

PROGRAM

NATIONAL MISSING PERSONS CONFERENCE

15-16 NOVEMBER 2017 | SYDNEY

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MISSING PEOPLE
**CHALLENGES &
OPPORTUNITIES**



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MISSING PEOPLE **CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

More than 38,000 people are reported missing to police each year in Australia; one person every 15 minutes, and more than 100 people every day.

The inaugural national missing persons' conference is being held in November, in Sydney. The conference is open to law enforcement, government and non-government agencies, counsellors, and practitioners working in the missing persons sector via registration through missingpersonsconference2017.eventbrite.com.au

The aim of the conference is to enhance knowledge and improve service delivery through a collaborative approach, and promote best practice for those investigating missing persons, and those affected by the loss of a missing loved one.

The conference centres around three key themes:

Research

Investigation and Policing

Clinical Approaches

The conference is co-hosted by the National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) of the Australian Federal Police and the Families and Friends of Missing Persons Unit (FFMPU) of the NSW Department of Justice.

National Missing Persons Coordination Centre

The NMPCC was established in 2006 to drive national coordination across the missing persons sector in Australia, and to complement the operational and investigative role of State and Territory Police Missing Persons Units. The NMPCC's mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of missing persons in Australia.

More information can be found at missingpersons.gov.au.

Families and Friends of Missing Persons Unit

The FFMPU is the only unit of its kind in Australia and is recognised as the lead agency in Australia for supporting those impacted by a missing person. The FFMPU further seeks to raise awareness of the issues facing service providers and families of missing people, and promote best practice in this area.

More information can be found at missingpersons.justice.nsw.gov.au.

Missing Persons: Challenges and Opportunities will feature a variety of sessions, such as keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, and video presentations. Alongside presenters will be senior police and government personnel, including Australian Federal Police Commissioner Andrew Colvin, who will open the conference.

STRUCTURE

Structured across two days, the conference rooms for the national missing persons conference will be open to attendees from 8am to 5pm. All sessions will take place in the Town Hall and Wynard-St James rooms at the Mercure Sydney.

- Keynote presentations will be 45-60 minutes in duration.
- Concurrent sessions will be 30 minutes in duration.

To ensure that we plan the concurrent sessions to allow attendees to see as many of their preferred sessions as possible there is a survey available where you can provide feedback on your interest in concurrent session topics, until 20th October. Survey URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T6GZQ8X>

Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea are provided for the duration of the conference. All dietary requirements will be provided for, as long as you note them at the time of registration.

Cocktail Event

In addition to two full conference days, your registration also includes a networking cocktail event on the evening of the 15th November. This will be held on the outdoor terrace of the Mercure Sydney, and provides an opportunity to socialise and network with your fellow delegates and our presenters.

REGISTRATION

Pre-conference registration will take place in the hotel lobby on Tuesday 14th November, from 1500-1700. Please register at this time where possible.

There will be an additional limited registration window on the conference floor on Wednesday 15th November from 0800-0845 for late arrivals.

You will need to present photo ID upon registration.

Upon registration, you will receive conference merchandise, which includes a notebook, reusable coffee cup, and environmental friendly tote bag.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The official hashtag for the national missing persons conference is **#NMPConference2017**

Please support the conference by sharing any comments or images on your social media with the above hashtag.

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

TUE 14 NOVEMBER

1500-1700
PRE-CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION

WED 15 NOVEMBER

0800-0845
REGISTRATION

0845-0915
OPENING ADDRESS

0915-1000
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1

1005-1050
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2

1050-1115
MORNING TEA

1115-1145
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 & 2

1145-1215
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3 & 4

1215-1245
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 5 & 6

1245-1345
LUNCH

1345-1415
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 7 & 8

1415-1445
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9 & 10

1445-1515
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 11 & 12

1515-1545
AFTERNOON TEA

1545-1630
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3

1630-1645
CLOSE OF DAY 1

1830-2030
COCKTAIL EVENT

THUR 16 NOVEMBER

0845-0900
DAY 2 OPENING

0900-1000
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1

1005-1105
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2

1105-1130
MORNING TEA

1130-1200
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 13 & 14

1200-1230
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 15 & 16

1230-1330
LUNCH

1330-1400
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 17 & 18

1400-1430
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 19 & 20

1430-1500
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 21 & 22

1500-1530
AFTERNOON TEA


1530-1630
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3

1630-1645
CONFERENCE CLOSE

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

TIME AGENDA ITEM

0800-0845	<p>Registration (Pre-registration available in the Hotel Lobby Tuesday 14 Nov 1500-1700)  CONFERENCE FLOOR ROOMS LOBBY</p>
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Session 1.1  TOWN HALL ROOM

0845-0915	<p>Opening Address Missing persons in Australia Commissioner Andrew Colvin Australian Federal Police</p>
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0915-1000	<p>Keynote Tracking Outcomes of 6000 Missing Person Reports Quoc Thanh Vo Detective Sergeant Force Criminal Investigations Dept. Thames Valley Police UK</p>
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1000-1005	Short Break
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1005-1050	<p>Keynote Missing Persons and Unidentified Human Remains: the UNT Center for Human Identification Story Dixie Peters Technical Leader Missing Persons Unit University of North Texas</p>
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1050-1115	<p>Morning Tea  CONFERENCE FLOOR PRE-FUNCTION AREA</p>
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Session 1.2

1115-1145	<p>Concurrent Session 1 Missing Persons: Prevalence and Vulnerability Dr Samantha Bricknell <i>Australian Institute of Criminology</i>  TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 2 In the Loop: The need for inclusion and support for young people when a loved one is missing Liz Davies <i>Australian Catholic University</i>  WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
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TIME	AGENDA ITEM	
1145-1215	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 3</p> <p align="center">Lost, Missing or Murdered - Which way did they go?</p> <p align="center">Commander Mark Harrison MBE <i>Australian Federal Police</i></p> <p align="center"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 4</p> <p align="center">“What if...”, Acceptance, uncertainty and distress among Family and Friends of Missing Persons</p> <p align="center">Cecilia Hammell <i>University of Wollongong</i></p> <p align="center"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
1215-1245	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 5</p> <p align="center">Missing? Groomed? Trafficked?</p> <p align="center">Federal Agent Adam Sandon <i>Australian Federal Police - Victim Based Crime</i></p> <p align="center"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 6</p> <p align="center">Hope, Wellbeing and Ambiguity: Mapping the experience of loss when someone is missing</p> <p align="center">Dr Sarah Wayland <i>University of Technology Sydney</i></p> <p align="center"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
1245-1345	<p align="center">Lunch  FOUR ELEMENTS RESTAURANT</p>	
1330-1345	<p align="center">OPTIONAL: Screening of A Galent’s documentary “The Dolls Funeral”  WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>	
Session 1.3		
1345-1415	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 7</p> <p align="center">Coronial Procedures in Missing Persons Cases: Learning from coronial professionals</p> <p align="center">Stephanie Dartnall <i>Charles Sturt University</i></p> <p align="center"> TOWN HALL RROOMROOM</p>	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 8</p> <p align="center">Clarifying the fate of the missing in Nepal</p> <p align="center">Arnaud Galent <i>International Red Cross</i></p> <p align="center"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
1415-1445	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 9</p> <p align="center">Talking About All That Remains</p> <p align="center">Gillian Adams <i>Department of Forensic Medicine: NSW Pathology</i></p> <p align="center"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 10</p> <p align="center">How multidisciplinary approaches can be applied and utilised in the care of missing people and those left behind</p> <p align="center">Timothy Graham <i>Exodus Foundation Charity NSW</i></p> <p align="center"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>

DAY 1 CONTINUED

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	
Session 1.3 Cont.		
1445-1515	<p>Concurrent Session 11</p> <p>Missing and Deceased Migrant: Red Cross search for answers</p> <p>Megan Goodwin <i>Australian Red Cross</i></p> <p> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 12</p> <p>Moving Beyond Trauma</p> <p>Petrea King <i>Quest for Life Centre</i></p> <p> WYNYARD-ST JAMESROOM</p>
1515-1545	<p>Afternoon Tea  CONFERENCE FLOOR PRE-FUNCTION AREA</p>	
Session 1.4  TOWN HALL ROOM		
1545-1630	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Men Missing on a Night Out: Exploring the geography of fatal disappearances to inform search strategies</p> <p>Geoff Newiss Chief Executive Action Against Abduction UK Visiting Research Fellow Kingston University London</p>	
1630-1645	<p>Close of Day 1</p> <p>Assistant Commissioner Debbie Platz Australian Federal Police</p>	
1830-2030	<p>Cocktail Evening</p> <p> MERCURE OUTDOOR TERRACE</p>	
2030	END OF DAY ONE	

TIME AGENDA ITEM

Session 2.1  TOWN HALL ROOM

0845-0900	<p>Opening - Day 2</p> <p>Commissioner of Victim Rights Mahashini Krishna</p> <p>Victim Services, NSW Department of Justice</p>
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0900-1000	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Missing! Grief in Ambiguous Loss</p> <p>Dr Kenneth Doka</p> <p>Professor of Gerontology Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle Senior Consultant Hospice Foundation of America</p>
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1000-1005	Short Break
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1005-1105	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Betwixt and Between: Navigating Grief in Ambiguous Loss and Chronic Sorrow</p> <p>Dr Darcy Harris</p> <p>Associate Professor & Thanatology Coordinator King’s University College</p>
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1105-1130	Morning Tea	 CONFERENCE FLOOR PRE-FUNCTION AREA
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Session 2.2

1130-1200	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Session 13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Missing from Care: Rethinking our approach to children who go missing in Out-Of-Home-Care</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Kath McFarlane & Dr Emma Colvin <i>Charles Sturt University</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Session 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Understanding public value through policing priorities using Q-Methodology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Det. Sgt. Quoc Thanh Vo <i>Thames Valley Police UK</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
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DAY 2 CONTINUED

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
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Session 2.2 Cont.







1200-1230	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Session 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Child Exploitation: Young people living in and out of home care</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Det. S/Sgt Boris Buick Laura Meese <i>Victoria Police</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Session 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psychopathology of Missing [PRE-RECORDED VIDEO PRESENTATION]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Penny Woolnough <i>Abertay University Scottish Institute for Policing Research</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
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1230-1330	Lunch	 FOUR ELEMENTS RESTAURANT
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1300-1330	<p>OPTIONAL: PRE-RECORDED VIDEO PRESENTATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Harm and Missing Persons: (in)visibility Joe Apps - NCA Missing Persons Bureau UK <i>University of Dundee</i></p>	 WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM
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Session 2.3

1330-1400	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Session 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TBA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Shaunagh Foy <i>Charles Sturt University</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Session 18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clever Never Goes! Moving beyond the 'stranger danger' approach to child safety</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Geoff Newiss <i>Action Against Abduction UK Kingston University London</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
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TIME	AGENDA ITEM	
1400-1430	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 19</p> <p align="center">Best Practice recommendations for the establishment of an Australian DNA identification program for missing persons</p> <p align="center">Dr Jodie Ward <i>Forensic & Analytical Science Service: NSW Health Pathology</i></p> <p align="center"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 20</p> <p align="center">Sharing lessons from UK 'national conversations' on returning missing people</p> <p align="center">[PRE-RECORDED VIDEO PRESENTATION]</p> <p align="center">Prof. Hester Parr <i>University of Glasgow</i></p> <p align="center"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
1430-1500	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 21</p> <p align="center">DNA analysis and the role it plays in missing persons investigations in Victoria</p> <p align="center">Dr Dadna Hartman <i>The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine</i></p> <p align="center"> TOWN HALL ROOM</p>	<p align="center">Concurrent Session 22</p> <p align="center">The Searching Phenomenon: Exploring the Experiences of Families of Missing Persons</p> <p align="center">Prof. Geoffrey Glassock <i>The University of New England</i></p> <p align="center"> WYNYARD-ST JAMES ROOM</p>
1500-1530	<p align="center">Afternoon Tea  CONFERENCE FLOOR PRE-FUNCTION AREA</p>	
<p>Session 2.4  TOWN HALL ROOM</p>		
1530-1630	<p align="center">Keynote</p> <p align="center">Growing Around the Grief of Uncertain Losses</p> <p align="center">Dr Lois Tonkin Lecturer in Counselling & Special Education University of Canterbury</p>	
1630-1645	<p align="center">Conference Close</p> <p align="center">TBC</p>	

SYDNEY

Sydney, capital of New South Wales and one of Australia's largest cities, is best known for its harbour front Sydney Opera House, with a distinctive sail-like design. It is one of the world's most vibrant cities, and is also a gateway to the rest of Australia

Darling Harbour and Circular Quay are hubs of waterside life, with the arched Harbour Bridge and esteemed Royal Botanic Garden nearby. Sydney Tower's outdoor platform, the Skywalk, offers 360-degree views of the city and suburbs.

In November you can relax on sun-drenched beaches, dine at award-winning restaurants and take in some theatres, operas, and shows on every corner of the city. Shopping is also popular in the hustle and bustle of the city.

International flights fly directly into Sydney Airport from many global hubs. From the airport it's an easy 20 minute taxi or train ride to the city centre.

You can 'top off' your stay with a trip to the Blue Mountains, a popular excursion among locals. Other attractions include Taronga Zoo, Bondi Beach, and Manly.

You can read more about what to do in Sydney online by visiting Sydney.com, [Timeout](http://Timeout.com), or [Trip Advisor](http://Trip Advisor.com).

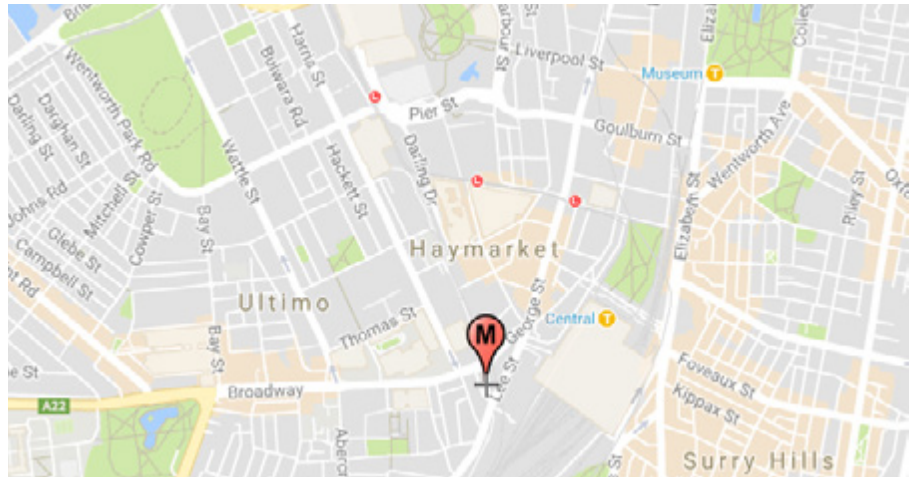
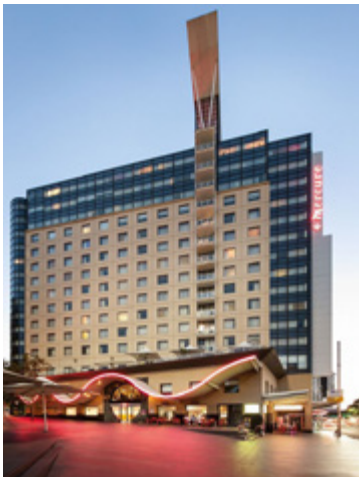


VENUE

Missing People: Challenges & Opportunities is being held at the Mercure Sydney, 818 - 820 George Street, Ultimo, NSW, 2007, Australia, in Railway Plaza, a 3-minute walk from Sydney Central Station.

The Mercure Sydney offers a rooftop pool with panoramic city views, a sauna and a fitness centre. All air-conditioned accommodation features a flat-screen TV and desk. The function rooms are bright with natural light, free wifi, and a wide range of facilities.

The Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and The Rocks are all within 20 minutes walking distance and Darling Harbour is within 10 minutes walking distance, as are a wide and eclectic range of restaurants, bars and cafés.



Accommodation at the Mercure is available for guests to book at their own leisure and cost, however November is a busy month in Sydney, and the hotel is likely to sell out soon.

There are several additional hotels within walking distance of the Mercure, including:



Adina Apartment Hotel Sydney Central

2 Lee Street, Haymarket NSW 2000
\$330 - \$400 p/n
3 minute walk to the conference venue



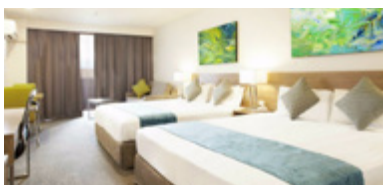
Novotel Sydney Central

169-179 Thomas St, Sydney NSW 2000
\$320 - \$400 p/n
5 minute walk to the conference venue



Waldorf Sydney Central Serviced Apartments

47 - 49 Chippen Street, Chippendale NSW 2008
\$330-\$400 p/n
7 minute walk to the conference venue



Metro Aspire Hotel Sydney

383 - 389 Bulwara Road, Ultimo NSW 2007
\$220 - \$270 p/n
9 minute walk to the conference venue



Ibis World Square

384 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000
\$290- \$420 p/n
11 minute walk to the conference venue



57 Hotel

57 Foveaux St, Surry Hills NSW 2010
\$270- \$320 p/n
12 minute walk to the conference venue

The climate in November is great for walking, but if you need to go that little bit further, there are many options for getting around in Sydney.

The Mercure is located in Railway Plaza, right above Sydney's Central Train Station. You will need to buy a single use ticket, or purchase an Opal card and top it up with funds before you can travel on the train. You can also use the Opal card to travel on Sydney's extensive bus, ferry and tram networks.

Taxis are readily available in and around central Sydney and at the airport. If you need a taxi from the Mercure, the hotel will call one for you. Several Sydney taxi companies also have apps you can download and use to book a taxi.

Uber is very active in Sydney, and is legal to use. You'll be able to get an Uber anywhere, anytime.



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