

World Wide Views on Global Warming Further Information document

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Prior to the event, Nicole is available Monday to Friday 9am – 7pm. She can be contacted by phone or email. If Nicole does not answer her phone, please clearly leave your name, contact details and a brief message and Nicole will get back to you as soon as she can.

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Instructions for participants

If you returned your Participant Agreement Form and you have not received any correspondence from us since then – either a confirmation pack or a letter notifying you that you are on a reserve list – please call Nicole Thornton immediately on 0412 376 370

If you have received a confirmation letter and information pack from us:

- 1. Please check your **Itinerary** document, which includes accommodation and flight details (for participants from outside NSW). You will receive a paper copy of your flight ticket with your reminder letter around mid-September. When you receive your ticket, please read the flight terms and conditions so that you are clear about check-in times and baggage allowances. **Please keep these documents in a safe place** and remember to bring your itinerary and ticket with you when you depart for Sydney.
- 2. You need to make arrangements to get to and from your departure airport (for participants from outside NSW) or to and from the venue or accommodation (for participants from NSW).
- 3. If you want to make changes to your flight you will need to contact Nicole Thornton (please refer to your Itinerary document for details on the process for changing flights). You will need to cover any additional costs from the flight change yourself. Please ensure that if you do change your flight, you leave enough time to get to the venue on Friday 25th and do not depart before the end of the event on Saturday 26th.
- 4. If you want to make changes to your accommodation you will need to contact your hotel directly and if there are additional charges, you will need to cover the cost yourself.
- 5. It is very important to the success of WWViews that you attend the event now that you have been selected. However, we recognise that unexpected emergencies can happen. If for any reason you are no longer able to attend the event, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting **Nicole Thornton** at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), **Tel**: (02) 9514 4878 / 0412 376 370, **Email**: nicole.thornton@uts.edu.au
- **6. Please read through the rest of the information in this document** and the other enclosed documents sent to you in your Pack. This document provides additional information that we hope will be helpful to you for your journey to the event and your stay in Sydney for the event. The information in this Pack is provided to you as a guide only and the University of Technology, Sydney makes no guarantee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Pack. You should check all details and information yourself. The University of Technology, Sydney shall not be liable for any claim, loss or damage resulting from any person acting in reliance upon the contents of this document.

What are my responsibilities as a participant?

By saying yes to being involved, you have agreed to the following responsibilities:

- 1. Read the climate change Background Reading provided in the previous Information Pack.
- 2. Travel to Sydney to attend the one and a half day long consultation event held in Sydney on 25th and 26th September 2009.



3. **At the event**, as a participant you will be expected to be present at the event venue throughout the event program on **25**th **and 26**th **September**. Please refer to the enclosed draft program outline for the running order of the event. Note, the program may be subject to minor changes between now and the event and when you register at the event you will be given the final program for the event. **Please note that the event on Saturday is a long day and as a participant you will need to attend the whole event.**

Getting to Sydney

For participants from outside NSW

- If you are travelling to Sydney from outside NSW, please check your flight details in your itinerary.
- You must be able to travel to Sydney independently to take part in the event. You will need to make your own arrangements for getting to and from your departure airport.
- Please contact Nicole Thornton for any flight changes. Please refer to your itinerary for more details.

For participants from NSW

- If you are travelling to Sydney by public transport within NSW, please refer to the following websites for helpful information on regional trains and coaches, metropolitan trains and bus services. Nearly all services stop at Central Station in Sydney City. See below for further information about getting from Central Station to the hotel or venue.
 - o Australian bus and train journey planner: http://www.railmaps.com.au
 - o CountryLink trains for long-distance train travel: http://www.countrylink.info / Ph: 132 232
 - o Murrays Coaches: http://www.murrays.com.au / Ph: 13 22 51
 - Greyhound Australia and McCafferty's: http://www.greyhound.com.au / Ph: 1300-473 946
 - o Premier Motor Services: http://www.premierms.com.au/ Ph: 13 34 10
 - o Sydney metropolitan buses, trains and ferries: http://www.131500.com.au / Ph: 131 500
- If you are travelling to Sydney by car, a street directory map of Sydney or a car navigation system will be helpful to navigate Sydney's one-way system. You can also visit the following websites to help direct you to the venue or hotel:
 - o "Where is": http://www.whereis.com
 - o "Street Directory": http://www.street-directory.com.au
 - o "Google Maps": http://maps.google.com
 - O Please note: On Sunday 27th September, the annual Sydney Spring Cycle will be held on four different routes on Sydney streets. This may impact on your ability to leave Sydney on certain roads during the morning and the middle of the day. At the time this information document was being compiled, there was no public information about which roads would be closed and when. You can visit http://www.springcycle.com.au/ to get an idea of the routes the cyclists will be riding on and the roads that may be closed. The Sydney Harbour Bridge will be closed from early



morning to mid morning until all cyclists have crossed the Bridge safely. If you happen to have free time in Sydney on Sunday and access to a bike, you may like to join the cycling event and cycle over the Bridge with thousands of other cyclists from all walks of life. It is a social ride for friends, families and all levels of cycling. It also raises money for MF Australia and the Oncology Children's Foundation.

Getting to your hotel and the WWViews event venue

Hotel Locations

The hotels and event venue are located around the Darling Harbour precinct, which is located on the eastern side of Sydney CBD. The fold-out Darling Harbour map you received shows you the locations of the hotels and venue. The venue is marked on the fold-out Darling Harbour map as "Darling Park" (G3).

- Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour (G7 on map), 70 Murray St, Darling Harbour, Pyrmont, Sydney 2009. Tel:
 (02) 9563 0888, Fax: (02) 9288 7189, Booking by phone: (02) 9288 7180
- Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf (B2 on map), 22 Shelley St, King Street Wharf, Sydney 2000. Tel: (02) 8243-0700, Fax: (02) 8243 0777

Getting from Sydney airport to your hotel

- Time permitting, we suggest that you travel to your hotel first so that you can leave your baggage there.
- However, if you need to travel directly to the event venue from the airport, the location of the venue is provided on your itinerary sheet and later in this document. The venue is located close to your hotel.

Taxi

Taxis can be caught from the taxi rank at the airport. Look for the taxi signs throughout the terminal to direct you to the location.

According to the Sydney Airport website, the average one-way fare for a taxi from the domestic airport into the City is approximately \$25. This is based on off-peak traffic conditions. Be aware that this one-way price may be higher depending on traffic conditions and the distance to your destination. All passengers taking a taxi from the airport pay an additional \$3 airport toll.

Shuttle and City Buses

A number of **shuttle buses** operate between the airport and the city. You can get more information and book your ticket at the Shuttle Service Desk located in the arrivals terminal, near the baggage pickup area. You can book a one-way ticket or return from the Service Desk. The hotel reception also allows you to book a one-way shuttle bus ticket from the hotel to the airport.

Regular Sydney public buses operate between the domestic airport and the city. However, most bus routes require the traveler to change on to two or three buses before reaching your accommodation. Go to http://www.131500.com.au/ for further information about timetables and routes.



Train

There is a regular direct train service into the City from the domestic airport. The journey time is about 10 minutes from the domestic airport train station platform to Central Station platform (location marked on the enclosed A4 "Sydney's Top Attractions" map). The domestic airport train station is located underneath the domestic terminal. Look for the signs throughout the terminal to direct you. Go to http://www.131500.com.au/ for further information about train timetables.

According to the airport website, the average one-way fare from the domestic terminal to Central Station in the City costs approximately \$15 adult / \$10 student (only full-time NSW/ACT tertiary student cards with rail pass sticker) / \$10 pensioner. All concessions must show their card. See the City Rail website for further information about the various concession cards they do and do not accept (http://www.cityrail.info/tickets/concessions/).

Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf: The airport train stops at the city stations of Central, Town Hall and Wynyard. The closest station to Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf is Wynyard Station. It is a 10-15 minute walk from Wynyard station to Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf or a short taxi ride. If you are walking, take the York Street exit and turn right out of the station. At the first intersection, turn right into Erskine Street and walk down the street towards King Street Wharf. Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf is on the corner of Erskine and Shelley Streets (refer to the enclosed fold-out Darling Harbour map).

Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour: For those staying at Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour, the most convenient station to your hotel, in terms of public transport connections, is Central Station which links you directly to the light rail service which, in turn, will stop near your hotel. The hotel recommends getting off at the Pyrmont Bay station instead of the Convention Centre as the walking route from Pyrmont Bay station is more straightforward to navigate. The walk from Pyrmont Bay station is 5 to 10 minutes. Below is some information on options for travelling from Central Station to your hotel.

Getting from Sydney's Central Station to your hotel

Central Station is the main station for trains coming into the City from suburban and regional areas, Country Link and interstate trains. From Central Station, buses, city trains, light rail or taxis can then be used to travel to your hotel.

Buses

There are two major bus stations next to Central Station: Eddy Avenue and Railway Square. Look for the signs throughout the station to direct you to either bus stop.

Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf: For those staying at Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf, buses 412 and 413 stop directly opposite your hotel on Erskine Street (referred to on the Sydney buses timetable as "King Street Wharf set down"). You catch these buses from Stand 1 at Railway Square on George St. The bus information shop at Railway Square has a map in the window which shows you where the buses will depart from. Go to http://www.131500.com.au/ for further information about timetables and routes.

Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour: For those staying at Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour, there are no direct bus routes to your hotel. However, the light rail stops close to the hotel and it is a short walk from there.

Light Rail

There is a light rail stop at Central Station. For those staying at Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour, there is a light rail stop close to your hotel.



The light rail leaves from the original Central Station building. Follow the signs in the station to the light rail stop. There are regular services every 10-15 minutes. According to the light rail website, an adult one-way fare across the two fare zones is \$4.20 and a concession fare is \$3.20.

Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour: The hotel recommends getting off at the Pyrmont Bay light rail stop. It is about a 5-10 minute walk from the Pyrmont Bay light rail stop to the hotel

(http://www.metrotransport.com.au/index.php/lightrail/map-2.html). From the stop walk south along Murray St, passing the Pyrmont Bridge and Pyrmont Bridge Hotel to get to Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour (see the fold-out Darling Harbour map). Visit http://www.metromonorail.com.au for more information.

Taxis

Taxis can be hailed as they drive past Central Station or from taxi ranks that are located at a number of places around Central Station. The closest taxi ranks to Central Station can be found on Eddy Ave and on the top level entrance outside the original Central Station building. Look for the signs to direct you or ask railway staff throughout the station.

Parking at the hotels

If you are driving **to your hotel**, there is undercover parking available at both hotels. The hotel charges \$30 per night which is payable by you when you check out.

Event Venue Location

The event venue is located at level 10 of the **PricewaterhouseCoopers** office. The PricewaterhouseCoopers office is part of a group of buildings known as **Darling Park** and the building complex is located at **201 Sussex Street**. Darling Park is situated on the whole block between Market Street and Druitt Street on the Darling Harbour side of Sussex Street. The PricewaterhouseCoopers building is at the southern end of this complex. Use the entrance which is on the corner of Sussex and Druitt Streets. Refer to the fold-out Darling Harbour map you received for the venue location (map reference G3). Note the building outline on the map that is on the corner of Sussex and Druitt Street. This is the PricewaterhouseCoopers building.

Getting to the event venue from your hotel

The venue is not far from the hotels, so if you are able to walk for 10-15 minutes, you should be able to walk to the venue from your hotel. All walking times are approximate and will vary depending on walking speeds.

The event organisers will arrange an optional "group walk" from your hotel to the venue. Event staff will meet participants in the lobby of their hotel at a set time and lead a walking group of participants along the harbour front and to the event venue. The group walk is offered to help participants find the event venue easily on the first day. If you would like to join the group walk, please check the timings and departure points in the Event Program you received.

Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf to the event venue:

Walking takes approximately 13-15 minutes.



• If you are walking to the venue by yourself the following route is suggested. Look at the fold-out Darling Harbour map to help follow this route. From the hotel reception, walk down to King Street Wharf. Turn left and walk along the harbour front towards the Pyrmont Bridge (the pedestrian bridge over the harbour water). Walk around the front of Sydney Aquarium and Wildlife World to the escalator steps under the Pyrmont Bridge (a lift is also located nearby). Take the escalator up to the Bridge, turn left and walk towards the city. After a few steps, take the stairs on your right hand side (beside the lift), walk past the monorail Darling Park Station. The building immediately to your right is the north tower of the Darling Park building complex of which the PricewaterhouseCoopers building is at the southern end. Where the path splits, take the stairs down to Sussex Road. Turn right and walk on the footpath beside the Darling Park building which is now on your right. Walk until you reach the corner of Sussex and Druitt Street and enter the building through here. The name of PricewaterhouseCoopers will be written above the entrance. Follow the WWViews signage up the escalators and through the foyer to the PricewaterhouseCoopers / WWViews reception. If you get lost, ask for the PricewaterhouseCoopers offices at any of the reception desks that are located throughout the building complex.

An alternative to walking to the venue:

• Catch a taxi and go down Sussex Street (one-way street). Your hotel reception can book the taxi for you.

Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour to event venue:

- Walking takes approximately 10-12 minutes.
- If you are walking to the venue by yourself the following route is suggested. Look at the fold-out Darling Harbour map to help follow this route. Exit the door which is located beside the breakfast room and which faces Darling Harbour and the city. Walk along the path to the monorail Harbourside Station. You will see the PricewaterhouseCoopers sign at the top of the buildings directly opposite you across the water. This is the building you are walking to. Walk down the Monorail steps (or use the lift) and across Pyrmont Bridge (the pedestrian bridge over the harbour water). At the end of the Bridge, walk up the stairs on your right hand side (a lift is located beside the steps) and walk past the monorail Darling Park Station. The building immediately to your right is the north tower of the Darling Park building complex of which the PricewaterhouseCoopers building is at the southern end. Where the path splits, take the stairs down to Sussex Road. Turn right and walk on the footpath beside the Darling Park building which is now on your right. Walk until you reach the corner of Sussex and Druitt Street and enter the building through here. The name of PricewaterhouseCoopers will be written above the entrance. Follow the WWViews signage up the escalators and through the foyer to the PricewaterhouseCoopers / WWViews reception. If you get lost, ask for the PricewaterhouseCoopers offices at any of the reception desks that are located throughout the building complex.

An alternative to walking to the venue:

- Catch the monorail across the Pyrmont Bridge from Harbourside Station to Darling Park Station. It is then only a 5 minute walk to the venue.
- You can catch a taxi from the hotel reception to the venue entrance. Your hotel reception can book the taxi for you. Please allow 15-20 minutes for the taxi trip.



Getting to the event venue by car

The PricewaterhouseCoopers office is part of a group of buildings known as **Darling Park** located at **201 Sussex Street** (see fold-out Darling Harbour map –reference G3). Sussex Street is one way, with traffic flowing north to south. Be aware that many streets in Sydney CBD are one way, and the latest Sydney CBD street directory would be helpful for navigating the one-way streets.

The WWViews Event

Registration and Participant Support Team

When you arrive at the event venue you will be directed to the registration desk. After initial registration, you will be directed to the Participant Support Team to collect further information.

There will be a dedicated Participant Support Team desk during the two day event which will be your first point of call if you have any questions or queries during the event.

There will be two event team members based at this desk, one of whom will be Nicole Thornton, your current participant contact person. The team will be at the desk throughout both days where you can talk to them whenever you need to. The participant desk is available if you have any concerns or questions about the logistics, facilities, the process itself in how it's being run or about your participation. There will also be opportunities during the two day event for you to give feedback to the organisers.

The Event Program

Please refer to the enclosed Program Outline for the running order of the event. Note, the program may be subject to minor changes between now and the event, and when you register on the day you will be given the final program for the event.

- During the event on Friday and Saturday you will watch short information videos, take part in group discussions and activities and vote anonymously on questions related to key climate change issues.
- The idea behind the event is that participants have access to the same information and engage in respectful discussion with each other to hear other's opinions and learn from each other. You will also be asked to respect guidelines for constructive and respectful discussion.
- You are one of only 110 people from across Australia who have been invited to attend this global event.
 It is crucial to the success of the event that you are present for the whole of every session. Otherwise,
 you could miss important information or miss out on contributing to discussions it is also disruptive for fellow participants.
- The event will run to a tight schedule with a packed agenda we will be starting sessions on time and asking people to return to their seats in advance. It's also important to remember that scheduled breaks are an important opportunity to relax, recharge and refresh. We strongly advise you not to plan any other activities during the hours of the event. The event organisers are providing food and refreshments during the event so it shouldn't be necessary to leave the venue. Bring everything you need for the day with you to the event venue, for example, any medicines you need to take during the hours of the



event. The breaks are not long enough to leave the venue and so you will not have enough time to run errands, return to your hotel, meet people or sightsee during breaks.

• There will be scheduled lunch and tea breaks during the event, where food and drinks will be provided. You will be able to go outside briefly for fresh air or smoking during scheduled breaks, but there will not be enough time to leave the vicinity of the venue. You will be asked to switch off your mobile phone during the event. You can check messages during scheduled breaks.

Closing Drinks – venue and information about the function

The Closing Drinks Function will be held at the Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour. Novotel is next door to Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour and is located at 100 Murray Street, Pyrmont. Refer to the fold-out Darling Harbour map (map reference F7).

- The event is from 7pm to 9.30pm with drinks and finger food.
- There will be a "group walk" to the Closing Drinks venue from the event venue leaving around 6.30pm and a "group walk" from Novotel to Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf leaving at 9.30pm.
- The dress code for all invited guests is 'relaxed'.
- The Closing Drinks Function is open to all participants, facilitators and staff from sponsoring organisations. In addition, the event organisers will invite external guests who we want to know about WWViews, for example, people involved in climate change. The drinks function is a celebration and a thank you to everyone involved in WWViews and an opportunity to share information about the event with invited guests. We warmly encourage you to attend. See the fold-out Darling Harbour map for the location (map reference F7).
- Please note that UTS encourages responsible consumption of alcohol during and after the function and takes no responsibility for the actions, safety or well being of participants once they have left the function.
- Parking for the Closing Drinks Function is available next door to Novotel at Harbourside Parking. The parking complex is open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The car park entrance is on Murray Street, Pyrmont. Please refer to the fold-out Darling Harbour map for the location of the Harbourside Parking complex (map reference G7). The complex operates an automatic boom gate system where you collect your ticket on entry and pay when you leave. You need to pay the machine either in cash or credit card. Prices range from \$3 for half an hour parking to \$27 for 24 hours parking. Night rates of \$12 when parking from 4pm to 2am. You then walk out through the car park entrance to the Novotel which is next door on Murray Street.

What to do if you're running late to the event

As described above, it is very important that you attend the whole event and that the event runs to time. You should plan your trip so that you allow plenty of time to get to Sydney and to get to the event venue. If we have booked a flight for you, we have tried to book a flight with an arrival time that should give you enough time to check in to your hotel before the event. However, if for example, your flight is delayed or an unexpected emergency causes you to run late on the day, please call us as soon as you can. If you miss your flight, please call us as soon as you can. If you are late through no fault of your own, for example due to a delayed flight, we will do our best to accommodate you in the event. However, we reserve the right to refuse entry to the event



latecomers. If you find that you are running late to the event we ask that you do everything you can to let us know - please phone Nicole Thornton on 0412 376 370 as soon as you can.

Optional contributions

In order to make the event accessible to people, the event organisers offer an optional contribution to travel costs (other than the flights paid for by WWViews) involved in getting to and from Sydney for the event and to non-catered meal costs (e.g. breakfasts and evening meals) during participants' stay in Sydney for the event. This contribution is estimated based on the approximate cost of public transport and modest meal expenses. This is available only to those people who participated in the full event, i.e. participation at all sessions and discussions on the Friday and Saturday. If you opt not to take this contribution *or if the contribution does not cover your actual expenses*, you will need to cover the costs of transport, meals and any other costs not provided by the event organisers.

Optional contributions will be available for collection from the Participant Support Team at the event venue at the end of the event on Saturday (you will be given information about this before the close of the event on Saturday). Contributions will be provided in cash in a sealed envelope with your name and the amount of the contribution on it. If you collect the contribution you will be asked to sign your name as a record of your collection of the money and you will be asked to open the envelope and check that the cash in the envelope corresponds to the value of the contribution recorded on the envelope.

The amount of the optional contribution will depend on where in Australia you have travelled from.

New South Wales

If you live within 20km of Sydney CBD

• An optional travel contribution of \$50 is available to you.

If you live between 20-50km from Sydney CBD

• An optional travel and meal contribution of \$100 is available to you.

If you live more than 50km from Sydney CBD

An optional travel and meal contribution of \$225 is available to you.

Australian Capital Territory

An optional travel and meal contribution of \$250 is available to you.

Victoria

• An optional travel and meal contribution of \$250 is available to you.

Tasmania

• An optional travel and meal contribution of \$250 is available to you.

South Australia

• An optional travel and meal contribution of \$250 is available to you.

Queensland

• An optional travel and meal contribution of \$250 is available to you.



Western Australia

An optional travel and meal contribution of \$300 is available to you.

Northern Territory

An optional travel and meal contribution of \$300 is available to you.

Hotel Services

Check-in and Check-out times

Both hotel receptions are open 24 hours. Check-in time is from 2pm. If you are checking in on Friday or Saturday, you will need to check-in and leave for the venue before the hotels' check-in time of 2pm. Due to the time required to clean the rooms once the previous occupants have checked out at, the hotel will not be able to guarantee an early check-in. However, the hotel has agreed to complete the paperwork aspect of the check-in process with you when you arrive (this does not include your room key). The hotels will hold your luggage in a secured room until you return to the hotel that night. You can then collect your room key and luggage to take to your room. It is not recommended that you take your bags to the event venue as there will not be space available to store the bags, nor will there be a secure area to leave them. The event organisers cannot take responsibility for luggage brought to the event venue. We also advise you to keep any valuables that you bring with you to the event venue with you at all times.

Check-out time is by 11am. If you have time to explore Sydney before you fly or drive back home, reception can provide lockers or a place to store your luggage once you check out.

Smoking

All rooms are non-smoking.

Wake-up calls

The hotels offer morning wake-up calls.

Internet connection

Both hotels have wireless connection in each of their rooms if you want to connect your laptop to the internet. There is also an internet kiosk downstairs where you can use the hotel's computer to connect to the internet. Check with reception about charges for using the internet in your room or elsewhere in the hotel.

What to bring

You will need to bring all of your personal items such as toiletries, personal effects, travel documents, etc.

The event will involve sitting indoors, and discussing things in groups, at small tables for long periods, so the event organisers suggest wearing comfortable clothes. You may like to bring a warm top or jacket that you can remove or put on through the day as the venue will be air-conditioned, and may feel cool to some participants. You may also like to bring a waterproof coat or umbrella in case of rain.



Food

For all participants, the following catering will be provided during the event:

Friday 25th: lunch, afternoon tea

Saturday 26th: morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, evening drinks and finger food

During the event, water will be provided on group tables. Tea and coffee will be available with all meals. The Closing Drinks on Saturday night will provide finger food with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

If you have special dietary requirements which you didn't mention on the Participant Agreement Form, please contact Nicole Thornton as soon as possible (contact details at the front of this document) so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.

Participants need to make their own arrangements for non-catered meals, i.e. breakfast and dinner. The Darling Harbour Precinct surrounds the waterfront on the eastern side of Sydney CBD. This area includes Darling Harbourside, Cockle Bay Wharf and King Street Wharf. There are a number of restaurants and food courts located in this area that offer a range of food options. Chinatown and the Spanish Quarter are also nearby in the CBD. See the fold-out Darling Harbour map for information.

Both hotels offer breakfast and dinner in their hotel restaurants. All rooms have complimentary tea/coffee making facilities; however most rooms have no cooking facilities or plates and cutlery.

What's On In Sydney

While you won't have time to explore Sydney during the Friday and Saturday, you may want to explore the City before you leave on the Sunday, if you plan to arrive early or if you stay a bit longer. The following websites showcase some of the events and attractions that occur around Darling Harbour and the City while you are in Sydney. The maps included in the Pack also provide you with information about some of the things you can see and do.

- Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority [SHFA](link to Darling Harbour and The Rocks): http://www.shfa.nsw.gov.au/
- City of Sydney (Local Council website): http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ and click 'What's On'
- Markets: Chinatown Night Markets, Haymarket, every Friday 4pm 11pm (see City of Sydney: What's On website)
- Markets: The Rocks, every Sunday 10am 5pm (see SHFA: The Rocks website)
- Malaysian Festival (Malaysian food and performances), Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour, Sunday 27th
 September 10am 5pm (see fold-out Darling Harbour map for location of Tumbalong Park)
- City of Sydney Spring Cycle: Sunday 27th September: http://www.springcycle.com.au/. Sydney residents come out in their thousands to cycle four different routes across Sydney. One of these routes is the original cycling route across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Bridge and various roads across Sydney will be closed in the morning until all cyclists have passed safely out of the area.



Safety considerations

The event venue, the Ibis hotels and Saturday night Closing Drinks are all located around the Darling Harbour precinct. Darling Harbour is a busy, vibrant pedestrian area for tourists and locals alike, especially on weekends. UTS recommends that you take the usual care required in big cities or where large crowds gather whilst in the Darling Harbour area: for example, don't walk by yourself in dark and/or isolated streets; don't leave your valuables unattended; don't leave your bag open and lying around, etc.

If you are uncertain of how to get back to your hotel or to the venue during the time you are in Sydney, feel free to join the "group walks" that are offered. Otherwise you can talk to Nicole Thornton at the Participant Support Team desk during the Friday and Saturday, or call her on 0412 376 370.

Guidance on speaking to the Media

The primary aim of World Wide Views is to give ordinary citizens a voice on the issue of climate change. On the day, participants will be sharing their opinions in small group discussions, all feeding into a public report. As part of this event, journalists will be invited to find out what is happening with World Wide Views, and why it is important in Australia and for the rest of the world.

Media presence is a great opportunity to share your views more generally, and spread the word about what we are doing on the day.

The organising team is currently working to attract media interest in the event. As part of your participation, you may be interested in sharing your story, for example, with your local newspaper and local radio. If you gave your permission to be interviewed in the Participant Agreement Form, the WWViews Media Officer, Rebecca Short, will be in contact to help organise this, and to give further guidance and help. If you circled "unsure" on the application form, Rebecca may call you to talk through any questions or concerns you may have. If you forgot to give your consent, or would like to change your mind at any time, that is okay, just let us know.

It is important that if you do get asked to speak to the media to talk only about yourself and not attribute comments from other named participants. It is important not to speak for or identify other participants as this would be a breach of their privacy. In the meantime, it is okay to answer questions about the event, for example, why you said yes to attend, what you think might happen on the day, and whether you are concerned about climate change or not.

If you have any questions relating to media issues, please call the WWViews Media Officer Rebecca Short on 0415-156 409.