Information Pack for the 2026 40th CEOS Plenary

Hotel Grand Chancellor | Hobart | Australia

3-6 November 2026



Hotel Grand Chancellor: 1 Davey St, Hobart, AU 7000

Register for the Plenary here	Register for side meetings here

Privacy Statement

Upon registering for the event, relevant details may be incorporated into a delegate list for the benefit of all CEOS delegates, the venue (Hotel Grand Chancellor) and other parties directly related to the event organisation. If you do not want those details to be disclosed, please notify the Chair team ceos-chair-2026-cdt@googlegroups.com.

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CEOS Plenary Week at a glance

	Tuesday 3 November	Wednesday 4 November	Thursday 5 November	Friday 6 November
Day	Side Meetings and Youth Event	CEOS Plenary Day 1	CEOS Plenary Day 2	Technical Tour Antarctic Experience
Evening	Hosted Welcome Reception	Hosted Dinner		

*You are welcome to extend your stay in Tasmania to attend the **Australian** Advancing Earth Observation (AEO) Forum that will be held in Hobart, the following week (9-12 November).*

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners



Sharing the knowledge for caring for our land © Emma Burchill

We acknowledge the Muwinina people, as the Traditional Owners of the lands upon which we will meet, and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their continuing connection and custodianship of the lands, seas, and waters throughout Australia.

An ‘Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners’ like this is a common way to open a meeting in Australia, and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Country where an event/activity is being held. Hobart (Nipaluna), the capital city of Tasmania, is located on the traditional lands of the Muwinina people, with Tasmanian Aboriginal peoples maintaining an enduring connection to these lands and waters for millennia. Their enduring connection to Country continues to shape the cultural heritage of the region today.

Venue

Hobart (Nipaluna)

Hobart (Nipaluna) is the capital city of Tasmania, Australia's only island state.

Tasmania is a "wild wonderland", rich in natural resources and rugged beauty. It has long been considered as the gateway to Antarctica, serving as the base for Australia's Antarctic Division and an academic hub of national Antarctic science. With four distinct seasons, an abundance of sunshine and rainfall, fertile soil, and surrounded by the waters of the Great Southern Ocean, Tasmania is internationally renowned as an island that produces everything from cool-climate and sparkling wines, to the finest whisky, delicate saffron, delectable truffles and seafood that is unmatched in terms of quality, freshness and flavour.

Hobart has a rich and complex history and was founded as a penal colony by the British in 1804, making it Australia's second-oldest capital city. The Plenary venues are all located in central Hobart to allow delegates to move between venues on foot, without having to rely on taxis or public transport. All venues are within a short walking distance and located close to hotels and world-class dinner venues.



Located on Hobart's waterfront, the Plenary venues are within walking distance

Hotel Grand Chancellor

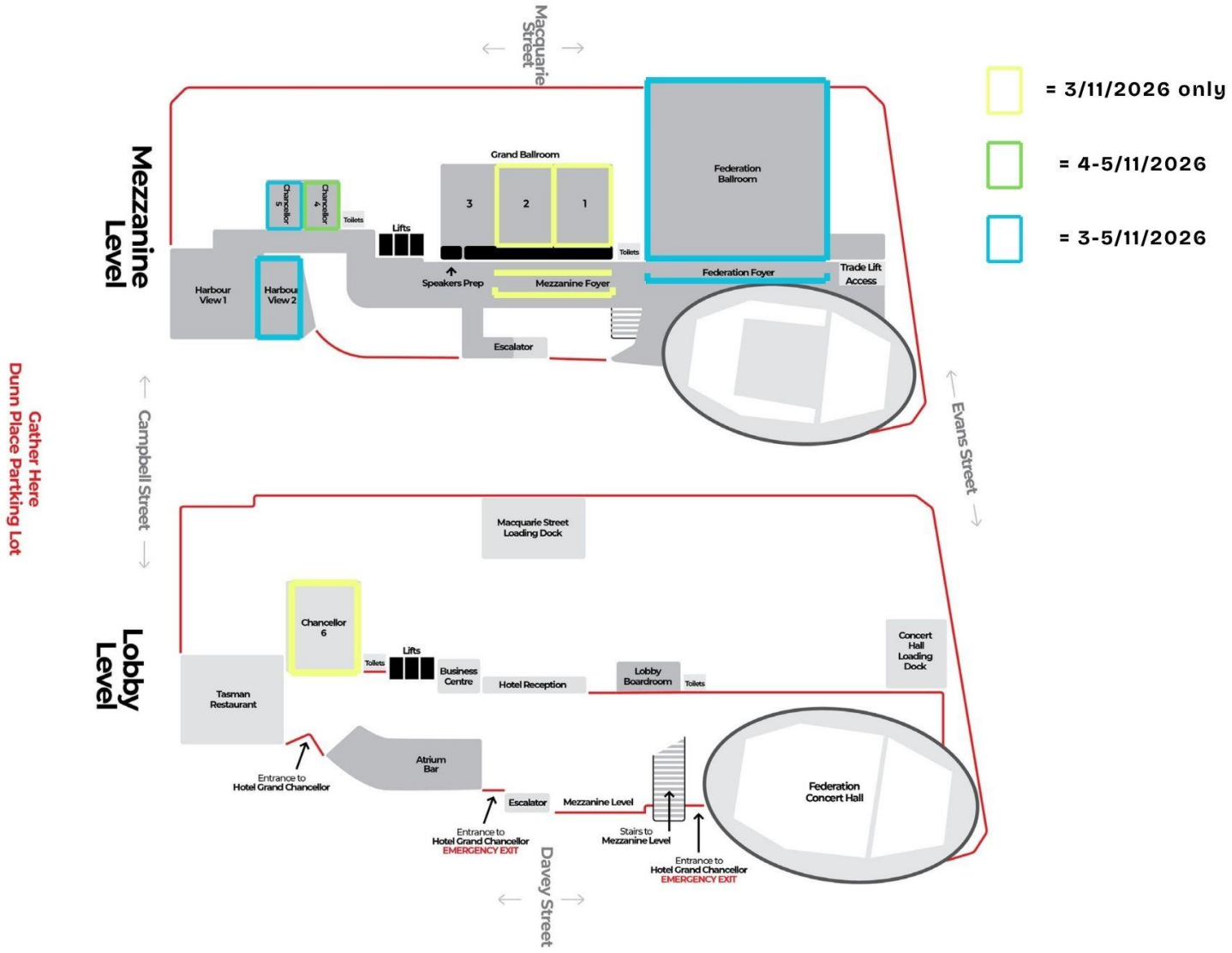
The CEOS Plenary and side events will be held at the **Hotel Grand Chancellor**, 1 Davey St, Hobart. Framed by commanding views of Hobart's historic waterfront, Hotel Grand Chancellor is home to one of the most unique and picturesque event venues in Tasmania. Delegates may also choose to stay at this hotel (see accommodation section for more details).



Hotel Grand Chancellor located on Hobart's waterfront.

The Plenary will be held across the two floors of the building. See the table and map below for details of locations.

Event	Room	Level
Registration	Federation Foyer	Mezzanine Level
Coffee and lunch breaks	Federation Foyer	Mezzanine Level
Plenary meeting	Federation Ballroom	Mezzanine Level
Side Meetings	Grand Ballroom – One section	Mezzanine Level
	Grand Ballroom – One section	Mezzanine Level
	Harbour View 2	Mezzanine Level
	Chancellor Room 6	Ground Level
Meeting Rooms	Harbour View 2	Mezzanine Level
	Chancellor Room 4	Mezzanine Level



Layout of the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Plenary venues are highlighted in yellow

Booking meeting rooms

There are two meeting rooms available to book and use throughout the Plenary for any bilateral meetings you wish to hold (Wednesday and Thursday): Harbour View 2 and Chancellor Room 4. To reserve these please contact the Chair team on ceos-chair-2026-cdt@googlegroups.com.

Parking

The Hotel Grand Chancellor, the event venue for the CEOS Plenary, offers onsite undercover self-parking for hotel guests for $25 per night, and valet parking for $50 per vehicle per night. Casual undercover parking rates start at $2 to $4.50 per hour. The $14 Early Bird rate requires vehicle entry before 9.00am and exit before 6.30pm.

Catering

The Chair team will provide morning coffee/tea, lunch and afternoon coffee/tea on the side meetings and Plenary meeting days (Tuesday to Thursday). Light refreshments and coffee/tea will also be provided during the Technical Tour (Friday).

Please advise the Chair team of any dietary requirements, either via the registration form, or in writing. Any dietary requirements received less than 2 weeks prior to the event cannot be guaranteed.

Official Hosted Events

Welcome Reception



TMAG: the Tasmania Museum and Art Gallery

On Tuesday 3 November, the Chair team warmly invites delegates to a hosted Welcome Reception at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG), a short 3-minute walk from the Plenary venue, starting at 6pm.

The Welcome Reception will be the starting point of the 'CEOS Plenary Antarctic Experience' journey.

Delegates will explore the vibrant 'Islands to Ice' exhibit, meet Australian Antarctic Division scientists, and enjoy drinks and canapés whilst being officially welcomed to Hobart by the Chair team.

Plenary Dinner

On Wednesday 4 November, delegates are warmly invited by the Chair team to attend the official Plenary Dinner at Mures Upper Deck restaurant, located a short 3-minute walk from the Plenary venue, which will commence from 6.30pm.

This award-winning à la carte restaurant overlooks Hobart's Victoria Dock and has an international reputation for Tasmania's world-class produce.

While Mures provides a unique culinary experience – they catch all their own fish and prepare a diverse range of dishes, catering for all tastes and dietary requirements, for the enjoyment of their many patrons.

Delegates are reminded to notify the Chair team of any dietary requirements, either via the registration form, or in writing.



Mures Upper Deck Restaurant (Above) - Mures, Victoria Dock (Below)



Technical Tour: Antarctic Plenary Experience





During the tour we will get up close with helicopter-mounted remote-sensing pods and the Hägglund tracked vehicles.

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To conclude the Plenary, delegates are invited to experience the cutting edge of Antarctic science with a technical tour of the Australian Antarctic Division. This immersive visit will highlight how Earth observation technologies are transforming our understanding of Antarctica and provide vital support to operations and logistics in one of the world's most challenging and important regions.

Hosted by the Australian Antarctic Division and featuring expert presentations and live and interactive demonstrations, this technical tour will take place over a half-day at the Antarctic Divisions base in Kingston. Delegates will be provided with coach transfers to and from the Hotel Grand Chancellor and morning tea. This event will conclude at 1pm.

Accommodation

The Chair team has negotiated and arranged a block booking at the Hotel Grand Chancellor for delegates who would prefer to be accommodated at the Plenary venue.

Cancellations are free of charge up until 7 days prior to arrival. Please note that bookings do not include breakfast.



Rooms and facilities in the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Delegates are advised that there are many other hotels within walking distance of the event venue to suit different budgets including: Hadley's Orient Hotel, The Tasman, Mantra on Collins, Vibe Hotel Hobart, and Quest Savoy, to name a few.

Visiting Australia

Key information

Hobart's Climate and Weather Conditions in early November	**Average daily high/low temperature** 19° / 10°C or 66° / 50°F Hobart's weather in November can still be variable, with cool days and occasional rain. We recommend delegates bring warm clothing for the evenings, as well as suitable sun and rain protection. UV levels in Hobart can be high, and we recommend wearing sunscreen.
Insurance	Registering to 2026 CEOS Plenary does not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that all delegates take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to attending the meeting.
Emergency services telephone number	000
Currency	Australian Dollar ($AUD) Many venues no longer accept cash
Driving	Left hand side (please remember this when crossing roads)
Tipping	Not mandatory/expected
Electrical current and plugs for personal devices	Australia uses 230-240 volts (50Hz) of electrical current with Type 1 plug sockets. Travelers from North America and Japan may require both a physical adaptor and voltage converter for appliances and devices that are not dual voltage. Visitors from the UK, Europe and Asian countries, generally only require a physical adaptor, but we ask that you please check the manual for your device/s to ensure complete operability. 
Behaviour	The Australian Government respects the rights and cultures of all individuals and commits to treating all people with dignity, courtesy and fairness. The Australian Government values behaviours that support a professional, respectful and safe workplace.
Safety	Tasmania is considered a very safe destination in general, and the organisers and venues will make all reasonable efforts to provide safe experiences for those events and locations within their control. Attendees are encouraged to consider their own personal safety situation particularly in relation to activities outside of the event venues and timings.

Visas

We recommend that all delegates start to plan their travel arrangements to Australia as soon as possible due to visa processing times. 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 (or other appropriate formal approval) before boarding their plane. Travelers to Australia cannot apply for a visa on arrival.

For enquiries regarding visas and immigration, we direct you to the Australian Government website:

https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit

Should you require a personalised invitation or other letter to support your visa application, please contact us at ceos-chair-2026-cdt@googlegroups.com at your earliest convenience.

Arrival in Australia

Overseas delegates will typically transit to Hobart via Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth or Auckland, New Zealand. Upon first arriving at an Australian airport, passengers will follow three steps:

Step 1: **Passport control** - Australian Border Force
Passengers with ePassport's can use Smart Gates upon arrival. For those not eligible, manual processing occurs.

Step 2: **Collect checked baggage**

Step 3: **Customs/biosecurity screenings** - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Anyone arriving in Australia is required to fill out a physical paper arrivals card, either during a flight or on arrival at the airport. Digital arrivals cards are being rolled out during 2026 and may be an option for certain flights. After collecting your baggage, an officer will review your arrivals card and your luggage may be screened. Australia has strict biosecurity laws and we recommend delegates consult the Australian Government website before bringing items such as food into the country: https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/travelling/to-australia.

Transport from Hobart airport

Hobart airport is an approximately 20-minute drive to central Hobart where the Plenary venue is located. This can be reached via rental car, taxi, Uber, or public transport (Skybus).

Rental car companies:

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

Medical Service Providers

Delegates are encouraged to ensure they have appropriate travel insurance to cover medical expenses, as overseas visitors are likely to be ineligible for public healthcare (Medicare: Medicare ineligible patients | Tasmanian Department of Health). Visitors from certain countries with reciprocal health agreements in place may be eligible for subsidised medical fees or free public medical care. Medical care is available through private general medical practices (GPs), Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (UCCs) or the emergency department at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Nearby GP clinics

Treasury Medical
Location: Ground Floor, 32 Davey Street, Hobart
Opening hours: 8.30 am to 6 pm Monday - Friday
Visit treasurymedical.com.au/appointments/ https://treasurymedical.com.au/appointments/

Collins Street General Practice
Location: 3/11 Collins Street, Hobart
Opening hours: 8 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday
Visit grosvenorstgp.com.au/

Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (UCC)

For illnesses or injuries that can be managed without a trip to the emergency department but cannot wait for a regular appointment with a GP:

Hobart (Bathurst St) Medicare UCC
Location: Your Hobart Doctor, 71 Bathurst Street, Hobart
Opening hours: 2 pm to 10 pm
Visit the Your Hobart Doctor website

Hobart (Liverpool St) Medicare UCC
Location: Ochre Health, Level 1, 242 Liverpool Street, Hobart
Opening hours: 8 am to 5 pm
Visit the Ochre Health website

Public Hospital Emergency Department

Royal Hobart Hospital
48 Liverpool Street, Hobart
Phone: 03 6166 8308
Emergencies: 000

Things to do in Hobart



Salamanca Market (Saturday morning only) www.salamanca.com.au

Mona (Art gallery, winery, brewery)	https://www.mona.net.au/
Tasmanian Wild Seafood Adventures	https://tasmanianwildseafoodadventures.com.au
Hobart Yachts	https://hobartyachts.com.au/
Hobart Walking Tours	https://www.hobartwalkingtours.com.au
Agrarian Kitchen	https://theagrariankitchen.com.au
Mount Wellington Descent	https://www.tasmba.com.au/tours/hobart-tours/
Aardvark Adventures	https://www.aardvarkadventures.com.au/

Things to do in Tasmania

For those extending their trip - or staying in Tasmania for the national **Advancing Earth Observation (AEO) Forum** that will be held in Hobart the following week (9-12 November) - Tasmania is a popular travel destination with spectacular beaches and natural landscapes. For ideas of things to do we recommend visiting Tourism Tasmania, either online https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/ or in person at the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre located at 20 Davey Street, a few blocks from the Plenary venue. The AEO Forum has also put together a handy guide of short and longer activities available at https://www.earthobsforum.org/adventures

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