



WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE, AUSTRALIA!

The [Newcastle Business School](#), at the [University of Newcastle](#), NSW, Australia has the pleasure to announce that it will host the 14th International Co-operative Alliance Asia-Pacific Research Conference (ICA-CCR-AP-2019) from **12th to 14th December, 2019**.

The conference aims to bring together researchers, young scholars and co-operative and mutuals industry representatives who are interested in the role that co-operatives and mutuals can play in securing a flourishing sustainable future for our communities.

This is the first time the **ICA-CCR-AP-2019** conference is being held in Australia. Newcastle has a deep history as an early home to the Australian consumer co-operative movement and is a significant centre of Australian mutuals. The Newcastle Business School currently offers Australia's only post-graduate degree in [Co-operative Management and Organisation](#). The venue will be the Newcastle Business School's brand new and iconic Newspace building in downtown Newcastle, 409 Hunter Street, Newcastle CBD.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstracts Due

Thursday 15 Aug

Early Bird Registration Close

Saturday 31 Aug

For more info visit: Newcastle.edu.au/ICACCR

WELCOME FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Professor Morris Altman (Chair)
University of Newcastle, Australia



Ms Ann Apps
University of Newcastle, Australia



Dr Sidsel Grimstad
University of Newcastle, Australia



Dear Co-operators!

On behalf of the organizing committee of the conference and on behalf of the Newcastle Business School of the University of Newcastle, I'd like to warmly welcome you to the 14th Annual ICA-Asian Pacific Conference. We are honoured to host this conference, the first time it is being held in Australia.

The Newcastle Business School is home to Australia's only post-graduate certificate in Co-operative Management and Organization. Newcastle, itself, has long been a hub for co-operatives and mutuals. We are inspired by our vibrant co-operative history and tradition. Our meetings will be informed by our co-operative roots and the strengths of our co-operative and mutual sector. The University of Newcastle, itself, is an equity university, opening its doors to students of diverse backgrounds and capabilities. Our highly ranked business school places considerable emphasis on ethical behaviour in business and on education that has practical implications for our students and our communities.

The conference will take place in our wonderful new business school facility in downtown Newcastle, not far from Australia's best surf beaches and in the midst of a sea of cafes and restaurants.

This research conference will have representation from industry as well as from academia and we will also have presentations from early career researchers.

We encourage you to submit papers. But you need not present a paper to attend the conference. You can simply register to participate in this exciting ICA-Asian Pacific conference.

We look forward to meeting you all!

Professor Morris Altman

Dean at the Newcastle Business School

CONFERENCE THEME

The central theme for the conference is the contribution that co-operation and knowledge sharing among co-operatives and mutuals in the Asia-Pacific region can make towards a **flourishing and sustainable future**.

Co-operation among co-operatives within national boundaries usually occurs through initiatives organised by second and third tier co-operative federations and associations, but there are new opportunities to build and strengthen the regional Asia-Pacific co-operative movement.

TOPICS AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Under this overarching theme, potential topics include (but are not limited to):

1. Innovative models for the promotion of co-operation amongst co-operatives
2. Co-operatives and the empowerment of women
3. Co-operatives as an engine of economic growth
4. Legal and institutional parameters and development of co-operatives and mutuals
5. Education and training for co-operatives in the Asian Pacific
6. The role of mutuals and multi stakeholder co-operatives in the delivery of health and public services
7. Credit unions, building societies and mutual banks and co-operative capital
8. Co-operative solutions to the provision of renewable energy
9. Co-operative solutions to the provision of affordable housing
10. Platform co-operativism and open source organisational development
11. Co-operative solutions to data exploitation and redefining intellectual property.
12. Co-operatives and block chain solutions to supply chain problems
13. Indigenous co-operatives supporting indigenous communities
14. Worker co-operatives and the protection of decent work
15. Theories underlying co-operative success
16. When and why have co-operatives fail—is this inevitable?

We hope that you will join us to showcase the rich diversity of co-operative research in the Asian Pacific region and help us to facilitate the cross-fertilisation of ideas, surprises and new networks and connections for a flourishing and sustainable co-operative future.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

We welcome abstract submissions from researchers, PhD and Masters Students involved in co-operative research.

The conference accepts submissions for either oral presentations (power point) or a poster presentation. Poster presentations are typically for less developed papers. An author is able to present multiple research studies, subject to approval of the scientific committee.

The submitted abstract should not be more than 350 words and must contain:

- Title of paper,
- Name and title of lead and co-authors
- Lead and co-authors institutional affiliations and emails
- 3 to 5 keywords
- Abstract
- A short reference section.

Please indicate preferred type of presentation (whether oral presentation or poster).

Please indicate which topic or topics (from the list of 17 topics) you would like your presentation to be associated with. You may also suggest a new topic if the list does not include a topic that is closely related to your presentation.

- **EXTENDED Abstract Submission Deadline: August 15th, 2019.**

Submit your abstract to: conferencebl@newcastle.edu.au

- Decisions will be made by September 7th, 2019.

Poster Session Option: If your abstract is accepted for a poster presentation, please contact us for specifications using the following email: conferencebl@newcastle.edu.au

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Thursday 12 Dec (12pm – 5pm)

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Young Scholars Workshop

Pre-conference Meet and Greet

Friday 13 Dec (9am-5pm)

Friday 13 Dec (7pm – 11pm)

Research Conference Day 1

Conference Dinner (optional)

Saturday 14 Dec (9am – 1pm)

Research Conference Day 2

A detailed program will be developed once we have received most of the abstracts.

REGISTRATION FEES

STANDARD REGISTRATION

Early Bird Conference (valid until 31 August 2019)	AUD \$ 75.00
Early Bird Conference PLUS dinner (valid until 31 August 2019)	AUD \$ 160.00
Standard Conference (on and after 1 September 2019)	AUD \$ 100.00
Standard Conference PLUS dinner (on and after 1 September 2019)	AUD \$ 190.00
Dinner only (for guest/spouse/partner)	AUD \$ 90.00

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Conference Registration (student status needs verification)	AUD \$ 60.00
Conference PLUS dinner (student status needs verification)	AUD \$ 140.00

Register online at: [Newcastle.edu.au/ICACCR](https://newcastle.edu.au/ICACCR)

VISA INFORMATION

Conference delegates and their guests are advised to contact the Australian Embassy or Australian Consulate closest to their home town to inquire what the visa requirements are for their country. A list of these can be found at: <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/our-locations/missions/pages/our-embassies-and-consulates-overseas.aspx>

The organisers can provide conference participants with a letter of invitation to the conference to assist with visa application. Please email your request for letter of invitation directly to: conferencebl@newcastle.edu.au.

Please make sure you inquire about the visa process early, as visa applications may take considerable time (months) in some countries. You can visit the below link to get a tentative overview of time that visa applications may take from your country and what is required in terms of supporting documents. Enter **attending a conference** as the purpose of visa.

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

FREE YOUNG SCHOLAR/RHD WORKSHOP

On Thursday 12th December we will be holding a Young Scholars/RHD workshop and event. There is no additional charge for this event and morning tea and lunch will be provided. The workshop program will be finalised closer to the conference when we have received abstracts/ expressions of interest. The day will begin mid-morning and finish late afternoon in time for participants to join the Conference reception event at 6pm.

Opportunities for mentoring by senior academic

The workshop will be an opportunity for Young Scholars/RHD scholars to present their research in a friendly environment and be provided constructive feedback and support from senior academic researchers in the field. In addition, **if you submit your full paper before October 30th 2019**, we will also pair you with an academic mentor, who will provide you with specific feedback on your presentation and paper. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect to senior academic researchers with an interest in your field of research. Please note your full paper should be no more than 3,000 words, excluding references.

How to submit your Abstract/Expression of interest for the Workshop

The abstract/expression of interest must contain:

- Title of paper/poster
- Name and title of lead and co-authors
- Lead and co-authors institutional affiliations and emails
- 3 to 5 keywords
- Abstract (no more than 350 words)
- A short reference section.
- Please indicate preferred type of presentation (whether oral or poster).

To receive a student discount for registration you will also need to provide a letter of support from your supervisor and evidence of your RHD status (Masters, PhD) or Early Career (post-doctoral) status from your University/institution. **Upon acceptance of your abstract, a code will be sent to eligible students to enable registration at the discounted fee.**

Submit your abstract to the following email: conferencebl@newcastle.edu.au and put "Young Scholar/ECR Workshop" in the email subject line.

Abstract Submission Deadline: August 15th, 2019.

NB: If your abstract is accepted for the Young Scholars workshop, you are also expected to present at the regular conference.

YOUNG SCHOLAR/RHD SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Newcastle **will provide four (4) scholarships to cover the cost of registration and accommodation in Newcastle for 2 nights as well as attendance at the conference dinner (approximate value AUD \$ 500)**. This scholarship funding is possible because of the generous support of University of Newcastle's Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President Global Engagement & Partnerships.

If you wish to be considered for one of the available scholarships for this conference please submit the following documents by email to conferencebl@newcastle.edu.au and put: **"Scholarship Application plus Young Scholar/ECR Workshop"** in the email subject line

- a. Abstract for full paper (details outlined above)
- b. Letter of motivation (detail reasons why your scholarship application should be preferred)
- c. Evidence of your RHD status and
- d. A letter in support of your application from your supervisor at your institution or university.

The decision on the awarding of scholarships will be made by the Conference Organising Committee together with two members of the Scientific Committee and will be based on information available to the Committee at the time. Preference will be given to PhD/RHD students who will be travelling from Asia and Pacific Islands. Recipients of scholarships will be notified by email on or before **1st October 2019**

YOUNG SCHOLAR/RHD TRAVEL GRANTS

We are happy to announce that a limited number of travel grants (up to a maximum of US\$ 750 each) from select countries in the Asia-Pacific region are available for young researchers presenting their papers in the conference. The support will be facilitated by the ICA Asia-Pacific Committee on Cooperative Research (CCR) and is intended to fully/partially cover the costs of attending the conference. The grant will be handled via reimbursements. The Steering Committee of the ICA-AP CCR will shortlist the eligible candidates purely based on the quality of the research papers prepared by them.

Please make contact **directly with the ICA-Asia-Pacific CCR** to request further information and how to apply using this email: research@icaap.coop

DR. MAURITZ BONOW YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD

The ICA-AP Committee on Cooperative Research will bestow 2 best paper awards (US\$ 500 and US\$ 300) to young researchers (researchers not over 35 years of age), presenting their papers in the conference. (add hyperlink to <http://www.ica-ap.coop/icanews/dr-mauritz-bonow-young-researcher-award>)

ACCOMODATION

The conference venue New Space is located in Newcastle CBD, so there is ample choice of a range of accommodation types, from backpacker to luxury hotels within reasonable walking distance and/or public transport. Newcastle has recently launched a tramline

Below are sample of hotels in different price ranges in the vicinity of the conference venue. Price samples have been taken from the hotel's websites and may be subject to change depending on availability. In order to secure your accommodation the participant will need to do their own bookings either directly with the hotel, or alternatively use search engines like [Expedia.com](https://www.expedia.com), [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or similar.

When you use search engines be careful to enter **Newcastle, Australia** - otherwise you will likely get Newcastle in the UK. Hotels/accommodation in the 2300 post code area – within suburbs such as Newcastle East, Newcastle, Honeysuckle, The Hill and Cooks Hill - are closest to the conference venue.

EXAMPLES OF HOTELS - HIGH END

Newcastle offers a wide variety of accommodation options ranging from 4.5 star self-contained hotel options to budget rooms in backpacker hostels or pubs.

Below is a list of recommended accommodation options located within close proximity to NeW Space City Precinct Campus.

Rydges Newcastle

Located directly on the historic Newcastle harbour front, Rydges (formerly Crowne Plaza) Newcastle boasts a range of well-appointed guest rooms with spectacular views. It is within easy access to beaches, parks, Honeysuckle restaurants and is a 5 minute walk to the conference at NeW Space.

Website: <https://www.rydges.com/accommodation/regional-nsw/newcastle/>

Noahs on the Beach

Overlooking Newcastle Beach, this relaxed hotel is a 6-minute walk from Fort Scratchley museum and a 20-minute walk NeW Space.

Website: <http://www.noahsonthebeach.com.au/>

Novotel Newcastle

Located alongside one of Australia's best surfing beaches Novotel Newcastle Beach offers a spa pool, a steam room, a fully equipped gymnasium and secure covered parking. Guests also

enjoy an onsite bar and restaurant. Alternatively, you can visit local restaurants, bars and cafes, within 10 minutes' walk away. The Novotel is located 15-20 minute walk from the conference location, NeW Space.

Website: <http://www.novotelnewcastlebeach.com.au/>

Quest Newcastle

Quest Newcastle is just 300 metres from the Waterfront and provides self-contained apartments with laundry facilities and a full kitchen and a private balcony. Quest Newcastle Apartments are an 8-minute walk from the conference.

Website: <http://www.questapartments.com.au/properties/nsw/newcastle/quest-newcastle/overview>

EXAMPLES OF HOTELS – MEDIUM PRICE RANGE

The Lucky Hotel, from \$161 per night

This recently renovated heritage pub is one light rail stop from New Space in the heart of the King Street retail and foodie precinct. 5 minute walk to New Space.

Website: <https://theluckyhotel.com.au/>

Clarendon Pub Hotel, from \$160 per night

Renovated pub hotel 3 minute walk to New Space. Note that this hotel has a pub and restaurant on the ground floor and may be noisy.

Website: <https://clarendonhotel.com.au/>

Holiday Inn Express, from \$ 149 per night

This is a new hotel close to the Newcastle Interchange. From the railway station and outside the hotel it is a 10 minute walk to New Space.

Website:

Travelodge Newcastle, from \$146 per night

Very convenient location around 10 minutes walk from New Space. Or alternatively take the tram a few stops.

Website: <https://www.travelodge.com.au/hotel/newcastle/>

EXAMPLES OF HOTELS – LOWER PRICE RANGE

Examples of Hotels - Lower price range

Hotel Ibis Newcastle, from \$ 110 per night

Website: <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3236-ibis-newcastle/index.shtml>

The Oriental Hotel, prices from \$95 per night

Website: <https://oriental-hotel.business.site/>

EXAMPLES OF BACKPACKERS AND YOUTH HOSTELS

YHA – Newcastle Beach, from \$30 in shared rooms

Website: <https://www.yha.com.au/hostels/nsw/newcastle-surrounds/newcastle-beach/>

Backpackers Newcastle, from \$35 in 8 - 6 or 4 bed dormitories

Website: <http://www.backpackersnewcastle.com.au/>

EXAMPLES OF PRIVATE RENTALS AN AIRBNBN

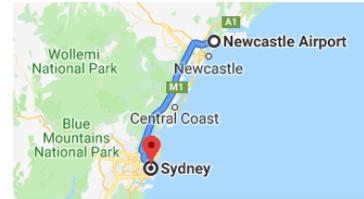
For private apartment rentals, see the [Homeaway.com.au](https://www.homeaway.com.au) website.

Or search private rentals through [AirBnB](https://www.airbnb.com)

For both note that properties in the **2300 post code area** - Newcastle East, Newcastle, Honeysuckle, The Hill and Cooks Hill - are closest to the conference venue and within

TRANSPORT – GETTING TO NEWCASTLE

Newcastle is located on the east coast of NSW, Australia a short two-hour drive north of Sydney.



BY PLANE

If you are arriving from overseas to Sydney Kingsford Airport, we recommend that you take the airport train to Sydney Central and then jump on a train from Sydney Central to Newcastle Interchange. Trains are reasonably priced. There are shuttle bus transfers from Sydney Airport to Newcastle that can be booked through: www.Premiumbuses.com.au or www.newcastleconnections.com.au. There are also limousine and taxi services available.

Newcastle's Williamstown airport, operates direct daily flights to and from major cities including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, The Gold Coast, Canberra, Dubbo and Ballina. There are several buses offering services from Newcastle airport. The Newcastle Airport Information Services Desk can arrange door-to-door transfers. Please phone 02 4928 9822, or email nais@newcastleairport.com.au.

BY TRAIN AND LIGHTRAIL

Trains depart virtually every hour from Sydney Central Station to Newcastle Interchange. For more info visit www.transportnsw.info and www.sydneytrains.info. From the Newcastle Interchange station you are now able to take the Lightrail along the main streets to Newcastle beach. Most hotels that we have recommended are located along or close to the Lightrail stops. For more info visit www.newcastletransport.info. It is also possible to arrive by train from Brisbane through [TrainLink's](#) inter-city services which will stop at Broadmeadow station in Newcastle before continuing to Sydney.



If travelling by train, lightrail, tram, local bus, or ferry you will need to purchase an OPAL card. You can purchase OPAL cards at the airport, train stations and in news agents.

BY CAR

Newcastle is a two-hour drive north of Sydney. Need wheels? Find car rental companies at the airport and throughout the city. Some of the options include [Europcar](#) , [Hertz](#) , [Budget Car and Truck Rental](#) or [Newcastle Car or Truck Rental](#).

BY BUS

Head to Newcastle on a long-distance bus - [Greyhound](#) services leave from Sydney's Central Station, Brisbane's Coach Terminal and Melbourne's Travel Centre. For more information visit www.newcastlebuses.info.