



AGTA 2017 CONFERENCE

Geography for an inter-connected world

9–12 January 2017 – University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

We invite Australasian and international geography teachers and academics to attend the four day AGTA 2017 Conference to be held from Monday 9 to Thursday 12 January 2017 at the University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus. The conference organisational arrangements are being undertaken by the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria.

The organising committee are delighted to announce the following outstanding keynote speakers for the AGTA 2017 Conference – Dr Rachel Carey, Professor William Cartwright, Professor David Lambert, Dr Michael Solem and Professor Bruce Rasmussen.

Conference delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a stimulating education program of presentations, hands on workshops and field trips as well as a preconference study tour to western Victoria.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The University of Melbourne – Parkville campus offers a variety of unique cultural, architectural and landscape features which play an important part in the history of the City of Melbourne and the story of Victoria.

Visitors to campus can download a self-guided walking tour map which provides you with a plotted history of campus architecture and other landscape features.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

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PRE-CONFERENCE FIELDWORK STUDY TOUR

Four days/three nights incorporating the Great Ocean Road (coastal geomorphology), Western Districts (volcanic landscapes), Grampians (land conservation and tourism) and Narmbool (wind farms and agriculture near Ballarat).

ITINERARY

Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 January 2017

Thursday 5 January 2017: Melbourne – Surf Coast, Great Ocean Road. Accommodation at Camp Kangarooie shared school camp facility with great views.

Friday 6 January 2017: Port Campbell, 12 Apostles, Western District volcanoes. Accommodation at Brauer College Camp Dunkeld.

Saturday 7 January 2017: The Grampians, wind farm, bushfires, working agriculture. Accommodation at Narmbool Lodge Ballarat.

Sunday 8 January 2017: Narmbool farm and fire fieldwork then return to Melbourne by early afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner are included in cost and provided in house except Saturday dinner which will be at a venue in Ballarat. Participants will purchase lunch from suggested cafes at own cost.

Accommodation: School camp-style bunk rooms. No single rooms are available. Participants should bring their own sleeping bag or may opt to rent one from the conference organisers at a cost of \$35.

Group size: 30 participants

Cost per participant: \$600



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The organising committee has confirmed the following keynote speakers for this conference.



Dr Rachel Carey – Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne, where she researches sustainable food systems, food security and food production on Melbourne’s urban fringe. She is also an Honorary Research Fellow at the Centre for Food Policy at City University, London.



William Cartwright – Professor of Cartography in the School of Science at RMIT University. He joined the University after spending a number of years in both the government and private sectors of the mapping industry. His major research interests are the application of integrated media to cartography and the exploration of different approaches to the depiction of geographical information.



David Lambert – Professor of Geography Education at the Institute of Education, University of London (IOE) and author of notable texts and papers in geographical education. He was a secondary school teacher for twelve years, becoming a deputy principal before being appointed full time chief executive of the Geographical Association in the United Kingdom.



Dr Michael Solem – Director of Educational Research and Programs for the American Association of Geographers, where he is principal investigator on several large-scale, federally funded projects spanning geography at all levels of education, focusing on professional development, internationalization, global education and teacher preparation.



Professor Bruce Rasmussen – Director of Victoria Institute of Strategic Economic Studies (VISES), Victoria University. His work has included reports for government on regional and urban economics, particularly the development of Melbourne and its constituent regions. His most recent work at VISES has been on the link between health and productivity and the economic returns to investment in health, for the US Chamber of Commerce, World Health Organization and the United Nations Population Fund.



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The program will include a pre-conference tour from 5 to 8 January 2017, followed by the conference which will include keynote speakers, workshops, fieldtrips and social program. The proposed program is as follows:

Sunday 8 January

1.00pm – 2.15pm	Pre-Conference Tour returns
2.25pm – 3.40pm	Conference Delegates arrive
Evening	Welcome evening and local wine tasting

Monday 9 January

8.30am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 10.15am	Keynote speakers
10.15am – 10.45am	Morning tea
10.45am – 12 midday	Workshop
12 midday – 1.00pm	Lunch and viewing of trade display exhibits
1.00pm – 2.15pm	Keynote speakers
2.15pm – 2.25pm	Transit time
2.25pm – 3.40pm	Workshop
Evening	Experience Melbourne's restaurants

Tuesday 10 January

9.00am – 10.15am	Depart on fieldtrip — Full day across a range of locations
3.40pm – 4.00pm	Return from fieldtrip
Evening	Experience Melbourne's restaurants



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Wednesday 11 January

8.30am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 10.15am	Workshop
10.15am – 10.45am	Morning tea
10.45am – 12 midday	Workshop
12 midday – 1.00pm	Lunch and viewing of trade display exhibits
1.00pm – 2.15pm	Workshop or half-day fieldtrip
2.15pm – 2.25pm	Transit time
2.25pm – 3.40pm	Workshop or continuation of half-day fieldtrip
Evening	Conference Dinner and AGTA Awards presentation The Wharf Hotel, Melbourne

Thursday 12 January

8.30am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 10.15am	Keynote speakers
10.15am – 10.45am	Morning tea
10.45am – 12 midday	Workshop
12 midday – 1.00pm	Lunch and viewing of trade display exhibits
1.00pm – 2.15pm	Keynote speakers
2.15pm – 2.25pm	Transit time
2.25pm – 3.40pm	Workshop
3.40pm – 4.00pm	Conference close



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ACCOMMODATION

The conference organisers have negotiated special rates with three providers in close proximity to the conference venue:

- International House – student residential rooms and apartments
- Quest Carlton on Finlay – serviced apartments
- Rydges on Swanston Melbourne – hotel accommodation

International House

A limited number of affordable student rooms and apartments have been reserved for AGTA conference participants so early booking is recommended. It is possible to request an extension to booked accommodation for periods prior to and/or after the conference. Rates include breakfast, however, it should be noted that student rooms are not air-conditioned (saves on your carbon foot print), lifts may not be available (ie you walk up stairs) and have access to communal bathroom facilities. The inclusions for apartments are different to the student rooms. The accommodation is located on Royal Parade and require a 10–15 minute walk along the tree shaded avenue to the conference venue.

Prices start at \$62 per night for student rooms (single and double) with access to a shared bathroom. Self-contained one and two bedroom premium apartments are also available (includes lift access, private bathroom and kitchen) from \$115 per night. All rates include breakfast, wifi, linen, towels, access to gym, tennis court games room and coin operated laundry.

To book accommodation at International House phone +61 3 9345 7576 or email gordon.m@unimelb.edu.au indicating that you are a AGTA Conference registrant.



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Quest Carlton on Finlay

The newly refurbished [Quest Carlton on Finlay](#) is located just metres from Melbourne's famous Lygon Street with its multitude of restaurants and cafes. Studio apartments, 1 or 2 bedroom apartments are available and most rooms have views of the city and/or the World Heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building. La Notte café is located at the hotel entrance with breakfast available and many local restaurants can also charge meals back to your room. Simply call or email the hotel and quote the code "2017 AGTA Conference" to get your AGTA deal.

To book accommodation at Quest Carlton phone +61 3 8341 4777 or email questcarltononfinlay@questapartments.com.au.

Rydges on Swanston Melbourne

[Rydges on Swanston Melbourne](#) is located adjacent to the Lincoln Square park with trams right outside the door. The hotel has recently undergone a multi-million dollar refurbishment and has a 24 hour reception, pool and gym facilities onsite and a restaurant/bar for breakfast and room service. Single, twin and adjoining family rooms are available. Please note that our negotiated rates allow you to book a room now, then cancel your booking at a later date* should a sale occur.

*Conditions apply – please check cancellation policy with the individual hotel.

Book accommodation at Rydges on Swanston Melbourne (Please contact the hotel directly to book for dates outside 8-13 January 2017).



Swanston Street, Melbourne

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CONFERENCE COST

A summary of costs is provided below. The online registration process calculates all costs. You will be able to pay by credit card/PayPal or authorise school purchase order which allows the school to complete payment by EFT or cheque.

Full registration includes all keynotes, workshops, social events, bus transport (including shuttles), fieldtrips, the welcome event and trade displays.

Note all conference prices in Australian dollars (AUD).

Early bird special – closes Monday 10 October 2016

Full early bird registration	\$550
Early bird day registration – Monday 9 January 2017	\$150
Early bird day registration (includes full day fieldtrip) – Tuesday 10 January	\$175
Early bird day registration (includes half day fieldtrip) – Wednesday 11 January 2017	\$150
Early bird day registration – Thursday 12 January 2017	\$150

Preservice teachers

Preservice teacher day registration – Monday 9 January 2017	\$50
Preservice day teacher registration (includes full day fieldtrip) – Tuesday 10 January 2017	\$75
Preservice teacher day registration (includes half day fieldtrip) – Wednesday 11 January 2017	\$50
Preservice teacher day registration – Thursday 12 January 2017	\$50

Awards dinner

Conference dinner and AGTA Awards ceremony	\$75
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Pre-conference event

Pre-conference study and fieldwork tour	\$600
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ONLINE REGISTRATION

All registrations online at www.agta.asn.au

CONTACT

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Melbourne Docklands, Yarra's Edge at twilight – Photo by David Iliff.

Dew on a spiders web – Photo by Luc Viatour – www.Lucnix.be

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