

Speleo 2017 eBulletin

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Wow! After four years of meticulous planning and organising, Speleo 2017 is on our doorstep. We are very excited to be hosting this very special event and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Don't forget to visit <https://www.speleo2017.com> for further information or email us at info@speleo2017.com with any enquiries.

Speleo 2017 Organising Committee

Important Dates

23 July 2017	Speleo 2017 begins!!
	First UIS General Assembly
	Welcome Party
24 July 2017	Opening Ceremony
	Donor's Dinner
26 July 2017	Mid-Week Excursions
27 July 2017	Australia Night
28 July 2017	Speleo 2017 Banquet
29 July 2017	Second UIS General Assembly
30 July 2017	Post-Congress excursions begin to start

White Nose Fungus

Australia has cave dwelling bats at risk if the White Nose Fungus is introduced here. We as organisers have set up a regime for preventing the the introduction of the White Nose Fungus into Australia by participants in our Congress Excursions. These ask that these participants only bring caving clothing and equipment specified by the Excursion Leaders and that the equipment they bring is clean and preferably has not been used in areas where the White Nose Fungus is known to exist (This is taken to be all temperate caving areas of the Northern Hemisphere).

Read more:

[Letter from Nicholas White re White Nose Syndrome](#)

[Letter from the Australian Government Chief Veterinary Officer](#)

[White Nose Syndrome management document](#)

Australia Night

We are having a very special 'Australia Night' on Thursday 27 July at 8 pm. This will be a fancy dress evening with an Australian theme. It will provide a chance for Australian delegates to gather together for a presentation and Q&A session about our next national conference in Devonport, Tasmania. There will also be an auction of some desirable caving items.

Fancy dress is entirely optional but your creativity is part of the fun of the night. We recommend bringing your outfit for the night from home. We encourage clothing with positive Australian messages, symbols, colours, or logos. Options include dressing up as a recognisable personality or icon. Australian themed headwear (such as Akubra hats) may be worn as part of your costume.

Penrith Panthers, like all registered Clubs in NSW, imposes strict dress codes on patrons. Attendees must abide by the guidelines as below to avoid breaching these dress codes:

No revealing or immodest clothing

No bathers or similar beach wear

No singlets or sleeveless shirts

No vulgar, offensive or provocative writing or logos on clothing

No football clothing or studded boots

No rubber thongs, gumboots, crocs or slippers

No bare feet, or ragged clothes

Attendees arriving for and leaving the evening function should be aware that they are not allowed to wear their costumes in other areas of the Club.

Aussie Night Markets

On Wednesday after your mid-week excursion, you will be able to visit the unique Aussie Night Markets which are held at the venue every Wednesday evening. Street food and a range of vendor stalls will be the culmination of a perfect mid-congress experience. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/aussienightmarkets/> for more info.

Sydney Transport

Sydney is serviced by an extensive system of public transport that includes trains, buses, ferries and light rail. For complete details re Sydney public transport, please [visit: www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info). We encourage ICS registrants to use the train to travel to Penrith. It's environmentally friendly and affordable compared to a taxi at over \$150AUD. There is a railway line servicing Sydney airport, with stations at the Domestic Terminal and the International Terminal. Opal single trip train tickets can be bought at both stations using credit card or \$AUD cash money, or you can purchase a prepaid multi-trip Opal Card. Find updated transport information here: [transport in Sydney PDF](#).