

## Memo for APPC2004 participants – 23 June 2004

The conference program is now available on the web at:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/appc2004/program.htm>

This program will include details of rooms and presentation times of all papers.

Please check this program for any errors or omissions – which should be sent to:

[APPC2004@economics.uq.edu.au](mailto:APPC2004@economics.uq.edu.au).

Each lecture room will contain an overhead projector (for standard lecture transparencies) and power point facilities. If you plan to use power point, you should arrive at your session a minimum of 10 minutes before the scheduled start so you have time to load and test your power point slides.

If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your complete paper (in pdf form) before **30 June 2004** via email to

[APPC2004@economics.uq.edu.au](mailto:APPC2004@economics.uq.edu.au)

This is not a compulsory requirement. However, failure to do so will mean that we will not be able to ensure that your pdf file is loaded onto the APPC2004 web site before the conference.

If more than 80% of papers are received by this date, the conference organisers will burn a CD and include them in the conference satchels.

### Some practical information for visitors to Brisbane:

Brisbane Airport is approximately 20-30 minutes by taxi from the city centre and 30-40 minutes from the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus.

Taxis are metered and generally take credit cards (Visa and Mastercard) and obviously Australian Dollars.

Tipping is not expected in Australia, however often people “round-up” a taxi or restaurant bill (eg. to the nearest dollar) if they are paying by cash, and some people choose to give a tip of 5 or 10% to a waiter in a restaurant if the service is very good.

Most people will be staying in a hotel in the city, and hence will need to allow sufficient time to travel to the conference venue on the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus each morning. The easiest and most pleasant way to do this is to catch the City Cat Ferry. An extract of the City Cat Ferry Timetable (from Bretts Wharf to University of Queensland) is reproduced below.

City Cat Ferry Stop	am	am	am	am
Bretts Wharf	6.53	7.09	7.35	7.56
<i>(5 stops omitted)</i>				
Riverside	7:21	7:37	8:03	8:24
QUT Gardens Point	7:28	7:44	8:10	8:31
South Bank Parklands	7:31	7:47	8:13	8:34
North Quay	7:34	7:50	8:16	8:37
Regatta (Toowong)	7:41	7:57	8:23	8:44
Guyatt Park	7:45	8:01	8:27	8:48
West End	7:48	8:04	8:30	8:51
University of Queensland	7:51	8:07	8:33	8:54

A full copy of the timetable is available on the web at:

[http://www.transinfo.qld.gov.au/qt/PubTrans.nsf/ReferenceLookup/CityCatTimetable.pdf/\\$file/CityCatTimetable.pdf](http://www.transinfo.qld.gov.au/qt/PubTrans.nsf/ReferenceLookup/CityCatTimetable.pdf/$file/CityCatTimetable.pdf)

If you have a look at the city map on the APPC2004 web site:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/appc2004/images/brisbanemap.pdf>

you will see that the nearest City Cat Ferry stop to each hotel is as follows:

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>City Cat Ferry Stop</b>
Ibis Hotel	North Quay
Mecure Hotel	North Quay
Royal on the Park Hotel	QUT Gardens Point
Stamford Plaza Hotel	Riverside

Allow approximately 10 minutes to walk from your hotel to the nearest City Cat Ferry stop. Ferry tickets can be purchased on the Ferry.

Also allow another 10 minutes for you to walk from the University of Queensland City Cat Ferry stop to the conference venue in the Steele Building. These places are clearly identified if you click on the hot links on the conference site web page on the APPC2004 web site:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/appc2004/conf.htm>

The average daytime maximum temperature in Brisbane in July is 20 degrees Celsius and the average overnight minimum is 10 degrees. It can get as warm as 25 degrees and as cold as 5 degrees. Hence, be sure to bring a sweater or light coat – but a heavy coat will not be required.

If you plan to stay an extra day or two in Brisbane, you may wish to take in a tour – for a list of some possibilities see:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/appc2004/tours.htm>

We are looking forward to seeing you all here in July!

Regards

APPC2004 Conference Committee

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