hosting many events for up to 3500 participants and can easily accommodate 500 – 700 IFATCA delegates
- have confirmed they can meet our expected needs as identified in the IFATCA Conference Organisation Requirements Ver 4.6



- Room configurations will be provided to support Plenary sessions, Committee meetings in the various expected combinations, Secretariat, and Trade Exhibits
- can offer catering to satisfy dietary and religious needs during Conference.
- provide professional support during the preparation and conduct of the Conference.
- are centrally located, close to multiple accommodation and public transport options. Public transport is readily available from the International and Domestic terminals to the CBD with a short walk, taxi, or rideshare to Darling Harbour

Civil Air has secured the venue booking for Conference 2028, subject to approval by Directors.

2.2. Date

2.2.1. Civil Air proposes Monday May 1 to Friday May 5, 2028 for the Conference. The dates have been selected to maximise opportunity for participation by all nations and avoid:

- Easter (mid-April)
- Ramadan (late January to late February)
- Australian school holidays

- Sydney's Vivid festival (late May)
 - 2.2.2. In addition to the conference dates, Civil Air proposes to hold a Welcome Reception on Sunday 30 April 2028.
 - 2.2.3. Selected dates should provide more opportunity for accommodation and flight options
 - 2.2.4. Early May in Sydney offers mild, low humidity, and pleasant autumn weather, with average daytime highs around 20°C (68°F) and nights around 12°C (54°F).
- 2.3. Accommodation
 - 2.3.1. Civil Air has not yet approached accommodation venues for Conference pricing but there are currently a wide variety of accommodation options within walking distance, or short public transport rides. Average accommodation prices range from AU\$150 – AU\$375 (US\$105 – US\$270)
 - 2.3.2. All levels of accommodation are available from budget to luxury suites and apartments.
 - 2.3.3. The organising committee will liaise with accommodation venues with the help of state government authorities to secure Conference pricing if selected for Conference 2028
- 2.4. Visas
 - 2.4.1. It is expected that all nations will be able to obtain visas to attend.
 - 2.4.2. Civil Air will work with our Department of Foreign Affairs to provide specific advice as to Visa requirements, should we be selected to host IFATCA 2028.
- 2.5. Registration
 - 2.5.1. Civil Air has undertaken initial budget analysis for internal approval within our MA.
 - 2.5.2. Based upon an expected delegation of 500, indicative registration is planned for an average of AU\$600 (US\$422) with the usual tiered fees system applicable to IFATCA MAs. It is likely that we will be able to offer an early registration discount.
 - 2.5.3. Registration fees will be confirmed at Conference 2027, if Australia is selected
- 2.6. Funding
 - 2.6.1. The Conference will be funded by a combination of registration fees, already obtained funding approval, and sponsorship.
 - 2.6.2. Civil Air has strongly endorsed our bid, including the financial commitment. We have a high degree of confidence in our financial position to support a successful conference based upon our proven track record, and past experience.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. All fees and costs are as currently planned but we understand that things may change in the next 2 years. We will work to contain costs and negotiate better

deals for delegates and accompanying persons. Updated details will be provided at Conference 2027, with your support for this bid.

- 3.2. Civil Air will celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2028 and our Association would be proud to share this important milestone with international delegates.
- 3.3. Civil Air is well prepared to deliver an exceptional Conference catering to the needs of all Member Associations. We invite the world to come and see what we have to offer. You will not be disappointed.
- 3.4. For more information, please contact ifatca2028@civilair.asn.au

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1. That Sydney, Australia be accepted as the venue for IFATCA 67, May 1 – 5 2028.

5. REFERENCES

- 5.1. IFATCA Constitution and Administrative Manual (IAM) Ver 70 Aug 2025
- 5.2. Conference Organisation Requirements Ver 4.6 – February 2026

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