

CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE

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AIPC Gold Level Achievement

The Cairns Convention Centre recently secured Gold Quality Standards certification, the highest level achievable, with the successful completion of an external audit through AIPC, the industry association for professional convention and exhibition centre managers worldwide.



"The Centre's Gold certification is a laudable and well-deserved achievement, and we commend the Centre's managers," said Mr Rick Knowlan, AIPC External Auditor Strategic Management Consultant.

The Centre is one of only 13 venues from throughout the world to have successfully achieved this certification and it is in addition to successful ISO 9001 and EarthCheck certifications.

The AIPC certification program standards address ten key areas including customer service, quality of facilities and operations, employee relations, health, safety, security and emergency response, financial integrity, community relations, environmental responsibility, industry relations and supplier relations.

"With more convention centres and destinations coming into the market every year, the question of how a client can assess the capabilities of any given product is becoming more and more important.

I congratulate the Cairns Convention Centre for its achievement."

Edgar Hirt ~ AIPC President



Serious Business in Australia's most Stunning Location

Message from the General Manager



Ross Steele

In July 2011 the Cairns Convention Centre will celebrate 15 years of successful business as it continues to strengthen its position as a serious contender for international and national conventions.

The Centre has been managed by AEG Ogden Pty Ltd since opening and the stability and longevity of the Centre's Team has contributed to its success.

In 1996 when the Centre opened, it was the first public green building in Australia and it continues to build on its credentials in terms of sustainability and quality control.

As one of only thirteen venues from throughout the world to have successfully achieved Gold Certification in the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC) Quality Standards Programme it confirms the teams commitment to quality in all that we do.

Ross Steele ~ General Manager

"There is no doubt that conference participation exceeded expectations because of the assets offered by Cairns. The city is ideally located to ensure excellent attendance from Asia and has the infrastructure we need to host a large meeting like PRICM-7, as well as being a compact city with most of the major hotels within easy walking distance of the Cairns Convention Centre".

Professor Jian-Feng Nie ~ Chairman of Events
The 7th Pacific Rim International Conference
on Advanced Materials and Processing

Eleven staff members have been with the Centre for more than 10 years and four of the Management Team were here pre-opening.





Pacific Marine Industry Hub

Cairns maritime industry will be in the spotlight when the largest marine engineering conference in the southern hemisphere is held at the Cairns Convention Centre in August 2011.

Topics being discussed during the

conference include the development of nuclear-powered merchant ships, submarines with reduced environmental impact, regulatory controls on maritime industry exhaust gas emissions, coastal protection and mangrove enhancement and marine biotechnologies for industry and medicine.

showcase Cairns' own maritime industry and scientific research capacity.

Cairns maritime industry has an annual turnover of \$670 million and employs more than 4500 people including 1300 in the shipbuilding, repair and service sector.



The week-long Maritime Matrix Conference will attract delegates from South-East Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Greg Bondar the conference organiser said the event would

"Whether Cairns realises it or not, the city offers huge potential to be the hub for the maritime industry, in particular, marine engineering.

You've got the superyachts and marine scientists converging into the Cairns Region."

Mr Greg Bondar ~ Conference Organiser
Maritime Matrix

Community Involvement

The organisers of the Career Development Association of Australia (CDA) International Career Conference held recently at the Cairns Convention Centre, involved the local community in a number of activities as a way of contributing to career development in the local community.

One novel project was the "Myfuture Art Competition" sponsored by Education Services Australia, where a range of school students from the Cairns area were asked to submit their art work.

For the cost of a gold coin donation, delegates voted for the top three with proceeds going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Members of the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG) also joined their CDA colleagues for the Conference.





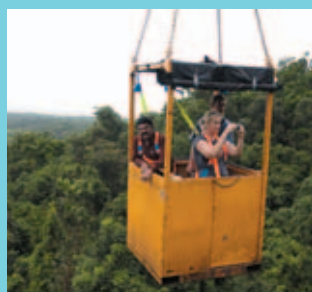
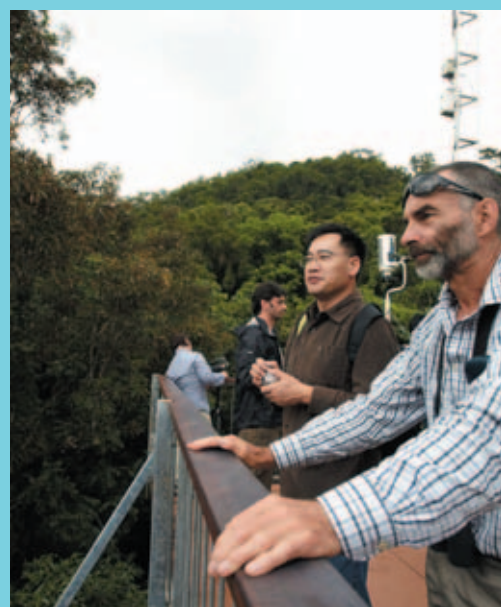
Showcase for Green Issues

The most significant climate change science meeting in Australia this year, Greenhouse 2011 was held at the Cairns Convention Centre 3 – 9 April. The meeting was attended by scientists, representatives from industry and all levels of government.

The event focused on: oceans, atmosphere, biosphere, climate modelling and extreme events, policy and economics and communicating climate change.



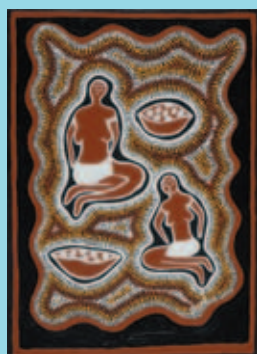
Technical tours with expert guides were undertaken to the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest.



Logo Designed by Local Artist

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) appointed Lillian Fourmile, an Aboriginal artist and health worker, to produce their meeting artwork for the Indigenous Women's Health Meeting being held at the Cairns Convention Centre 3-5 June 2011.

Lillian Fourmile is a woman of Birri-gubba and Yidinji descent who grew up in Far



North Queensland and is based in Mareeba.

Her painting is titled "Women Gathering Food" which depicts women working together.

The RANZCOG 2011 Indigenous Women's Health Meeting will bring together health professionals with the common interest and desire to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

"Not only did the facilities in Cairns and the size of the city work perfectly for us, but its location also provided a fabulous base for us to experience first-hand the tropical science.

We took the opportunity to take participants on technical tours out on the Great Barrier Reef and into the rainforest and were privileged to have local experts presenting the latest science during the tours".

Mr Paul Holper, Conference Convenor
Greenhouse 2011

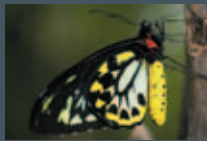
The Largest of all Australian Butterflies



The wingspan of the female Cairns Birdwing Butterfly, Australia's largest Butterfly can measure up to 20cm. It is black and white with yellow markings.

The male is brightly coloured with green, gold and black but is smaller than the female.

The coupling of male and female can last for up to 36 hours.



The female Cairns Birdwing lays her eggs on the leaves of two species of Aristolochia vines, commonly known as "Dutchman's Pipe". First, she locates the correct plants by tasting various leaves with chemical receptors in her forelegs and also uses sense organs at the end of her abdomen to find tender young leaves which will be suitable for caterpillar food.

The adult Cairns Birdwing Butterfly lives for 4-5 weeks and feeds on nectar from flowering plants that grow in the tropical rainforests of north-east Queensland.



Focus on Health

In keeping with the topic, the Australian Health Promotion Conference held Zumba sessions at lunch time in the foyers of the Cairns Convention Centre during their recent meeting.

A broad and diverse group of attendees were attracted to the meeting and included academics and policy makers, government and community representatives involved in justice, education, urban planning, human and community services.

The meeting was held from 10-13 April and attracted over 470 delegates.



A total of 22 meeting rooms

Great Hall ~ plenary seating for 2,300 delegates

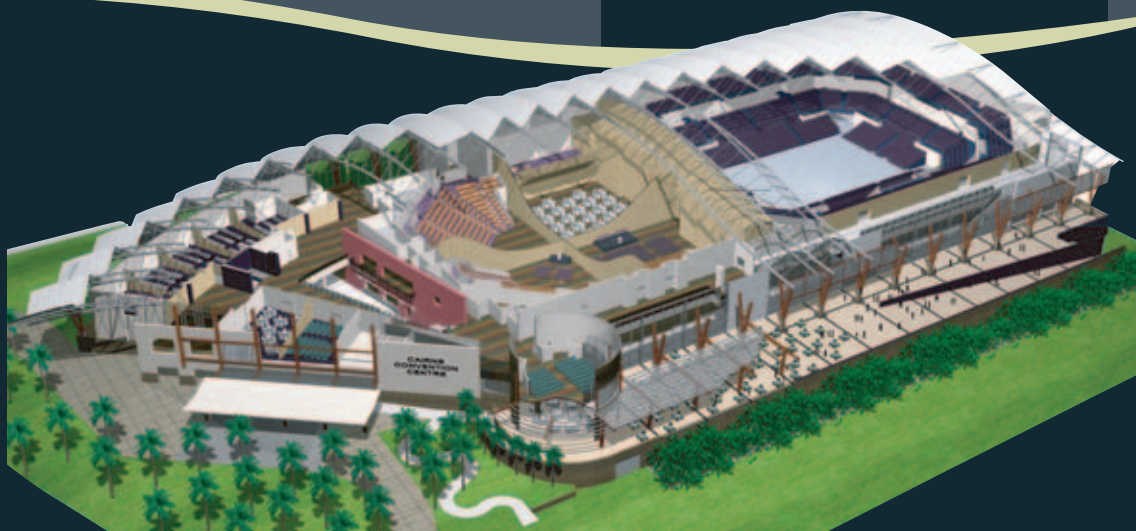
Four individual quadrants for 500 delegates each

1,300 delegates banquet style

Hall 2 ~ ideal for trade exhibition or 5,000 delegates

Nine meeting rooms for 10 - 360 delegates

Six conference rooms for 10 - 55 delegates





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recent events

- Greenhouse 2011
- 20th Australian Health Promotion Association National Conference 2011
- Career Development International Career Conference 2011
- Australian Association of Massage Therapists 7th National Conference
- Local Government Managers Australia National Congress & Business Expo 2011
- Chiropractors Association of Australia National Development Forum 2010
- North Queensland Oral Health Convention 2010
- Renal Society of Australasia National Conference 2010
- 6th Intercontinental Congress of Hair Research 2010
- Fusion Cairns 2010 Conference
- 19th International Symposium on Plant Lipids 2010
- STATPHYS 24, the XXIV International Conference on Statistical Physics 2010
- 22nd International Conference on Atomic Physics ~ ICAP 2010
- Pacific Rim International Conference on Advanced Materials & Processing 2010
- XXIV International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems 2010
- 2010 International Birdstrike Committee Conference

coming events

- 7th International Conference of the Metabolomic Society 2011
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Indigenous Women's Health Meeting 2011
- International Meeting of the Pacific Rim Ceramics Society 2011
- Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support National Conference 2011
- Maritime Matrix ~ Marine Engineering, Science & Technology Conference 2011
- 13th Biennial Palliative Care Australia Conference
- ComBio 2011
- VII World Avocado Congress 2011
- World Congress on Reproductive Biology 2011
- 33rd Conference of the International Society of Animal Genetics 2012
- 12th International Coral Reef Symposium 2012
- Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Healthcare
- Association of School Business & Administrators Australasian Conference 2013
- World Buiatrics Congress 2014
- International Confederation of Principals Convention 2013
- 16th International Symposium on Fish Nutrition and Feeding 2014

A comprehensive list of conventions is available on our website.

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