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### WELCOME

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry looks forward to welcoming you to the 26th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import & Export Inspection & Certification Systems, in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from 1 – 5 May 2023.

In Australia, we recognise the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to land, sea, environment, water and community. In *lutruwita* (Tasmania), the traditional custodians are the *Palawa* (Tasmanian Aboriginal) people. We pay our respect to them, their culture and elders both past and present.

This Delegate Information Pack has been developed to provide helpful information and advice about CCFICS26 and visiting Hobart.

If you have any questions, you can email the Australian Codex Contact Point

E: Codex.Contact@agriculture.gov.au

### **OVERVIEW**

The 26th session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems will be held from 1 May 2023 to 5 May 2023 in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting with the ability to participate physically and virtually with virtual interventions via zoom platform.

Onsite registration to collect badges and other materials will be available on:

- Sunday 30 April 2023 from 08:30 11:00 AEST
- Monday 1 May 2023 from 08:30 09:30 AEST

A CCFICS26 Delegate Information Session will be held virtually approximately one week prior to the CCFICS26 Plenary. Further details will be available on the CCFICS26 webpage.

A hybrid working group on the draft consolidated Codex guidelines related to equivalence will be held on Sunday, 30 April 2023.

Report adoption will be held on Friday 5 May 2023.



## TIMETABLE

Please visit the CCFICS26 meeting page on the Codex website to access the timetable and all working documents related to this session. Delegates are encouraged to bring all published documents with them when attending the session. Hard copies of published documents will not be provided.



## **REGISTRATION**

Registrations to attend the Session are due by 31 March 2023.

To register your attendance, log in to your account at <u>codexalimentarius.org</u>

All Codex Members and Observers should have login details. If you do not know your login details, please contact codex@fao.org.

Please ensure you provide the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend by the registration due date. The details you provide will be reflected in the participants list.

#### Registration on arrival in Hobart

When you arrive in Hobart, we request you register at the registration desk before entering the Session. Delegates are encouraged to bring a business card with them when registering to assist in the review and finalisation of the official participants list.

- Sunday 30 April 2023: 8:30am 11:00am AEST
- Monday 1 May 2023: 8:30am 9:30am AEST

#### Online Attendance

Delegates may choose to participate remotely (via Zoom) and will be able to listen and speak/ intervene during the Session.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR AUSTRALIA

To enter Australia, you may need an approved visa. We encourage you to contact your country's consular services to determine the entry requirements applicable to you.

Delegates are encouraged to submit visa applications well in advance of CCFICS26, as it can take around 30 days to processa visa.

To apply for a visa, visit: <u>immi.homeaffairs.gov.au</u>

If you require a government letter of invitation, in addition to the official letter of invitation on the CCFICS26 webpage, to support your visa application, please contact: <a href="mailto:codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au">codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a>.

#### **COVID-19 Travel Advice**

The Australian Department of Home Affairs provides COVID-19 updates related to entering Australia.

To read the latest updates, visit <a href="https://homeaffairs.gov.au">homeaffairs.gov.au</a>

The Australian Department of Health also provides information about international travel. Visit <a href="health.gov.au">health.gov.au</a>





# **SESSION VENUE**

#### **Grand Chancellor Hotel**

Address: 1 Davey Street, Hobart, TAS 7000

CCFICS26 will be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

#### Plenary

The plenary will be held in the Grand Ballroom on the Mezzanine Level of the hotel.

#### Quiet Room

A quiet room for prayer or meditation is available on request.





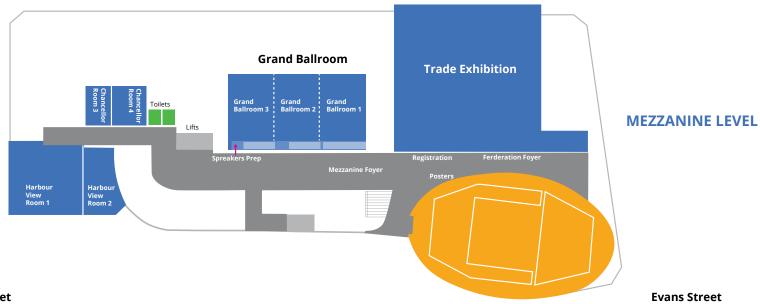




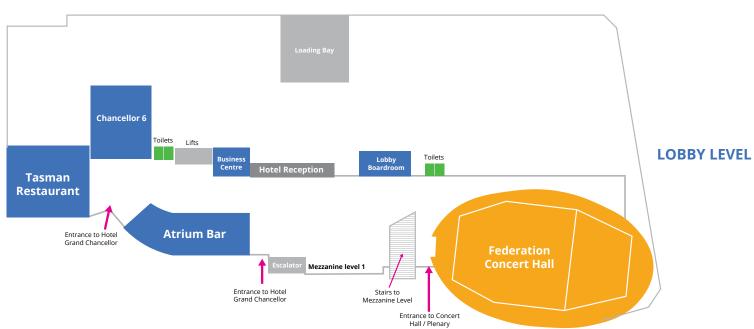


#### **Macquarie Street**

#### Venue Map



#### **Campbell Street**



**Davey Street** 

Waterfront

# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

#### Grand Chancellor Hotel (Session venue)

Located on the Hobart waterfront, the Grand Chancellor Hotel is centrally located with views of Hobart Harbour and Constitution Dock. Facilities include a 24-hour front desk, complimentary Wi-Fi, swimming pool, fitness club and sauna.

Check-in and out times:

Check-in: 3 pm Check-out: 11 am

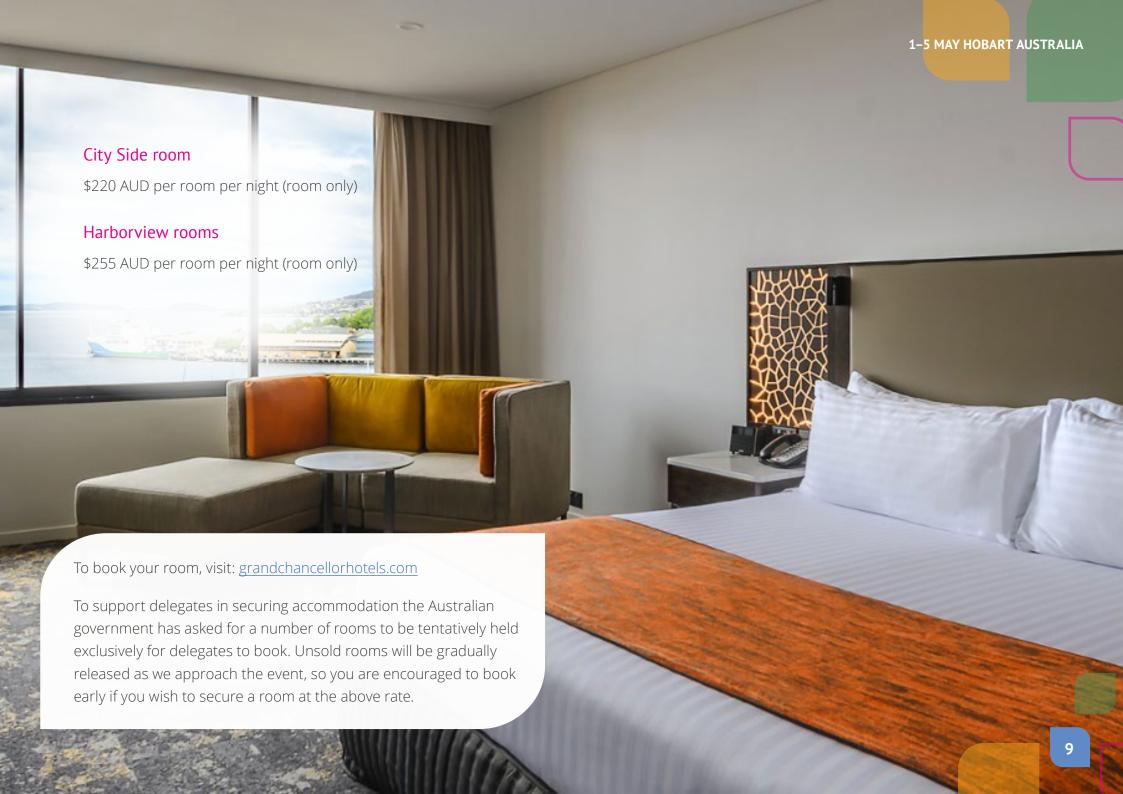
Requests for early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability and can be requested at reception.

#### **Delegate Bookings**

A discounted group rate has been negotiated with the Grand Chancellor Hotel for delegates. This booking rate is valid for up to 3 days before the Session and up to 3 days after the Session ends.







#### Other Accommodation

There are a number of other accommodation options in Hobart to suit a range of budgets. Some alternative options have been compiled below for your ease, based on proximity to the venue. This list is not intended as a recommendation and delegates are encouraged make their own judgement.

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The Henry Jones Art Hotel	Salamanca Wharf Hotel	MACq 01 Hotel	<b>Sullivans Cove Apartments</b>
	◆ 17a Castray Esplanade, Battery Point TAS 7004	♥ 18 Hunter St, Hobart TAS 7000	♥ 21 Hunter St, Hobart TAS 7000
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Quest Savoy	Mantra on Collins Hobart	RACV Hobart Hotel	Crowne Plaza Hobart
<ul><li>38 Elizabeth St,</li><li>Hobart TAS 7000</li></ul>	♥ 58 Collins Street, Hobart TAS 7000	♥ 154-156 Collins St, Hobart TAS 7000	♥ 110 Liverpool St, Hobart TAS 7000
Zero Davey	The Old Woolstore	ibis Styles Hobart	Somerset on the Pier Hobart
<b>Boutique Apartments</b>	<u>Apartment Hotel</u>	♥ 173 Macquarie St,	
• 15 Hunter St, Hobart TAS 7000	<ul><li>1 Macquarie St, Hobart TAS 7000</li></ul>	Hobart TAS 7000	Hobart TAS 7000
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Best Western Hobart	<b>Argyle Accommodation</b>	<u>Travelodge Hotel Hobart</u>	Harrington's 102
• 156 Bathurst St, Hobart TAS 7000	♥ 50 Argyle St, Hobart TAS 7000	◆ 167 Macquarie St,  Hobart TAS 7000	• 102 Harrington St, Hobart TAS 7000

# F GETTING TO AND AROUND HOBART

There are a variety of ways to get around Hobart.

## Hobart International Airport to the Grand Chancellor Hotel

- 16 minutes by Car / Taxi / Uber
- 25 minutes by SkyBus

#### SkyBus airport transport

SkyBus provides transport to and from Hobart Airport and Hobart city. Tickets can be booked online in advance or paid for when you board the bus. SkyBus stops at the Session Venue, the Grand Chancellor Hotel.

Website: skybus.com.au

#### Taxi (cab) and Uber

You can get a taxi or Uber from the airport at the appropriate pick-up points. There should be signage at the airport that directs you to the taxi ranks where you can line up.

Taxis in Australia are metred and paid on arrival. You can also call for a taxi to get around Hobart, or wave one down on the street. Your hotel can often arrange a taxi for you on request.

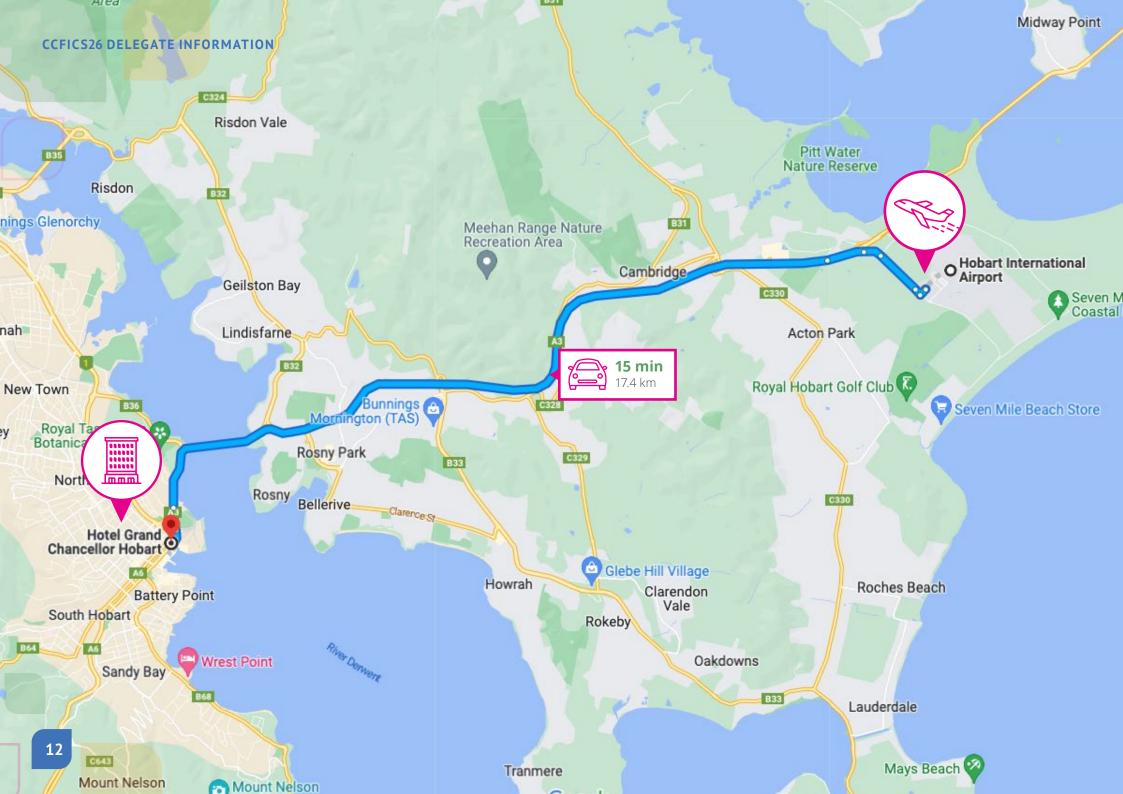
To catch an Uber, download the Uber App to your device and order your ride.

#### Car Hire

A number of car hire companies operate at Hobart airport.

Website: <a href="https://hobartairport.com.au">hobartairport.com.au</a>





#### **Licence requirements:**

You can drive in Tasmania using your international licence if you meet certain criteria. To find out more about Australia's requirements, visit Tasmania Transport Services.

For guidance on driving in Australia, you may like to read the following resources.

- rsac.tas.gov.au
- australia.com

#### Public transport: Bus

To use the bus network, you can either pay for a ticket when you board the bus, or you can buy a pre-paid Metro Greencard.

**Greencards** are \$25, and include \$20 of credit for bus rides. Using a Greencard also gives a 20% discount on regular fares and allows you to tap and go when getting on and off buses.

Pre-paid Greencards are available from:

- Greencard agents: <u>metrotas.com.au</u>
- Ground floor at 40 Elizabeth Street (open 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday)
- Opposite Stop A, Metro depot, 212 Main Road Moonah (open 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday)

View the Hobart Bus Network Guide to see bus routes and times.

#### **Bus App**

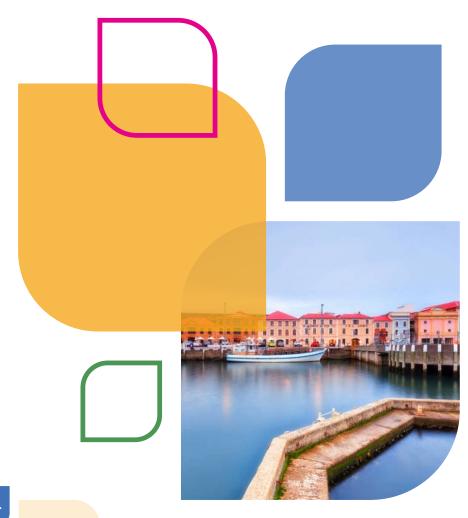
There is also a Metro Tas App available to download. Using the app you can:

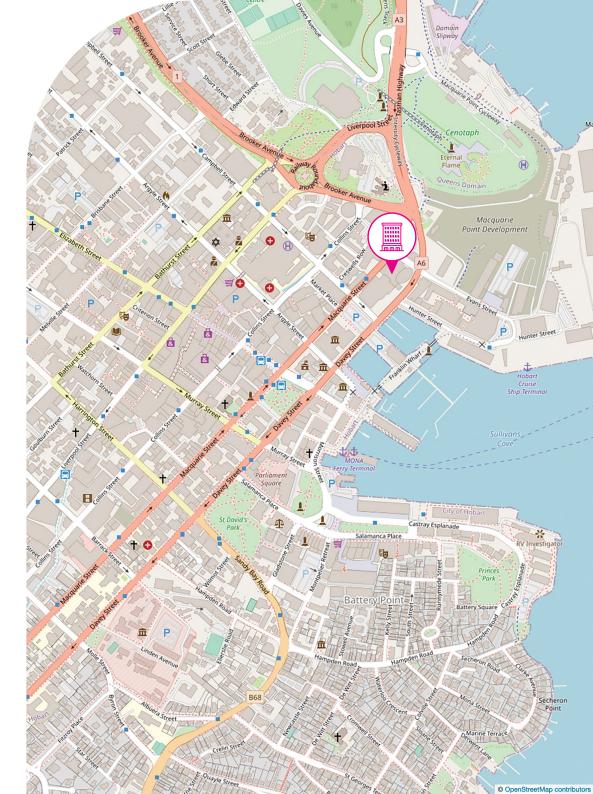
- Plan your next trip
- Save your favourite destinations and your favourite trips
- Manage your Greencard account (including check your balance, view trip history, and top up your card)
- View the latest news and updates about bus schedules

Search 'Metro Tas' in your App store.



# MAP OF HOBART





## HINGS TO DO IN HOBART

Visit the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre

Address: 20 Davey Street, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000

To find out more about activities and adventure while visiting Hobart, visit <u>Discover Tasmania</u>.











#### Time Zone

From 1 – 5 May 2023, the time zone in Hobart, Tasmania will be Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

#### Weather

Weather in Australia tends to vary, however in general, May is part of Australia's Autumn season. On average, the temperature in May in Hobart is around 8 – 15 degrees Celsius.

You can check the weather in Australia at: bom.gov.au

#### Currency

Australia's national currency is Australian dollars (AUD), which comes in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent and one and two dollar denominations.

#### Electricity

In Hobart, the standard voltage is 230 V. The power plugs and sockets are known as Type I.

#### You don't need to tip

Tipping isn't common practice in Australia, and there is no requirement to tip extra on top of the bill.

#### **Emergency Services**

If you experience an emergency and need urgent help from police, fire or ambulance services, the phone number is Triple Zero (000). You should only call this number if the situation is serious and urgent.



