



YOU ARE INVITED TO The Albinism Fellowship of Australia Biennial Conference

11th to 13th October 2013

Rydges World Square
389 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW
2000 AUSTRALIA

Please find attached conference registration form.

**** If you are applying for the Albinism Health Professionals Seminar (morning of Friday 11th October 2013), there is a separate form. Please go to <http://albinismaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Albinism-Seminar-for-Health-Professionals-PDF.pdf> or email conference@albinismaustralia.org**

This is followed by important conference information

Please return completed forms, pages 2 to 9 (plus 10-13 if you are registering a child) by one of the following ways:

1. Email to conference@albinismaustralia.org
2. Post to PO BOX 20729
World Square NSW 2002, Australia
3. Fax to 02 9571 5465

Please join our Facebook page to keep current with conference updates! Fair GO! 2013

**Any questions, please call
1300 22 16 19**

**We look forward to seeing
you in Sydney!**



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AUSTRALIA**

Section 1 – Registration Details – the basic stuff so we can keep in touch with you

Date
First name
Surname
Email address (this is the main way that we will keep in touch with you about the conference, so if you change your email address, please inform us as soon as possible)
Please tick here if you are happy for your email address to be included in a delegate contact list <input type="checkbox"/>
Phone – mobile
Phone – home
Phone – work
Address
City
State, Postcode

Section 2 – Who’s coming? List all conference attendees

Full name	Preferred first name for name badge	Date of birth if < 18yr	Are you: a) Person with albinism b) Family member c) Attending in a professional capacity

Section 3 – conference details and other information

1. I / we will be attending

Conference program	Additional details	Adults & kids (16 and over) How Many?	Kids aged 1-15 How Many?
Fri 11/10/13 Morning Health Professionals Seminar	*** applications for this are on a separate form. Please email conference@albinismaustralia.org for additional information		
Fri 11/10/13 afternoon Albinism 101 workshop	Included Limited places available		
Sat 12/10/13 Conference program 9am – 5pm	Includes morning tea, buffet style lunch and afternoon tea		
Sat 12/10/13 Crèche program Age 1 to 6 9am – 5pm	Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. See section 7 for additional important information.		
Sat 12/10/13 Youth program 7 and over, 9am – 5pm	Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. See section 7 for additional important information.		
Sun 13/10/13 8am AFAAGM	For financial members of the Albinism Fellowship of Australia		
Sun 13/10/13 Conference program 9am to 5pm	Includes morning tea, buffet style lunch and afternoon tea		
Sun 13/10/13 Crèche program Age 1 to 6, 9am – 5pm	Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. See section 7 for additional important information		
Sun 13/10/13 Youth program 7 and over, 9am - 5pm	Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. See section 7 for additional important information		
Remote attendance	For those unable to attend the conference due to finances or geography. Conference attendance in person is encouraged where possible.		

Social program	Additional details	Adults & kids 16 and over	Kids aged 1-15
Thurs 10/10/13 evening Ghost Tour in the Rocks	Optional, additional fees apply Please email Kim Gillespie kingillespie@tpg.com.au or call 1300 22 16 19 if you are interested and for further details		
Fri 11/10/13 10am morning Sydney Bridge Climb	Optional, we will suggest a time to do the climb, but you need to make your own bookings and payments. Additional fees apply Please email Kim Gillespie kingillespie@tpg.com.au or call 1300 22 16 19 for further details		
Fri 11/10/13 evening Welcome reception	Optional \$20 for adults and children 16 and over, \$10 for children 15 and under for food Pay for drinks as you go		
Fri 11/10/13 evening Casual dinner in local restaurants	We will be meeting in the hotel foyer prior to going out as a group to various local reasonably priced family friendly restaurants. Meal at your own expense		
Sat 12/10/13 evening Conference dinner, Harbour Cruise	Optional. Cost \$65 for adults and children 16 and over, \$45 for children 15 and under. Includes transport to and from the boat, live entertainment, 3 course meal, one drink included.		
Sun 13/10/13 evening After Party	Included Relaxed party, includes entertainment, refreshments, pay for drinks as you go		

2. **Dietary requirements** – if there are any special dietary requirements (eg Gluten Free, lactose intolerant, vegetarian), please list below

Name	Dietary requirement

3. Personal stories and other program involvement – If you would like to give your personal story related to albinism (10 minutes), or be involved with a panel discussion session during the conference program, please indicate your area of interest / expertise below and we will be in touch.

4. Conference volunteers – The AFA is fully staffed by volunteers. We are always searching for people to help out in our various subcommittees. If you would like to volunteer, please indicate your name and area of interest below. Eg merchandise stall, directing attendees, photographing, selling raffle tickets, helping in youth / crèche program (must have working with children clearance)

5. Billeting

The Albinism Fellowship of Australia will be putting together a list of people / families who may be willing to billet people / families from out of town during the conference. If you are interested, please put your details below. The Albinism Fellowship of Australia will just be putting interested parties in contact with each other and will take no responsibility for the arrangements.

Yes I / we are happy to offer billeting for conference attendees.
I / we are happy for name / phone number / email address to be given to interested parties.

Suburb _____ Number of people you could billet _____

Yes I / we would be interested in being billeted during the conference
I / we are happy for name / phone number / email address to be given to interested parties.

How many people? _____

Section 4 – Cost

Full Registration – From 1st September 2013

	Member	Number	Non-Member	Number
Adult (16 and over)	\$200		\$250	
Child / youth (1-15 years)	\$150		\$190	
Unwaged	\$150		\$190	
Family (2 adults, 2 children)	\$600		\$660	
Complimentary registration				

Total Registration Amount payable = _____

Remote attendance, via Skype or similar

For those unable to attend the conference due to finances or geography. Conference attendance in person is always encouraged where possible.

Please note:

- This service is being trialed at the conference for the first time.
- You need to have a reliable fast speed internet connection
- Login / access codes will be provided prior to the conference

Cost = \$10 for Friday, \$20 for Saturday / Sunday, \$40 for the whole conference
We will get in touch with you regarding secure login etc.

Remote attendance = _____

Welcome Reception (adults \$20, children \$10) = _____

Conference dinner (adults \$65, children \$45) = _____

Donation – Thankyou! Please note the AFA is a registered charity and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

= _____

TOTAL = _____

Please note the following:

- **Member** rates are for current financial members of the AFA only. Please email secretary@albinismaustralia.org if you are unsure.
- If you are a **non-member**, conference registration includes complimentary membership of the AFA to 30th June 2014.
- **Unwaged** – your only income is Centrelink benefits.
- Registration **fees include** afternoon tea on Friday, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Saturday and Sunday, the conference after party on Sunday night, and crèche / youth program if applicable.
- Children under 1 year old at the time of the conference have free entry.
- Attendees over 16 years and over at the conference pay adult rates.
- **Complimentary registration** – if you have been specifically advised by conference organisers,
- We request that **ALL** attendees, including speakers and volunteers complete a registration form.
- Requests for a **payment plan** will be considered on a case by case basis. Please email treasurer@albinismaustralia.org to discuss further.
- **We expect that, unless in exceptional circumstances, all payments will be finalised by 1st October 2013. At the conference, only cash payments can be accepted as we do not have credit card facilities.**

Section 5 – Payment – how will you be paying?

Direct Deposit

St George Bank

BSB 112879

Account number: 128217786

Account Name: Albinism Fellowship of Australia.

Email your form to membership@albinismaustralia.org.

Have you paid? yes no

Please leave your surname as transaction ID for validation.

Transaction ID used.....

Post

Please post an Australian cheque or money order made payable to “Albinism Fellowship of Australia” (**not** AFA), with completed form to:

PO Box 20729

World Square NSW 2002, Australia.

Payments from Overseas

PLEASE EMAIL treasurer@albinismaustralia.org BEFORE YOU PAY FROM OVERSEAS SO YOU CAN BE ISSUED WITH AN INVOICE AND GIVEN PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

Section 6 – Video / Photo release

I hereby give my unconditional permission to the Albinism Fellowship of Australia (hereby referred to as 'the AFA') to use photographic images taken of me (and/or my child) during the AFA conference 11 to 13 October 2013 and release for the purposes of promoting and publicising the AFA, its programs and resources. I expressly release the AFA from any claim for financial compensation now and in the future arising out of the use of the photographic images in accordance with this permission and release.

I expressly acknowledge and agree that all rights in the said photographs including the copyright therein and the ownership of the physical negatives and/or digital images belong to the AFA.

I understand that these images **may** be used in newspapers, newsletters, conference proceedings and other material, and also on the internet on the AFA's website and I expressly authorise such use. I also expressly authorise the AFA to grant to others the right to use the photographic images so long as it is for the benefit of albinism awareness education or programs and in a manner which is controlled and authorised by the AFA. I also understand and acknowledge that once this image is posted on the AFA's Web Site, the image can be downloaded.

I acknowledge the right of the AFA and give express permission to crop or alter the image(s) at their discretion. I acknowledge that the AFA may not use the image(s) at this time, but may choose to do so at a later date and also expressly authorise such later use.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the AFA from any claims arising from such activities and expressly include within the scope of this indemnity and release the following persons:

- The committee of the Albinism Fellowship of Australia
- Other committee members, state representatives and other volunteers working in a capacity under the name of the AFA.

I certify that I am over 18 years of age.

Name	Signature	Date

Please complete below for children aged under 18

For persons under the age of 18, the permission of a parent or guardian is required on the Photo Release Form.

I hereby grant permission to the Albinism Fellowship of Australia to use photographic images of my child as outlined above.

Name of child: _____ Date of Birth of Child: _____
Name of child: _____ Date of Birth of Child: _____
Name of child: _____ Date of Birth of Child: _____

Please identify this child by first name ONLY. Please do not identify this child by name.

I do not give permission for website use, only printed matter

I certify that I am over 18 years of age and I am the parent / guardian of the above named child.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date _____

If you prefer not to allow permission for yourself and / or your child, please mention it here. We will endeavor to keep those named below out of direct scope of any recording, but may inadvertently include likenesses in group, audience or crowd recordings.

I do not allow images of those named underneath to be used in any way for publicity, promotional or educational resources

Name	Signature	Date

Section 7 – Crèche / Youth Program

Babes in Arms

A “Babes in arms” area with crawling space and toys will be provided within the conference hall. This is designed primarily for children under one who are not at the crèche program. We will also have a private area for feeding mothers in the conference hall. If you intend to use this area, please indicate the name and age of the child at the conference

Crèche program

A Crèche program will be provided for children aged 1-6 and older children not going out on the Youth program excursions.

The venue is currently being finalised and will be either in a child care centre 3 minutes from the conference venue, or in an area adjacent to the conference area. It will be staffed by a mix of professionally qualified staff and volunteers, all of whom will have current valid working with children checks.

We will have an interesting and varied program catering both to kids with albinism and normally sighted children.

Youth Program

A two tiered youth program will be provided for primary school aged children aged 7 and over, and for high school aged children. High school students may be interested in attending any relevant talks at the conference.

There will be a youth room with internet access in close proximity to the conference rooms. The program is currently being finalised and will be relevant to both kids with albinism, along with normally sighted peers. The program will include an excursion each day, with drama and judo and lots of other things!

The youth program will be hosted by qualified staff and volunteers, all will have current valid working with children clearance.

Please complete the following for children attending the crèche / youth program

Child 1 FULL NAME		
Likes to be called		
Date of birth	Age at conference	
Which program will s/he be attending?		
Crèche	Youth	Not sure
Does this child have albinism?	Yes	No
Other health problems		
Allergies		
Dietary restrictions		
Other information which may be useful to us		

Child 2 FULL NAME		
Likes to be called		
Date of birth	Age at conference	
Which program will s/he be attending?		
Crèche	Youth	Not sure
Which program will s/he be attending?	Crèche	Youth
Does this child have albinism?	Yes	No
Other health problems		
Allergies		
Dietary restrictions		

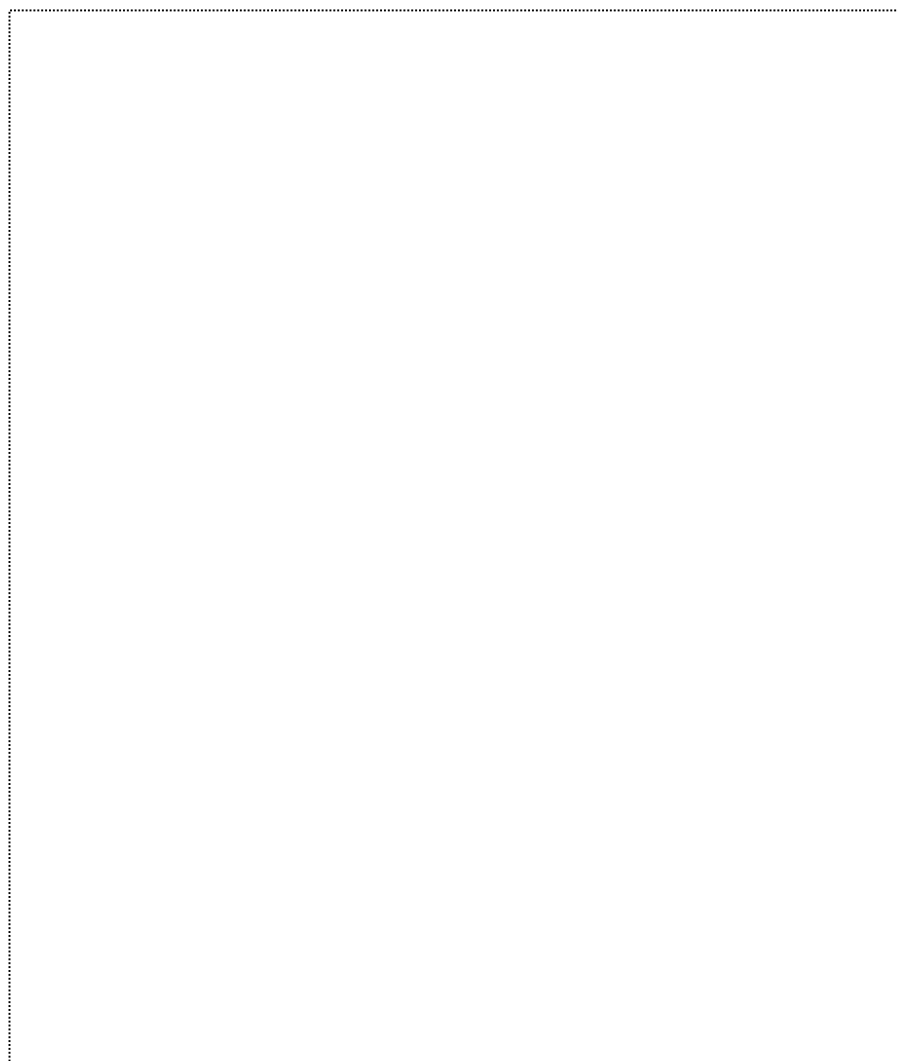
Other information which may be useful to us		
Child 3 FULL NAME		
Likes to be called		
Date of birth	Age at conference	
Which program will s/he be attending?	Crèche	Youth
Does this child have albinism?	Yes	No
Other health problems		
Allergies		
Dietary restrictions		
Other information which may be useful to us		

Contact Information

At least 1 Parent / Guardian must be at conference

	Parent / Guardian 1	Parent / Guardian 2
Name		
Attending conference? Y / N		
Mobile number		

**PLEASE ATTACH LABELLED PHOTO/S OF YOUR
CHILD / CHILDREN HERE**



Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read and agree to the conditions listed overleaf, and have included a recent labeled photograph of your child.

Name of Parent / Guardian printed _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Terms and Conditions for crèche / Youth program

1. The crèche / youth program have been set up to enable parents to enjoy the conference and for the children to interact and meet others with albinism, and their siblings. We will do all in our power to make it safe and enjoyable for the children. The Albinism Fellowship of Australia is a community organisation within the meaning of Part IX – Volunteer Protection - of the Wrongs Act, and some child care attendants are volunteers. Please sign on previous page to confirm you understand that you are assuming the risk of leaving your child with us in those circumstances.
2. The crèche / youth program are staffed by a combination of volunteers and trained workers. All will have current working with children checks
3. The crèche area is currently being finalised. It will either be in a child care centre, 3 minutes from the conference venue, or in an area adjacent to the conference rooms. Details will be provided once available.
4. The youth program will include a combination of activities both in the conference venue as well as excursions.
5. Please supply an individual photo of all children who will be in the crèche / youth program for identification purposes during the day and on child pickup; we also ask that parents bring photo ID and be prepared to sign the children out so that we may verify your signature and protect your children.
6. We will be supplying morning and afternoon tea and lunch. You must let us know of any food allergies
7. For the crèche program, bring a clearly labeled bag with change of clothes, nappies, milk requirements (bottle / formula etc), dummy with cover, comfort toy and sun hat. We request toys from home are not brought in
8. For the youth program, please bring a labeled backpack with a hat, sunscreen, clothing in case it gets cold and drink bottle.
9. The Albinism Fellowship of Australia takes no responsibility for any personal items which are lost or stolen.
10. Please do not bring any peanuts or seafood products to the crèche / youth program as some children may have allergies.
11. Although your child's safety is a priority, we take no responsibility if accidents happen. We are not liable for such incidences or injuries.
12. If your child is crying or inconsolable, we will do all we can to settle them, however if we need to, we will contact you at the conference by phone. Please keep your phone on silent in case.
13. If your child has a life threatening allergy to a common food or product we will not be able to accept them in the crèche. We would hate for anything to happen to them in our care.
14. Breastfeeding mothers are welcome to come and feed as needed.

Accommodation

To book at the conference venue, Rydges World Square, please call the hotel directly and mention the Albinism Fellowship of Australia Conference. While the period for guaranteed discounted rooms has now expired, they may still be able to assist you. Rydges World Square phone 02 8268 1888).

There are countless other accommodation options ranging from backpackers to five star hotels within close proximity to the venue. Accommodation listed below is 1-2 blocks from the conference venue

BACKPACKERS

VENUE	Price Range (per night)	Website
Nomad Westend Backpackers 412 Pitt St 02 92114588	\$27 - \$170	http://nomadsworld.com/westend/awesome-sydney-backpacker-accommodation/
Chamberlain Hotel 28 Pitt St 02 9211 7323 02 9288 0888	\$29 +	http://www.chamberlainhotel.com.au
Wakeup Hotel 509 Pitt St 02 9288 7888	\$34 - \$98	www.wakeup.com.au www.sydneycentralhostel.com.au
Sydney Central YHA 11 Rawson Place, Cnr Pitt St & Rawson Place, Opp Central Station. 02 9218 9000	\$37 +	www3.yha.com.au
World Square Hostel 640 George St 02 9288 7888 02 9267 5616	\$26 - \$90	www.worldsquarehostel.com.au
BACKPACKERS VENUE	Price Range (per night)	Website

Sydney Backpackers 7 Wilmot Street, Sydney 1800 88 77 66 02 9267 7772	\$24 - \$79	www.sydneybackpackers.com
XBase Backpacking 477 Kent St 02 9267 7718	\$31 - \$130	www.stayatbase.com

HOTELS AND MOTELS

VENUE	Price Range (per night)	Website
Rydges World Square 389 Pitt St 02 8268 1888	\$239 Special AFA Conference Rate	https://www.rydges.com/customised-web-page/fair-go-2013/ http://www.rydges.com/accommodation/sydney-nsw/world-square-sydney-cbd/welcome/ Rate per room, per night \$239.00 Room Only (Single/Double Occupancy) \$254.00 BBT Deluxe King (Single occ) \$269.00 BBT Deluxe Twin (Double Occ) \$364.00 BBT Deluxe Triple (Triple Occ) Quote AFA Conference when booking for special rate
Ibis World Square 382 Pitt St 02 9217 6666	\$242 - \$299	www.ibisworldsquare.com.au
Hyde Park Inn 271 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 1800 221 030 02 9264 6001	\$286 - \$528	www.hydeparkinn.com.au
HOTELS AND MOTELS VENUE	Price Range (per night)	Website

Metro Hotel Sydney Central 431 – 439 Pitt Street, Sydney 02 9281 6999	\$140 - \$197	http://www.metrohotels.com.au/contactus
Radisson Hotel and Suites 72 Liverpool Street, Sydney 02 8628 8889	\$267 - \$453	http://www.radisson.com/sydney-hotel-ns-2000/ausydney/
The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel 169 Castlereigh St 02 9284 1000	\$169 - \$480	http://www.thecastlereaghboutiquehotel.com.au
Y Hotel 5-11 Wentworth Avenue, Sydney 1800 994 994	From \$79	http://www.yhotel.com.au/content/hydepark.htm

SERVICED APARTMENTS

VENUE	Price Range (per night)	Website
Quest Apartments World Square 2 Cunningham St, Sydney 02 9291 1900	\$172 - \$471	www.questapartments.com.au
Quest on Dixon 8 Dixon Street, Sydney 02 8281 4700	\$172 to \$242	www.questapartments.com.au
Meriton on Pitt 329 Pitt St, Sydney 02 8263 7400	\$195- \$795 Self contained	http://www.meritonapartments.com.au/sydney/pitt-street

Prices checked in January 2013 and may be subject to change

Financial Support

We understand that attending the conference can represent a significant financial strain on families.

We would encourage you to seek funding from other sources.

- Lions & Lioness clubs, Rotary club, Variety Club, Ronald McDonald Charity
- Local Council, Mayor or your Local Member of Parliament
- A guide to government community grants throughout Australia can be found at www.aph.gov.au/library/intguide/sp/spgrants
- Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre 1800 059 059 (Australia)
- Centrelink (Disability Officer) 13 2717 (Australia)
- Grants LINK <http://www.grantslink.gov.au> (Australia)
- Our Community www.ourcommunity.com.au (Australia)
- Grant Search www.grantsearch.com.au (Australia)

Suggestions for how to write a letter requesting financial assistance

- When contacting organisations, obtain all relevant contact details (address, telephone number etc). Your letter should include the following:
- The first paragraph should explain the reason why you are writing the letter.
- A brief explanation of albinism (information can be found on our website www.albinismaustralia.org).
- A brief explanation of your / your child's albinism and how it affects you.
- A brief description of the conference program and describe the benefits that you and others will gain from attending.
- It is not only vital that you learn more about albinism, but it is an important opportunity for you and your child/family to meet with other people and families affected by albinism
- Consider including a photo of the person with albinism
- A complete budget of costs and an indication of an amount you are requesting from the organisation
- Consider including a letter from a medical specialist, GP, or educational professional, or a representative of the Albinism Fellowship of Australia, who can verify the impact of albinism, and your need to attend.
- Finish the letter with an invitation for them to contact you, or advise that you will contact them in the next few days.
- Follow up with a telephone call a week later. If you do receive financial assistance, then immediately write a letter of thanks to the organisation.
- After the conference, it is important to follow up with the organisation to inform them of your conference experience and to again thank them for their contribution.
- Please tell the AFA of your experience with requesting financial assistance. Please also indicate which organisations you have been successful and unsuccessful with so that we can improve this process for individuals and families in the future.

Sydney – Highlights

The conference hotel is situated in the heart of Sydney's CBD, a five minute walk from Town Hall Station and from Museum Station. Within walking distance, you have all the attractions of Darling Harbour including IMAX theatre, Sydney Aquarium, Wildlife World, along with Powerhouse museum, Australia Museum and Hyde Park.

Just a short trip by train or bus will take you to the Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge Centennial Park, the Art Gallery of NSW, The Rocks, the

Museum of Contemporary Art and to Circular Quay. From Manly, you can a ferry to Manly, Sydney Zoo or for the young at heart, Luna Park! You can get a short bus to visit our famous beaches Manly and Coogee which are just lovely in the evenings once the sun has gone down. Further afield, a 2 hour train trip will take you to the beautiful Blue Mountains, 3 sisters, Scenic Railway, and bushwalks for everyone.

The weather during October averages 22°C (72 °F), with average monthly rail fall of 73mm.

Please see www.sydney.com.au or www.cityofsydney.gov.au for more information



Conference overview and Highlights

Venue Rydges World Square
389 Pitt Street,
Sydney NSW 2000
AUSTRALIA

Program Overview	Thursday evening	Ghost tour in the Rocks (optional)
	Friday morning	Harbour Bridge Climb (optional)
	Friday afternoon	Albinism 101 workshop Early registration
	Friday evening	Welcome reception (optional) Informal dinner, local restaurants
	Saturday	Conference program Crèche and youth programs
	Saturday evening	Conference dinner (optional) Harbour Cruise
	Sunday	8am AFA Annual General Meeting Conference program Crèche and Youth programs
	Sunday evening	After party at conference venue

Conference Highlights

Presentation	Presenter
Conference opening	Gareth Ward MP – State Member for Kiama and person with albinism
Albinism 101 Workshop – with two leading international experts and researchers on albinism, focus on ophthalmology and genetics	Dr Murray Brilliant MD Dr Gail Summers MD
Albinism and neurodevelopment, visual perception and memory, reading ability, association with ADHD and Autism	Dr John Macdonald MD
All you ever wanted to know about albinism and your skin	Dr Monisha Gupta
Words of wisdom from the President of NOAH	Mike McGowan
How to get the most out of your visit to the Ophthalmologist	Dr Frank Martin
Hermansky Pudlak Syndrome and other rarer forms of albinism	Haematologist to be confirmed
“Don’t Let them Get Your Goat” Resilience in albinism	Margaret Mary Campbell
Transitions Workshop – making smooth transitions preschool to school to further study to work to parenthood to older age	Featuring Dr Rachel Perry. Bryony Balaton Chrimes and Ms Pru Jobling
O and M instructors – what they do and how they can help!	Andrew Doyle and Cathie Wiltshire
Is Albinism Really a Pain in the neck? Results of Pain in Albinism Study	Dr Shari Parker
Bioptic Driving in Australia – an Update	Sharon Oberstein
....PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE!!	

Subject to change without notice