

OSLO city Group 6th Meeting
Canberra, Australia

May 2–5, 2011

Organisational Arrangements

Meeting Venue

The 6th work session of the Oslo city group on Energy Statistics will take place at 'The Brassey of Canberra', from May 2-5, 2011.

The address of the conference venue is as follows:

The Brassey of Canberra
Belmore Gardens and Macquarie Street
Barton, Canberra
ACT, Australia, 2600

Tel: 00 61 2 6273 3766 or toll free number 1-800-659-191

Fax: 00 61 2 62732791

Email: info@brassey.net.au

Web: <http://www.brassey.net.au>

Morning tea and lunch will be included on each of the days of the meeting.

An official dinner is organised for 4th May 2011 which will be held at the Boathouse on the Lake Restaurant - <http://www.boathousebythelake.com.au/>

Visa information

Please check if you need a visa. Upon request to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra, an official invitation letter can be provided. The following link provides information about visas:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/956-977/>

Canberra Airport (CBR)

Canberra Airport does not service international flights. However Qantas and Virgin Blue do offer domestic flights to Canberra from all international airports located in other Australian capital cities. The closest international airports to Canberra are Sydney (4 hours drive or 40 minute flight) and Melbourne (8 hours drive or 1 hour flight).

Transport from Canberra Airport

Taxi - This is the best choice to get from the airport to your hotel. The travel time to the venue is approximately 10 minutes and the estimated cost is AUD\$20 to AUD\$30.

Location of taxi rank at the Airport



Canberra Elite Taxi

For your convenience, all Canberra Elite vehicles have EFTPOS facilities. Taxi bookings can be made by calling 13 22 27. For further information ring Canberra Elite administration on 02 6213 2222 or visit their website www.canberracabs.com.au

CabExpress Taxi

Taxi bookings can be made by calling 02 6260 6011 or to order a wheelchair accessible taxi, please call 02 6260 6077. For further information visit their website at www.cabxpress.com.au.

Rental Cars

Rental cars are available for collection from Canberra Airport if preferred. There are 5 companies in operation.



02 6249 1601

www.avis.com.au



02 6257 1305

www.budget.com.au



13 13 90

www.europcar.com.au



02 6249 6211

www.hertz.com.au



02 6248 9081

www.thrifty.com.au

Accommodation

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements, as well as, hotel reservations and bookings, and they are responsible for covering all related costs.

The Brassey of Canberra (also the venue)



Set in 2 and a half acres of lawns and gardens on the fringe of the parliamentary triangle it is within walking distance to many of Canberra's Tourist attractions:

The National Gallery of Australia
New Parliament House
Museum of Australian Democracy formerly Old Parliament House
The National Science and Technology Centre
The High Court of Australia
The National Library
Lake Burley Griffin
Kingston & Manuka Shopping Villages

\$161 single,
\$177 double - Garden Court (Double Bed)
\$179 single, \$197 double - Heritage Room
(Queen or Queen and Single)

Airport to Brassey of Canberra - approx. 10 mins

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Rydges Capital Hill

Rydges Capital Hill is the ideal hotel from which to base your stay in the Nation's Capital. Whether you are visiting for leisure or business, you'll find everything you need within close proximity.

The hotel is 500 metres from Parliament House, surrounded by the busy business districts of Barton & Parkes, walking distance to Manuka & Kingston and close to most national attractions. The city is a 5 minute drive.

\$220 - Superior Room

Contact information:

Cnr Canberra Ave and National Circuit
Forrest ACT 2603
Phone: 61 2 6295 3144
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Internet: <http://www.rydges.com/Capital-Hill-Canberra.htm>



[http://www.rydges.com/images/pdf/RACA PH/gen_factsheet.pdf](http://www.rydges.com/images/pdf/RACA_PH/gen_factsheet.pdf)

Airport to Rydges Capital Hill - approx. 10 mins
Rydges Capital Hill to Brassey of Canberra - 2 mins (0.9 km) (by car)
Rydges Capital Hill to Brassey of Canberra - 10 mins (0.9km) (by foot) [Ridges to Brassey](#)

Hotel Realm

Located at the footsteps of Parliament House in Canberra, Hotel Realm is part of a truly mixed-used precinct next to the Parliamentary Triangle.

Hotel Realm offers 158 hotel and suite style accommodation rooms.

\$225 - Realm Room

\$275 - One bedroom apartment



Contact information:

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Central Reservations

+61 2 6163 1888

or reservations@hotelrealm.com.au

[Airport to The Realm](#) - approx. 10 mins

[Hotel Realm to Brassey](#) - approx 1 min (by car)

[Hotel Realm to Brassey](#) - 9 mins (0.7km)(by foot)

[Hotel Realm to Brassey](#)

Hotel Kurrajong

Located on the National Circuit in Barton, only a short walk from the new Parliament House, the Hotel Kurrajong is an iconic heritage boutique hotel whose origins go back to the birth of Canberra as the nation's capital and whose corridors are steeped in Canberra's political history.



Contact information:

8 National Circuit.

Barton, Canberra,

ACT, Australia, 2600

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[Airport to Hotel Kurrajong](#) - approx 10 mins

[Hotel Kurrajong to Brassey](#) - approx 1 min (by car)

[Hotel Kurrajong to Brassey](#) - approx 10 min (0.8km) (by foot)

[Hotel Kurrajong to Brassey](#)

Other accommodation in the area:

Kingston Court Serviced Apartments http://www.kingstonterrace.com.au	4 Tench St. Kingston, Canberra ACT, Australia, 2604 Tel: (02) 6295 2244	\$215 single \$235 double - 1 bedroom Spa Apartment From Airport - approx 10 mins To Brassey - approx. 1 min (by car) To Brassey - approx. 7 mins (0.6km) (by foot) Kingston Apartments to Brassey
The York Canberra http://www.yorkcanberra.com.au	31 Giles St. Kingston, Canberra ACT, Australia, 2604 Tel: (02) 6295 2333	\$210 - Deluxe Room or Studio From Airport - approx 10 mins To Brassey - approx. 2 mins (by car) To Brassey - approx. 8 mins (0.7km) (by foot) The York to Brassey
Medina Classic Canberra http://www.medina.com.au	11 Giles St. Kingston, Canberra ACT, Australia, 2604 Tel: (02) 6239 8100	\$179 - 2 Bed Apartment From Airport - approx 10 mins To Brassey - approx. 2 min (1.2 km) (by car) To Brassey - approx. 12 mins (1.1km) (by foot) Medina to Brassey
Best Western Motel Monaro http://www.motelmonaro.com.au	27 Dawes St, Kingston, Canberra ACT, Australia, 2604 Tel: (02) 6295 2111	\$156 single \$179 double From Airport - approx 10 mins To Brassey - approx. 3 min (1.7 km) (by car) To Brassey - approx. 14 min (1.2 km) (by foot) Best Western to Brassey

Kingston Terrace Apartments http://www.kingstonterrace.com.au	16 Eyre St. Kingston, Canberra ACT, Australia, 2604 Tel: (02) 6239 9411	\$215 single \$235 double - 1 bedroom Spa Apartment From Airport - approx 10 mins To Brassey - approx. 3 mins (1.6 km) (by car) To Brassey - approx. 13 mins (1.1 km) (by foot) Kingston Terrace to Brassey
Pinnacle Apartments http://www.pinnacleapartments.com.au	11 Ovens St. Griffith, Canberra ACT, Australia, 2604 Tel: (02) 6239 9799	\$205 - 2 Bedroom Apartment From Airport - approx 10 mins To Brassey - approx. 2 mins (1.3 km) (by car) To Brassey - approx. 13 min (1.1 km) (by foot) Pinnacle Apartments to Brassey

Getting around Canberra

Public transport is ACTION bus. See [bus routes and timetables](#) for up to date information.

Tickets

On-Bus tickets are purchased from the Driver.

Prices effective 1 July 2010

Adult	
Single Trip ^ (90 minutes transfer ticket available on request, at no extra charge)	\$4.00
Daily	\$7.60
Off Peak Daily*	\$4.60
^ 90 minutes transfer option available at no extra charge * Off Peak: Weekdays 9am - 4.30pm and after 6pm, and all day weekends and public holidays	

See [ticket information](#) for more information.

Sightseeing tours

Experience the best of Canberra on this full day Hop-On Hop-Off sightseeing tour of the Australian capital city. See Australia's most treasured attractions, most of which have free entry, including Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, the National Gallery of Australia, The National Science and Technology centre (Questacon), the High Court of Australia, the Mint and the National Museum of Australia. There are a variety of sightseeing tours that allow you to catch a glimpse, spend a few hours or a full day seeing Canberra:

<http://www.bcl.com.au/canberra/canberratours.htm>

<http://www.canberradaytours.com.au/index.php>

OTHER INFORMATION

Time:

In Canberra, time zone is Eastern Standard Time (EST)

More information can be found at <http://www.greenwichmeantime.com/time-zone/australia/>

Australia uses the Australia Dollar (AUD)

Currency:

Notes:

- The **\$100** note features world-renowned soprano Dame Nellie Melba (1861–1931), and the distinguished soldier, engineer and administrator General Sir John Monash (1865–1931)
- The **\$50** note features Aboriginal writer and inventor David Unaipon (1872–1967), and Australia's first female parliamentarian, Edith Cowan (1861–1932).
- The **\$20** note features the founder of the world's first aerial medical service (the Royal Flying Doctor Service), the Reverend John Flynn (1880–1951), and Mary Reibey (1777–1855), who arrived in Australia as a convict in 1792 and went on to become a successful shipping magnate and philanthropist.
- The **\$10** note features the poets AB 'Banjo' Paterson (1864–1941) and Dame Mary Gilmore (1865–1962). This note incorporates micro-printed excerpts of Paterson's and Gilmore's work.
- The **\$5** note features Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Parliament House in Canberra, the national capital.

Coins

- The **\$2** coin, which replaced the two dollar note in 1988, depicts an Aboriginal tribal elder set against a background of the Southern Cross and native grasstrees.
- The **\$1** coin, which replaced the \$1 note in 1984, depicts five kangaroos. The standard \$1 design, along with the 50, 20, 10 and 5 cent designs, was created by the Queen's official jeweller, Stuart Devlin.
- The **50** cent coin carries Australia's coat of arms: the six state badges on a central shield supported by a kangaroo and an emu, with a background of Mitchell grass (see fact sheet on Australia's coat of arms).
- The **20** cent coin carries a platypus, one of only two egg-laying mammals in the world. It has webbed feet and a duck-like bill that it uses to hunt for food along the bottom of streams and rivers.
- The **10** cent coin features a male lyrebird dancing. A clever mimic, the lyrebird inhabits the dense, damp forests of Australia's eastern coast.
- The **5** cent coin depicts an echidna, or spiny anteater, the world's only other egg-laying mammal.

For more information see <http://www.dfat.gov.au/facts/currency.html>

For information on currency rate see <http://au.finance.yahoo.com/currencies/investing.html#flat-rates>

Climate:

The average temperature in Canberra in May is around 15 degrees Celsius (maximum) and 3 degrees Celsius (minimum). Bring jackets, scarves and gloves to keep warm.

In the autumn months of March, April and May, the weather in Canberra starts to become cooler, particularly at night, with many cold fronts influencing the weather.

For more information see <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

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For more information see
<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/About+Us?opendocument#from-banner=GT>