CEOS 35th Strategic Implementation Team (SIT-35) Meeting – Information Pack

SIT-35 will take place in Hobart, Tasmania at the Wrest Point Hotel, 25th-26th March 2020, with side meetings planned for the 24th. The meeting will focus on strategic topics and discussion aimed at identifying resources to escalate, elevate, and expedite existing CEOS Work Plan activities which directly support these major thrusts. SIT-35 will also trial a new type of session - ‘Pitches’ - which seek to inspire new contributions by providing an opportunity to briefly present potential new activities that CEOS should be aware of or may be able to make a significant contribution to.

Welcome to Hobart

View from the Wrest Point Hotel

... “Australia’s new capital of cool”? ([CNN article July 19](https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/19/australia/tasmania-capital/index.html))

‘Tassie’ is a heart-shaped island state just south of mainland Australia and is home to farm-fresh produce, world-class art and jaw-dropping landscapes. Hobart, Tasmania’s capital city, offers a blend of heritage and lifestyle with world class activities and attractions nearby. In Hobart, you can explore the converted colonial warehouses of Salamanca and on Saturdays there’s [Salamanca Market](https://www.tourismtas.com.au/attractions/salamanca-markets), Tasmania’s most visited attraction. From here it’s a short walk to the [Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery](https://www.tas.gov.au/cultural/collected/taa) or a short ferry ride takes you to [Mona](https://mona På), one of the world’s largest private collections of art and antiquities.

South of Hobart are the clear waters and stunning coastline of Bruny Island and the beauty of the D’Entrecasteaux Channel. To the east are the wineries of the Coal River Valley and further on is Tasman National Park, with its spectacular coastline and historic convict sites. Heading west, the road follows the beautiful River Derwent through the Derwent Valley and on to the grandeur of Lake St Clair in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.
Venue
Wrest Point Hotel

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The CEOS SIT Chair team has selected the Wrest Point Hotel as the host venue for the next CEOS SIT-35 meeting.

The site comfortably accommodates our event (2 days for SIT-35), and 3 rooms will also be available and allocated for side-meetings on Tuesday, as well as providing suitable accommodation for all our interstate and international guests at a special rate (see below for more information).

“Set on absolute water frontage and close to Salamanca and the city centre, Wrest Point is the luxury viewing deck for Hobart’s many charms. Few cities in the world combine metropolitan proximity with sprawling gardens, beaches and marinas as Hobart does. This is no more evident than at Tasmania’s entertainment and conference epicentre, Wrest Point, where three hotels combine to cater for luxury and executive travellers through to value seekers.” (Wrest Point)

The Wrest Point Hotel is located a few short minutes’ drive from Salamanca and Hobart CBD, is accessible by ferry and has ample free parking. Convenience is part of the package, with restaurants and bars, 269 accommodation rooms and entertainment on property.

Registration & Communication

You’ll be able to register to the SIT-35 meeting through an online form on CEOS SIT-35 webpage by February 17, 2020, and then all communication with registered delegates will be by email. Your main contact points will be Flora Kerblat (CSIRO) flora.kerblat@csiro.au and Jonathon Ross (Geoscience Australia) jonathon.ross@ga.gov

Side-meetings

An online form is now available for completion on the SIT-35 webpage. Opportunities to meet will be on a first-come first-served basis.
Accommodation
Wrest Point Hotel

The CEOS SIT Chair team has negotiated special rates for a range of rooms at the main venue, Wrest Point Hotel: [https://reservations.travelclick.com/11382?groupId=2628374](https://reservations.travelclick.com/11382?groupId=2628374)

The deadline for booking a negotiated ‘CEOS rate’ with Wrest Point Hotel is **January 30, 2020**.

Note: other hotels nearby or in the city (~10min drive or ferry ride) can be used, but decent accommodation tends to get booked quickly in Hobart, so please make your reservations as early as possible.

Other options include:

- The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
- Mantra Bay Sandy Bay Road
- Hotel Grand Chancellor
- Ibis Styles Hobart
- MACq 01 Hotel (Boutique Hotel)

Meals

The SIT Chair team and event organisers will provide coffee/tea on Tuesday (side-meetings) and all-day catering (coffee/tea and lunch) on SIT-35 meeting days (Wednesday & Thursday).

We recognise that some delegates may have special dietary needs. Please advise us either via the registration form or in writing should you wish to make alternative arrangements.

Please note that dietary requirements received less than 1 week prior to the event cannot be guaranteed.

Social Events

On Tuesday 24th, all the delegates can informally gather for drinks (cash bar) at the Wrest Point Hotel at the Bar (level One).

On **Wednesday 25th March**, we are pleased to invite you to a **Cocktail reception** at the **Henry Jones Art Hotel**, from 6 pm. Transport will be organised (at least to go to the place).

More details closer to the date.

Travelling to Australia
Passports and Visas

There are many visa options available to people wishing to visit Australia. The appropriate visa option will depend, amongst other things, on the person’s purpose for visiting Australia. Please note that only certain passport holders are eligible to apply for these visas online.
If your sole reason for coming to Australia is to attend this meeting, you will probably need to apply for this VISA: eVisitor. For information on who can apply for this visa online, please go to: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651#Overview

For any other circumstances, please view other options on the official Australian website: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that applicants applying for a paper-based visa lodge their application at least 6-8 weeks before their intended travel date to Australia. All travellers to Australia must have a valid visa before boarding their plane. Travelers to Australia cannot apply for a visa on arrival.

**Transport and Parking**

Ample and FREE undercover parking is available at the venue (Wrest Point).

**Getting Around Hobart**

Public transport facilities in Hobart are easily accessible with frequent bus services. Taxis abound and are reasonably priced. A free busy bee service operates throughout the city. For further information on bus timetables visit the Metro Tasmania on www.metrotas.com.au.

**Airlines**

As airlines are regularly changing and updating schedules, we recommend you check each airlines web site for the best prices and most convenient flights.

- www.qantas.com.au
- www.jetstar.com.au

**Hire Cars**

- www.budget.com.au
- www.hertz.com.au
- www.thrifty.com.au
- www.europcar.com.au

**Activities Around Hobart**

We hope you can extend your stay to explore the region. We highly encourage you to visit the MONA (Museum of Old and New Art), a must see!

Please let us know for Monday in particular, we can help organise transport if there is a significant number of interested people.

Other places (in Hobart, or 1-3h drive) worth a visit:

- Mount Wellington
- Hastings Caves and thermal hot springs
- Mount Field National Park (Russell Falls)
- Cascades Brewery co
- Salamanca Markets
- Vineyards (Puddleduck and more)
- Bruny Island
- Port Arthur (90min drive) Historical site
- Freycinet National Park (2.5h)

**Useful Links**

- Discover Tasmania
- Tourism Tasmania
- Spirit of Tasmania
- Tourism Australia
General Information

Climate

Tasmania has four distinct seasons with the warmest months being December to March. The average maximum daily summer temperatures are between 17 and 23 degrees Celsius.

Insurance

Registering to CEOS SIT-35 does not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that all delegates take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to the SIT-35 meeting.

Privacy Statement

In registering for this event relevant details may be incorporated into a delegate list for the benefit of all CEOS delegates, Wrest Point (Main Conference & accommodation) and other parties directly related to the Conference. Should you wish for your details not to be included in this list, please let us know when you register.

*We look forward to welcoming you all in Hobart!*
Wrest Point Map