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

Airport to Penrith: We are encouraging ICS registrants to use the train to travel to Penrith. It's environmentally friendly, affordable and generally more relaxing than sitting in busy traffic in a taxi. Unless you are travelling peak times, when people are travelling into the city (morning peak time) or to Penrith (evening peak time), you can generally expect the trains to be uncrowded.

For those wanting to read and relax there are 'quiet carriages'. Conversations are not permitted in quiet carriages and phones cannot be used. If you find yourself in the wrong carriage, then it's easy to move to an adjacent one.

There is a railway line servicing Sydney airport, with stations at the Domestic Terminal and the International Terminal. Tickets can be bought, using credit card or cash, at both stations. To travel to the congress venue of Penrith:
- Go to platform 1 at either of the airport stations for a train to Central.
- Change at Central and go to platform 18 (Western Line). It will take about **1 hour and 17 minutes** to travel from the airport to Penrith station. There are lifts at the platforms so you don't have to use the stairs with luggage.

The cost of train travel from the airport to Penrith varies depending if you travel in peak or off-peak times. Sunday rates are even cheaper. However, expect to pay about $20 AUD.

If you need assistance, please ask the railway staff, as they are very helpful.

From Penrith Station to Panthers (Congress venue)
- Bus: close to the railway station, Belmore Street, Stop 15/16. It is less than a 10 minute bus ride to Panthers and the cost is about $2 AUD. If you need assistance, just ask a driver. Tickets can be purchased on the bus or debit your Opal Card.
- Taxi: Cost is about $12 AUD and the trip takes about two minutes. (You can use cash or credit card.)
- Walk: It will take you about 20 minutes.

For more details, including a map, re accessing Panthers from Penrith station use the link below and select 'bus' or 'walking' from the icons at the top. https://goo.gl/maps/HgCs2YJN3fv

Tickets: You need a valid **Opal ticket** to travel on public transport in Sydney. Ticket inspectors board the trains and passengers without a valid Opal ticket will be fined.

To use the bus, you will need to buy either an Opal single trip ticket (cash only) on the bus or debit your Opal Card.

For one-off visitors to Sydney using just a couple of train services, buying a day ticket is the easiest option. However, if you are relying on public transport while in Sydney then consider an Opal Card.

Opal Cards: Opal cards are multi-trip cards that can be bought and 'topped-up' by pre-set amounts automatically via a link to your credit card OR manually at machines in train stations or retailers. Opal cards can be used on trains (including the airport line), ferries, light rail and government buses. They are useful if the user is going to be in Sydney for a week or more. They are

also required on some bus routes where daily tickets are not sold. (You can use an Opal card on the bus route from Penrith station to Panthers, but you can also buy a ticket from the driver.)

You can buy Opal Cards and Opal tickets from over 2000 locations across Sydney, including train stations, newsagents, supermarkets and convenience stores, just look for the 'Opal' symbol. You can use cash or credit card to purchase.

For further details, please visit: www.opal.com.au then go to 'Opal for Visitors'.

Security on Trains: Trains are fitted with security alarms and cameras and security officers also regularly board the trains.

Taxis in Sydney: Taxis can readily be found at Sydney airport and Penrith Station. In Australia, it is illegal for taxi drivers to approach potential customers. Taxis combined services phone: 13 33 00.

Uber in Sydney: Uber is a ride-share system where you connect to a driver via a phone app. There are no timetable or advance bookings. You connect via the app when you need a driver. Payment is by card only. The app can be downloaded to Android or iPhones.
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