



CULTIVATING COHESION AND CONNECTION THROUGH TOURISM, HOSPITALITY, AND EVENTS

A PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 2026
CAUTHE CONFERENCE

ADELAIDE 9-12 FEBRUARY 2026



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CONNECTIONS TO LAND, SEA AND
COMMUNITY. WE PAY OUR RESPECT
TO THE KAURNA PEOPLE,
TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS
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DESTINATION PROPOSAL FOR 2026 CAUTHE CONFERENCE



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The Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School (BMIHMS) at Torrens University Australia (TUA) has been providing hospitality education since 1991, launching thousands of successful careers and fostering a global network of industry-leading graduates and alumni. The school emphasises producing well-rounded graduates with practical skills, theoretical knowledge, and personal attributes to be future industry leaders. The Australian hospitality model at BMIHMS focuses on ensuring students develop a balanced mix of technical and human skills, preparing them as compassionate, adaptable professionals who will shape the future tourism and hospitality workforce. Through charity work and ambassador programs, students foster a culture of compassion and responsibility, extending their impact beyond the academic environment.

Within BMIHMS, the Tourism and Hospitality Research and Practice Cluster (THRP) addresses contemporary experiences in tourism, hospitality, and related service industries, tackling current and emerging global challenges. Key areas include sustainable design, technology-enhanced travel experiences, leadership, workforce education, and research on marginalised groups. We work closely with industry partners to deliver new theoretical insights and practical solutions for the future of the tourism and hospitality industry.

CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Simon Pawson



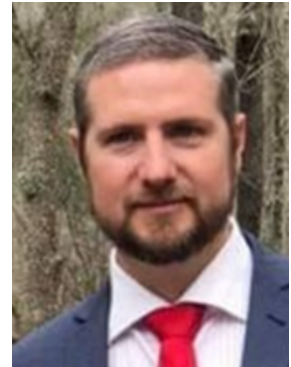
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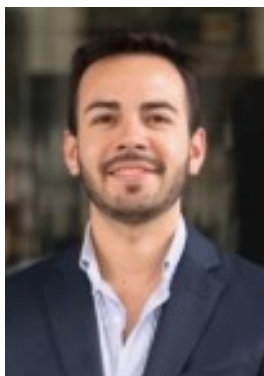
Amanda Ting



Samuel Vivas Imparato



Francisco Navarrete



Antoine Bisson



The conference organising committee will be tasked with providing the strategic direction for the conference. The committee will comprise the following people:

- Leishman and Associates - Conference PCO
- Associate Professor Simon Pawson, Associate Dean (Co-Convenor)
- Dr Anita Manfreda, Senior Lecturer (Co-Convenor)
- Associate Professor Rajka Presbury (Conference Secretariat)
- Dr Madalyn Scerri, Senior Lecturer (Co-chair Scientific Committee)
- Dr Cindy Lee, Senior Lecturer (Co-chair Scientific Committee)
- Chairs for sub-committees (PhD/ECR workshop, Social Events, Sponsorships, Budget)

CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

CONFERENCE DATES LOCATION AND VENUE

Dates

- TH&E Education Standards meeting - 9th February 2026
- Bill Faulkner PhD/ECR/MCA workshop - 9th February 2026
- Full conference - 10-12th February 2026

Location

- Adelaide

Venue

- National Wine Centre



ADELAIDE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DESTINATION LOCATION



Adelaide - South Australia

Adelaide, the vibrant capital of South Australia, is a perfect choice for a tourism and hospitality academic conference. This welcoming city is known for its friendly atmosphere and stunning natural beauty.

Surrounded by beautiful beaches and lush parks, Adelaide offers a refreshing environment for delegates. The city's compact layout and excellent public transport make it easy to explore.

South Australia boasts world-renowned wine regions like the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale, where delegates can indulge in world-renown wines and gourmet cuisine. The region's pristine beaches and the unique wildlife of Kangaroo Island provide excellent opportunities for relaxation and adventure after the conference. Picture-perfect coastal spots like Glenelg and Henley Beach are ideal for unwinding and enjoying the seaside.

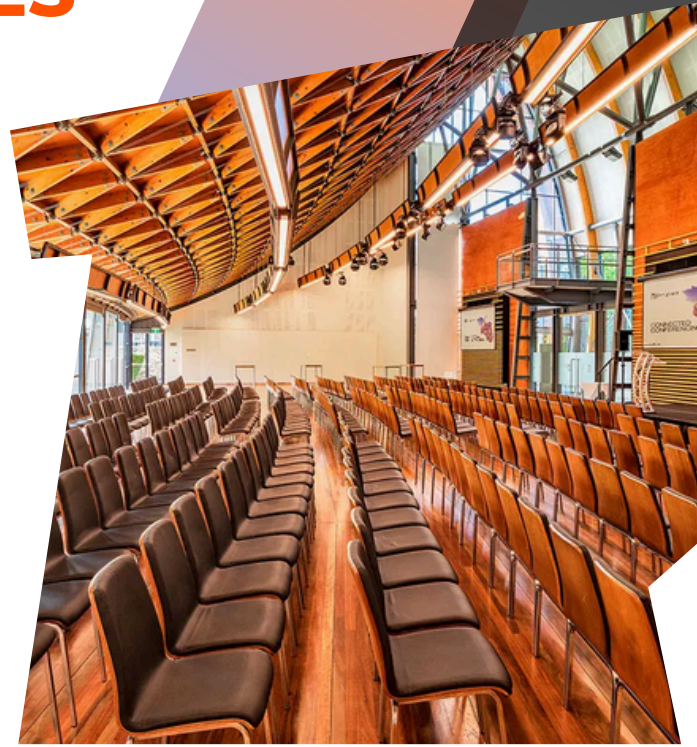
Adelaide's rich cultural scene further enhances its appeal. Delegates can immerse themselves in a variety of activities, from visiting museums and art galleries to exploring the bustling Central Market. The city's focus on sustainability and innovation aligns seamlessly with modern tourism and hospitality research themes. This makes Adelaide not just an attractive destination, but also a thoughtful and relevant choice for an academic conference.



CONFERENCE VENUES

National Wine Centre (option 1)

Conveniently located in the Adelaide CBD, adjacent to the magnificent Botanic Gardens, the National Wine Centre of Australia's architecture is eye-catching with its distinctive wine barrel-shaped exterior and rammed earth walls, colossal wooden beams, shaped glass and brushed aluminum interior. It features a 250 seater plenary and up to 7 breakout rooms, a wine room and wine cellar featuring the best wines in the nation.



Hilton Adelaide (Option 2)

Overlooking Victoria Square in the heart of Adelaide's entertainment and shopping district, Hilton Adelaide is under 500 meters from local attractions like the Central Market and two kilometers from Adelaide Botanic Gardens. A large 300+ seater ballroom, and up to 20 breakout rooms.

Torrens University Australia Wakefield Street Campus

As the proposed Bill Faulkner PhD/ECR/MAC workshop venue, TUA Wakefield campus is conveniently located in the Adelaide CBD, 10 minutes-walk from the renown Adelaide Central Markets, and close to most Adelaide CBD hotels.



CONFERENCE THEME



Cultivating Cohesion and Connection through Tourism, Hospitality, and Events

In a world increasingly marked by fragmentation and disconnection, where societal and environmental divides are deepening, the call for cohesion and connection has never been more urgent. In tourism, hospitality, and events, the power of unity can transform experiences, fostering an environment where both visitors and communities can flourish. Our proposed CAUTHE conference theme for 2026, "Cultivating Cohesion and Connection through Tourism, Hospitality, and Events," aims to address these pressing challenges by exploring and enhancing the elements that bind us together, driving sustainability, inclusion, and innovation.

South Australia, with its rich tapestry of communities and collaborative spirit, serves as an ideal backdrop for this theme. Known for its welcoming nature and strong sense of community, South Australia exemplifies how connection and cohesion can lead to a thriving, inclusive society. This spirit of unity and collaboration spans across various levels, including government, industry, communities, workforce, environment, education, and research.

This conference aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, and industry leaders to share insights, forge meaningful connections, and contribute to a collective vision for a cohesive and connected future for these industries.

SUB-THEMES AND POTENTIAL TRACKS



In accordance with the proposed conference theme, some of the proposed sub-themes and topics are listed below. Papers in other areas not listed in the sub-themes below are also welcomed.

- Tourism development and destinations
- Services and experiences
- Research and teaching nexus
- Academia and industry nexus
- Human health, wellbeing, and flourishing
- Workforce competencies, employment, and leadership
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion for marginalised populations
- Tourism, culture and heritage
- Sustainable and regenerative tourism, hospitality, and events
- Community development
- Technology for connection
- Mobility and International perspectives
- Entrepreneurship and start-up culture
- Research methodologies for engagement
- Other suitable topics

CALL FOR PAPERS AND TIMELINES



The call for papers for this conference will be issued via the conference website, CAUTHE website, and mailing list and will also be disseminated through other key email lists (e.g. trinet) and social media.

The copyright for all papers will be assigned to CAUTHE and the conference proceedings will have an ISBN number.

The Scientific Committee will manage the call for papers, which will include working papers (1500 words) and full papers (5000 words) and will be responsible for the paper review process (double blind reviewing).

In addition to the paper and poster presentation sessions, we will welcome proposals for symposia (roundtables, workshops, panels) to be conducted alongside concurrent sessions.

Proposed timelines:

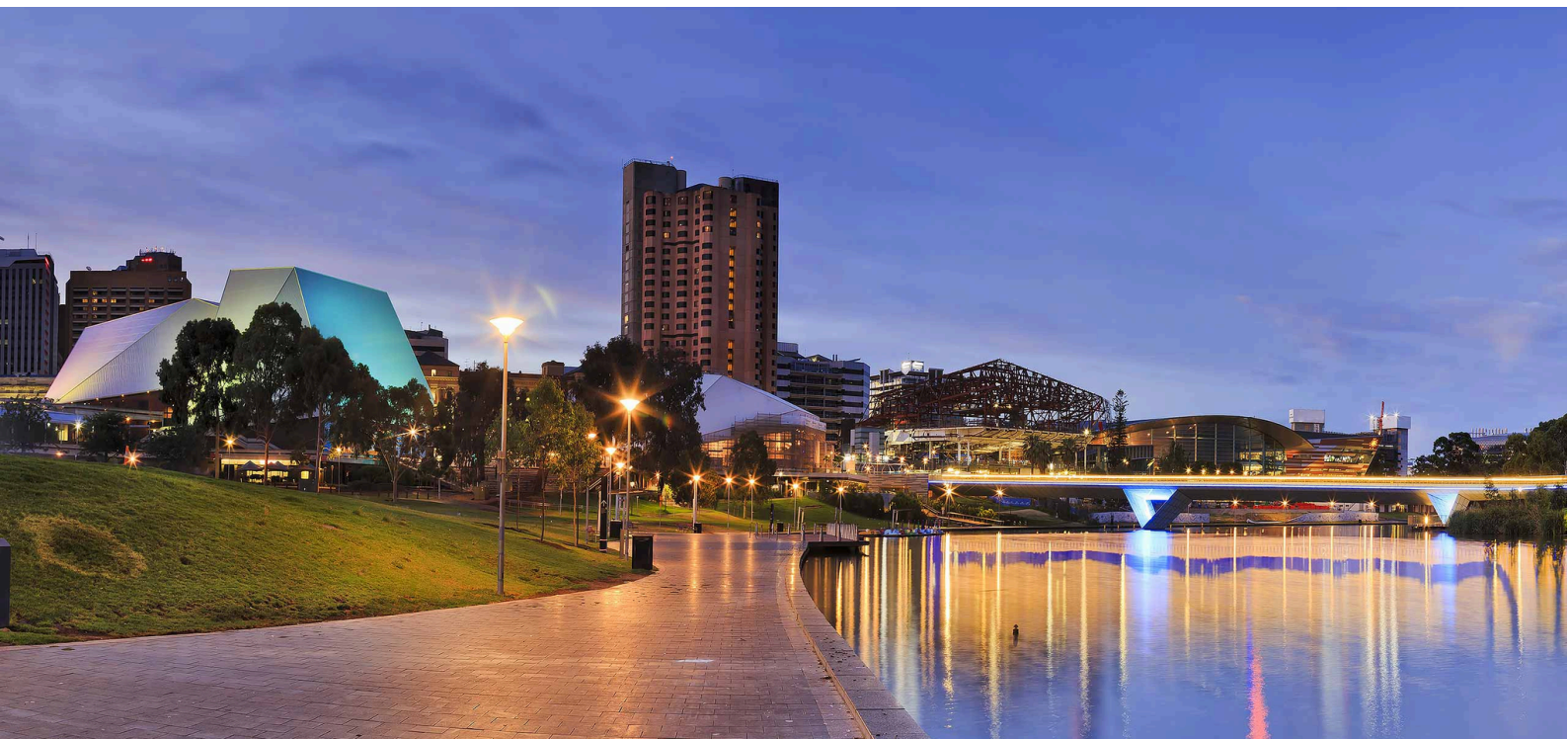
- Call for papers opens: 1 August 2025
- Full and working paper submission: 17th October
- Author feedback: 7th November 2025
- Submission of revised papers: 5th December 2025
- Early bird rate until: 12th December 2025

PROPOSED PROGRAM

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The proposed conference program will feature the following:

- Bill Faulkner PhD/ECR/MCA workshop
- TH&E standards workshop
- Keynote speakers from industry, academia, and the community
- Panel sessions:
 - Academia meets industry: Can it be done?
 - Driving social innovation in tourism, hospitality, and events
 - Sustainability in Tourism, Hospitality, and Events: Exploring the Power of collaboration
- Concurrent sessions/workshops
- Social events
 - Lunch and tea breaks
 - Welcome reception - Adelaide Centre ILA
 - Closing dinner - A Taste of South Australia



PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE PHD/ECR/MCA WORKSHOP

9 FEBRUARY 2026

The annual PhD/ECR and biannual MCA Bill Faulkner workshop will be held at the Torrens University Australia Wakefield Street Campus.

Provisional program:

- 8:30-9 am - Registrations
- 9-9:15 am - Welcome and Opening ceremony
- 9:15-10:30 am - Morning ice-breaker activity
- 10:30-11 am - Morning tea
- 11-12 pm - Keynote Speaker
- 12-12:30pm - Wrap up of morning session
- 12:30-1:30 pm - Lunch
- 1:30- 3 pm - Breakout sessions
- 3-3:30 pm - Afternoon tea
- 3:30-5pm - Mentoring session
- 5-5:30pm - Awards and closing
- 5:30-8pm - Trivia and heritage pub dinner



PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR THE MAIN CONFERENCE

10-12 FEBRUARY 2026

Day 1

Morning

- Registration
- Welcome and main conference opening ceremony
- Welcome to Country
- Keynote/panel session

Afternoon

- Concurrent sessions/workshops
- New delegates meet and greet with CAUTHE executives

Welcome reception at ILA

Day 2

Morning

- Keynote/Panel
- Concurrent sessions/workshops

Afternoon

- Concurrent sessions/workshops
- Poster sessions
- SIG meetings/JHTM meeting

Free night/SIGs dinners

Day 3

Morning

- Chapter Directors' breakfast
- AGM meeting
- Keynote/panel session
- Concurrent sessions/workshops

Afternoon

- Concurrent sessions/workshops
- "CAUTHE's Got Talent"
- Awards ceremony
- Closing ceremony and handover

Closing dinner - A taste of South Australia

PROPOSED SOCIAL EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION - Adelaide Centre of Immersive Lights and Art (ILA)

ILA is a social enterprise dedicated to supporting and promoting immersive arts. ILA combines creativity, technology, and hospitality to offer unique and innovative experiences. The venue features spaces like The Lab and The Light Room, which host a variety of events from live music to digital theatre. Profits from these events are reinvested into the ILA Artist Fund, supporting the development of cutting-edge works and fostering a vibrant artistic community. This approach not only provides artists with opportunities but also enriches the cultural fabric of Adelaide



CLOSING DINNER - A Taste of South Australia curated by Kane Pollard

A memorable closing dinner in a mystery location featuring "A Taste of South Australia," curated by 2024 Tasting Australia food curator and Chef Kane Pollard. This special event highlights the best local produce and dishes that showcase the flavours of South Australia. Kane Pollard, known for his work at Topiary restaurant and as Culinary Director at Ondeen, is passionate about sustainability and using local ingredients. With a background in market gardening, foraging, and community engagement, Kane's approach to cooking emphasises fresh, local, and sustainable produce.



PROPOSED OPTIONAL EVENTS

Adelaide Fringe Festival (Weekend)

Extend your stay and experience the vibrant 2026 Adelaide Fringe Festival! Enjoy a weekend filled with exciting performances, diverse art installations, and a lively atmosphere. Don't miss this chance to immerse yourself in one of the world's largest and most unique arts festivals, right in the heart of Adelaide.



SIGs Dinners (11 Feb)

The committee will facilitate the CAUTHE Special Interest Groups dinners on the second day of the main conference with local food and beverage venues.

Organised Tours for Adelaide and surrounds - (Post-conferences)

A selection of day tours in Adelaide and surroundings to showcase the best of South Australia, from wine trails, to pristine beaches, to cultural towns and indigenous tours. Something for everyone and every taste!



CONFERENCE BUDGET AND FEES

Income and Registration fees

The major source of income for the conference will be registration fees paid by delegates. We will also aim to raise \$40,000 in sponsorship, to go towards the costs of running the conference. This includes an offer from Business Events Adelaide of \$30,000 to host the conference in Adelaide.

TUA will contribute \$5,000 (minimum) in either in-kinds or cash toward the organisation of the conference.

Registration fees will be kept in line with past CAUTHE conferences

Conference Venue – Hilton Adelaide	
<i>Day delegate package</i>	\$88 per delegate per day
<i>Venue hire (3 days)</i>	\$11,100
<i>AV (3 days)</i>	\$45,000
Welcoming reception - ILA	
<i>Canape/beverage Package (2h)</i>	\$95 per person
<i>Immersive technology package</i>	\$2,500
<i>Security</i>	\$900
Closing Dinner – Mystery Location	
<i>Food and beverage</i>	\$150
<i>Entertainment</i>	\$5000
Additional Organising expenses	
<i>Organisation/PCO expenses (estimate)</i>	\$60,000
<i>PhD/ECR/MCA workshop venue hire</i>	\$5,000
<i>PhD/ECR/MCA catering</i>	\$5,000
<i>Welcome to Country</i>	\$1,500
Income from Sponsorships	
<i>Business Events Adelaide</i>	\$30,000
<i>TUA in-kind/financial contribution</i>	\$5,000
<i>Additional sponsorships</i>	\$10,000
Total estimated cost per person for the conference (Based on 250 pax):	\$853
<i>Delegate registration fees will be confirmed when appropriate fees have been considered</i>	

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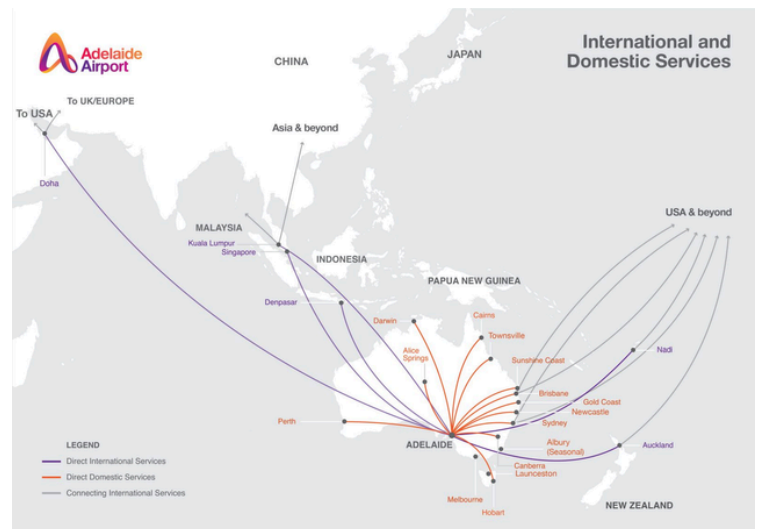
ACCESSIBILITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

"Ideals of freedom, diversity and inclusion have long inspired the culture of social reform that thrives in Adelaide today. Here at the City of Adelaide, putting people's wellbeing first is at the heart of what guides us in all that we do to make the city an ever more welcoming and inclusive place for everyone to enjoy."

-Experience Adelaide

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

Adelaide Airport is serviced by a wide network of international airlines, giving you easy access to Adelaide from all corners of the globe. Domestic airlines all offer flights from Australian capital cities. The airport is only seven kilometres from Adelaide city, providing quick and easy access for conference delegates. The airport is well-connected to major international routes, offering numerous direct flights to key destinations worldwide.



TRAVELLING BY TRAIN TO ADELAIDE

Weekly interstate train services The Ghan (from Darwin and Alice Springs), the Indian Pacific (from Perth or Sydney) and The Overland (from Melbourne) are operated by Great Southern Rail. You can choose your class of travel. The Adelaide Parklands terminal is located on the edge of the city, just a five minute drive.

GETTING TO THE CITY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Taxis and shuttle services at Adelaide Airport offer a convenient way to reach the heart of the city, with vehicles equipped to handle wheelchairs, and accessible public transportation options connect the airport to the city. Car hire and Uber rides are also available.

While we'd love you to lose yourself in Adelaide, Colonel Light's city plan of a square mile grid of wide streets, surrounded by Park Lands and dotted with lush grass squares, makes it a really easy city to navigate. Whether on foot, scooter, bicycle, taxi, Uber or public transport, including free trams, you will find Adelaide's city centre easy to get into and a delight to explore.

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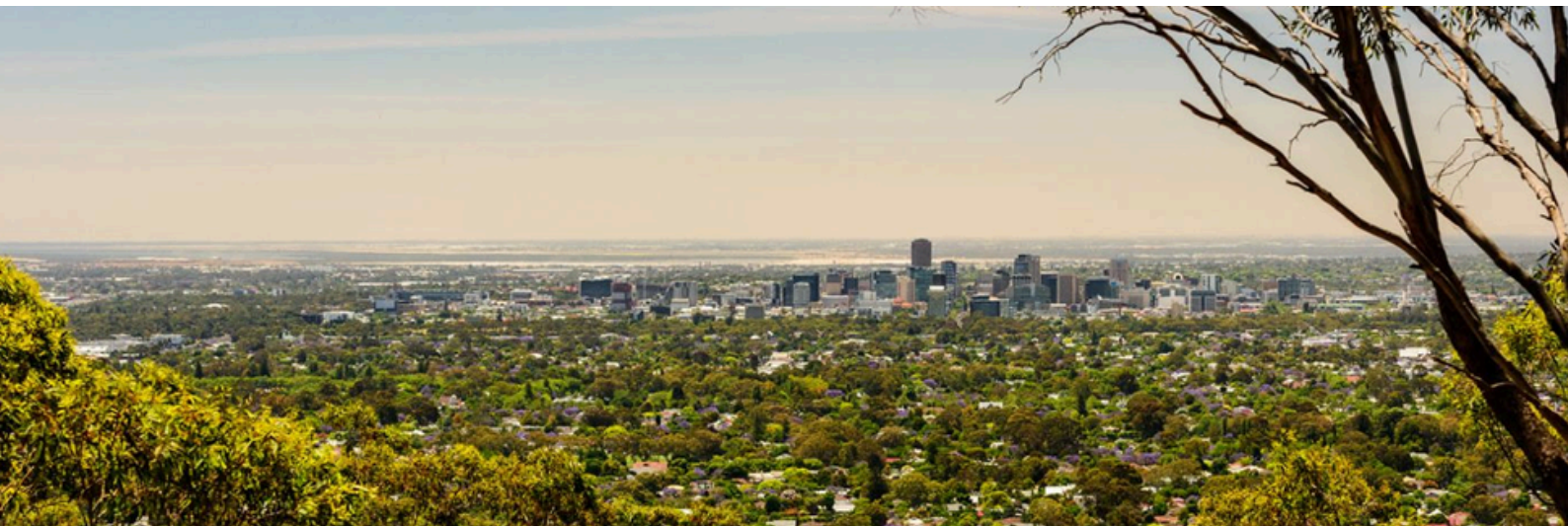
Diversity thrives in Adelaide. Referred to as Australia’s most “liveable city”, Adelaide provides a welcoming and accommodating setting for conferences. Adelaide offers numerous accessible venues, hotels, and public spaces equipped with ramps, elevators, and tactile paving, ensuring that all attendees, regardless of physical ability, can navigate and participate comfortably. All conference venues are accessible.

Adelaide's cultural diversity and vibrant community foster an inclusive environment, with a wide range of dining, entertainment, and recreational options.

CAUTHE 2026 will further showcase local and Australian social enterprises to promote diversity and inclusion. In addition to partnering with social enterprise venues, speakers from social enterprises will inspire attendees with their innovative approaches to business, social impact and community empowerment, fostering meaningful connections and collaborations that transcend the conference setting.

In line with the CAUTHE pledge and vision, and the CAUTHE “Be KInd” campaign, we will ensure gender and heritage diversity and equal representation of speakers and panelists throughout the conference.

We also commit to investigate local childcare options and provide potential costs for delegates for childcare options which can be made available for delegates during the conference.



ACCOMMODATION

BMIHMS's Graduate Privileged Partners (GPP) is a collection of partner hotel brands, with some partner relationships established for over thirty years. The GPP program offers the School's highest achieving final-year students exclusive access to partner brands. The GPP partner relationships also provide a high level of support for the School, and this will be leveraged to ensure we are able to offer delegates the most affordable conference rates and packages at a wide range of accommodation options in Sydney.



SAMPLE OF HOTELS AND AVERAGE RATES NEAR CONFERENCE VENUE

Adelaide offers a great variety of In Adelaide CBD, accommodation price ranges vary depending on the star rating and location, with varied options for all budgets:

- 5-star hotels: \$200 to \$500 AUD per night.
- 4-star hotels: \$200 to \$300 AUD per night.
- 3-star hotels: \$150 to \$200 AUD per night.
- 2-star hotels: \$100 to \$150 AUD per night.

Tryp by Wyndham



Vibe Hotel Adelaide



Adina Apartment Hotel Adelaide
Treasury



Marriott Adelaide



SUSTAINABILITY



The conference will adopt a holistic approach to sustainability, incorporating environmental, social, and economic dimensions. This commitment will be evident in our choice of destination, venues, activities, and operational practices.

Sustainable Destination

Adelaide, widely recognised for its comprehensive approach to sustainability, will provide an ideal setting for the conference. The city boasts a Carbon Neutral Action Plan, a Green City Programme, a 3-million tree initiative, a promotion of solar energy and sustainable transport, an Office of Cycling and Walking, and climate change adaptation measures like water reuse. Adelaide's compact layout and efficient public transport will minimise our carbon footprint, aligning with sustainability goals.

Eco-Friendly and Inclusive Venues

Our primary conference venues, the National Wine Centre and Torrens University Australia Wakefield Street Campus, exemplify sustainable and inclusive practices. These venues incorporate sustainable materials, energy-efficient technologies, and accessibility features, and are centrally located to reduce transportation-related impacts.

Sustainable Activities and Programs

The conference will feature activities and programs focused on sustainability. Keynote speakers and panel sessions feature sustainability-related topics in tourism, hospitality, and events, promoting collaboration and innovation. Aligned with our theme, "Cultivating Cohesion and Connection through Tourism, Hospitality, and Events," we will partner with local social enterprises and community initiatives. These partnerships will highlight Adelaide's commitment to social responsibility and inspire delegates to integrate sustainable practices into their professional contexts. We will support local businesses and ensure diverse voices and perspectives are included. The organising committee will also investigate local childcare options and provide potential costs for delegates for childcare options which can be made available for delegates during the conference.

Environmentally Friendly Conference Practices

We will implement environmentally friendly practices, such as providing online access to conference materials to minimise paper usage and encouraging the use of digital tools for communication. These and more initiatives will further reduce our environmental impact.

THANK YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING THE DELEGATES OF CAUTHE 2026



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(QS World University, 2022 & 2023)

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