

ALBINISM CONFERENCE 2021/22



Original Date: 20th-22nd August 2021*

***NOTE: this has now been postponed until August 19th – 21st 2022**
due to Covid restrictions and future potential border closures.

Venue: Novotel, Paramatta, NSW.

As albinism is a rare genetic condition affecting around 1500 people in Australia, very little is generally known about it and very few health professionals have dealt with or have any experience in the area. Therefore the AFA Conference becomes a very important source of information on albinism for both families and professionals alike.

Health professionals and low vision specialists will present on the latest understandings of albinism, developments in albinism research and specialist supports. They will join AFA members on panels discussing health and safety, dermatology, orientation and mobility, education, careers, technology aids, sport and leisure and other issues relating to living with albinism.

This is the only opportunity for many of those with albinism to meet and share experiences and for parents of children to see what adults with albinism do achieve. There are young children's and teen's programs where they discover that they are not alone in experiencing the condition and have an opportunity to learn from each other about how to function fully in the sighted world. Both children and adults gain confidence socially and develop friendships that will provide support into the future – this is especially so for those who are from regional areas or do not normally meet with others who have albinism.

The registration fees have not been set for the 2022 conference yet, but the estimated **early bird** registration for **financial** members of the AFA may be:

Family (2 adults, 2 children)	\$750
Additional children	\$70
Adults (16yrs plus)	\$255
Non Waged Adult	\$200
Individual Child (1-15)	\$165

Non-financial member and late registration will be higher in all categories.

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