Getting Around & Dining in Sydney

**Meeting venue:** Rydges Sydney Central. 28 Albion St, Surry Hills NSW 2010, Australia

**Sydney Airport to Meeting Venue**
- **Train:** take the T8 Airport Line, direct from International/Domestic Airport to Central Station. The airport access fee costs about A$15. Exit Central Station via North Concourse, cross Elizabeth St. and walk North to Albion St., where you will find Rydges Sydney Central on the left.
- **Taxi:** Taxi rank is also available at the airport. 13Cabs is one taxi service available in Sydney.
- **Rideshare:** Uber is available in Sydney - navigate to the rideshare pickup area in front of the International terminal. Costs usually around A$40. Didi is an equivalent service and often cheaper.

**Public Transport in Sydney**
Google maps has accurate information on how to use public transport around Sydney. [Trip planner may also be helpful.](https://www.google.com) Opal is the system used for payments:
- Any credit/debit card (physical or apple/google wallet) can be used directly to pay for public transport in Sydney
- Tap both on **and off** at the opal readers:
  - Trains: before entering the platform, at the gates, and on leaving the platform
  - Light rail: on the platform before boarding, and on the platform after exiting
  - Buses: on the bus after boarding, and on the bus just before exiting.
  - Ferry: at the gate before entering the wharf, and again on exit
- Costs can be tracked using the opal app.
- Can also purchase an opal card at most corner stores and train stations if credit card can't be used

**Dining options**
A number of places to eat are located in the immediate area, but there also are some nice areas within Sydney with a number of restaurants located together:
- **Darling Square:** [https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZMFC1HhncUR7YDXb8](https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZMFC1HhncUR7YDXb8)
  - Lots of different, mostly Asian, casual restaurants
  - Nice location near darling harbour
  - 13 min walk from Rydges Central
● Barangaroo: [https://maps.app.goo.gl/S7x2LHKGrabxZxVx7](https://maps.app.goo.gl/S7x2LHKGrabxZxVx7)
  ○ More up-market, business area, many different cuisines to choose from
  ○ Also on the harbour
  ○ 29 min walk from Rydges Central, or bus options

● Haymarket: [https://maps.app.goo.gl/vxF1KaGXipc2HQH7](https://maps.app.goo.gl/vxF1KaGXipc2HQH7)
  ○ Also known as Chinatown - lots of Asian restaurants
  ○ 10 min walk from Rydges Central

● Crown St, Surry Hills: [https://maps.app.goo.gl/WTkJDp89LhUBGftD7](https://maps.app.goo.gl/WTkJDp89LhUBGftD7)
  ○ 15 min walk from Rydges Central
  ○ Connects with Oxford St - area with strong LGBTQIA+ community & pride

● Central Plaza Food Court: [https://maps.app.goo.gl/1b9UfFm73proYyA5A](https://maps.app.goo.gl/1b9UfFm73proYyA5A)
  ○ Upmarket food court in Westfield shopping centre
  ○ In the heart of the CBD, great location to eat if you want to go to the Sydney Tower Eye, or shopping in the city
  ○ 20 min walk from Rydges Central, or bus/light rail options

'Traditional Australian' food would be found at a pub, some options in the area are:

● [Keg & Brew](#) - 4 min walk from Rydges Central
● [The Cricketers Arms](#) - 11 min walk from Rydges Central
● [Royal Albert Hotel](#) - 3 min walk from Rydges Central
● [Dove & Olive](#) - 12 min walk from Rydges Central