



# Meeting Information 2021



## NICE 2021 – This year.....Sydney NSW!!!

**Venue : Novotel Brighton, Sydney – on Botany Bay**  
**Date : 15-17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The VIDG NICE subcommittee has organised to hold our annual meeting in **Sydney**.

**The committee would like to give a giant thanks to our sponsors** who are on board to help make the NICE meeting you know and love as successful as possible. NICE has been held annually for the last 37 years and is a scientific meeting where Immunohaematologists meet, share information, experiences and opinions. All attendees **must** present a ten minute scientific talk, including question time.

All attendees participate and are involved in the sharing of interesting and practical information. The presentations are topical and do not ramble on for hours! If a speaker has information of interest in their presentation, then ample opportunities exist to catch up over coffee or a meal to discuss the issues in detail.

### Schedule

The NICE Meeting is short, sharp and economical.

**Friday** begins with an informal social gathering followed by a buffet dinner. There is no formal scientific component on Friday.

**Saturday** is a full day of scientific presentations, followed by a dinner.

**Sunday** features another ½ day of presentations and NICE concludes at Sunday lunchtime. Lunch is included.

### Registration costs & options:

Registration with single accommodation	\$650
Registration with Twin share accommodation	\$470
Registration without accommodation (Sydney residents ONLY)	\$298

## NICE IN A NUTSHELL

- ✓ NICE stands for 'National Immunohaematology Continuing Education'
- ✓ Held in Sydney over the weekend of 15-17<sup>th</sup> October
- ✓ Informal scientific meeting where students, scientists and clinicians meet, present and share information on:
  - Case studies
  - Lessons learned
  - Emergency and overseas experiences
  - Open forum discussions on how to solve operational or serological problems
  - any other topic related to transfusion science
- ✓ All attendees must present a scientific talk no longer than 10 minutes. Group presentations are encouraged!
- ✓ All attendees must provide an abstract of their presentation.
- ✓ Programme includes conference presentations, abstract booklet, attendance certificate, welcome Friday dinner and themed dinner Saturday.
- ✓ Registration costs include, full program, accommodation and meals. Local attendees (ONLY) can enquire about registering with no accommodation (includes meals).
- ✓ Great opportunity to meet old and make new friends and network with like-minded people!
- ✓ Trade and commercial delegates are welcome to present, but presentations are not to be of a commercial nature. *The organising committee reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any proposed presentation topic.*

## Date and Times

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Hotel check-in is from 2pm.  
Dinner from 6pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Scientific program 8:00am to 5:00pm (approx.)  
Dinner from 6.30pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Scientific program 8:00am to 12:00pm,  
Hotel check out 11:00am  
Lunch and departure from 12.00pm (approx..)

## Venue Details



Corner. The Grand Parade and Princess Street, Brighton le Sands,  
Rockdale, New South Wales 2000 Australia

**Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach** offers premium 4.5-star hotel accommodation overlooking the beautiful, white sandy beaches of Brighton-Le-Sands and Sydney's picturesque Botany Bay.

The hotel has a spacious and relaxing beachside feel, superbly located in the heart of Brighton-Le-Sands' foodies strip, teeming with cosmopolitan restaurants and cafés. Only 4km from Sydney Airport and 7km from the heart of Sydney CBD, the hotel is also convenient to iconic attractions such as the Sydney Opera House, Taronga Zoo and Sea Life Sydney Aquarium.

### HOTEL FEATURES

- Resort-style 4.5 star hotel.
- Restaurant and Bar
- Onsite day spa and state-of-the art gymnasium.
- High speed wireless internet
- Secure onsite parking (Licence Plate Recognition)
- 296 accommodation rooms, all with private balconies
- 24 hour Reception
- Bicycle hire
- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Distance from Sydney International & Airport: 4 km
- Distance from Bondi Beach: 19km
- Distance from Sydney Domestic Airport: 4 km
- Distance from the Sydney CBD: 7 km
- Distance from Brighton Beach: 50 metres



## Travel

- Attendees from VIC, QLD, TAS, ACT, SA, NT, and WA can all obtain direct flights to Sydney
- Catch a taxi or bus from the airport.
- 20 complimentary car parking spaces are available for NICE attendees, allocated on a first paid basis

## Meals

Registration includes the following meals:

**Friday evening:** Dinner

**Saturday:** Breakfast, lunch, morning & afternoon teas, and dinner

**Sunday:** Breakfast, morning tea and lunch

Please advise of any special dietary requirements in the registration form, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

## Registration

A Registration Form is included as part of the Registration Information Pack or can be requested from [reg.nice21@gmail.com](mailto:reg.nice21@gmail.com)

**Please email the completed Registration form to [reg.nice21@gmail.com](mailto:reg.nice21@gmail.com) by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Remember the number of attendees is **limited**; places will be assigned on a first paid first served basis.

An Invoice will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration Form.

If your employer is paying for your registration, it is your responsibility to ensure payment is received on time.

We recommend that you pay for the Registration firstly, then seek reimbursement from your employer. This helps to minimize payment delays and reduces the risk of your registration becoming void.

Refunds will only be given at the discretion of the VIDG NICE Subcommittee, after all costs are covered

**Registrations will be void if payment is not received by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

## Social Program



### Friday night

There is a welcome get to know you dinner on the Friday night. All participants should arrive by about 6pm to ensure you engage in the welcome activities

### Saturday night – NICE by the OCEAN!!!!

The theme for Saturday night's dinner is **NICE by the OCEAN!!!**

Do you have a polka dot bikini? or maybe board shorts? Come dressed as a mermaid or a sea creature! Be prepared to participate in some very oceanic events with your dinner table team.

Fun to be had by all so be sure to bring your A game.

## Scientific Component

One of the founding principles of the NICE Meeting is **that all attendees must present during the meeting – no exceptions.**

- Every speaker is allocated a *maximum* of 10 minutes, which requires a **5 minute** presentation, followed by a few minutes of discussion time.
- **10 minute joint presentations** may also be made in teams of two speakers, followed by discussion.
- All presentations should be in Microsoft PowerPoint format and we will have a laptop and data projector available.
- **All attendees are required to bring their presentations on CD or USB datakey to be loaded before your scheduled presentation - please do not email to NICE organisers.**
- The organising committee reserves the right to reject any scientific topic that is deemed to be unsuitable for the NICE Meeting.
- All content must be appropriately referenced. The Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS), provides instructions on appropriate scientific referencing: [www.aims.org.au/news-media/instructions-to-authors-and-author-support](http://www.aims.org.au/news-media/instructions-to-authors-and-author-support)

### Abstracts

All attendees must provide an abstract of their presentation. Below are some tips for completing your abstract and an example has also been provided with the registration pack.

- It should be a succinct but detailed summary of your entire talk including data, outcomes and conclusions.
- Should be a **minimum of 3 paragraphs**.
- Abstracts should **only** be supplied in a Microsoft Word document format. Apple Mac users should ensure the file is saved in a form readable by Word.
- In attending the NICE Meeting, participants are consenting to having their abstract and presentation published.
- Abstracts booklets will be provided at the meeting and in an electronic CD form (both abstracts and presentations) to all attendees after the meeting.

Abstracts are required to be emailed to Jo Cameron ([jo.cameron@blood.gov.au](mailto:jo.cameron@blood.gov.au)) by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Please get your abstracts in on time!

## Suggested Topic Categories

NICE is open to any topic of relevance to immunohaematology and haematologists. Some examples of the presentation categories over the years have been:

- Transfusion medicine and clinical case studies
- Blood, blood product and component use
- Crossmatching
- Antibody case studies
- Blood grouping issues
- Lessons learned
- Quality and safety
- Automation
- Computer and software
- Trials of new techniques
- I need help with this issue (peer and expert advice on a specific issue to your laboratory)

## Need help with your abstract?

We are always very happy to discuss any issues you may have or answer any questions. We can also help you compose your abstract and make sure it is of a suitable standard. Feel free to email Jo Cameron: [jo.cameron@blood.gov.au](mailto:jo.cameron@blood.gov.au)

## Financial Arrangements

Your invoice and payment receipt will be issued by VIDG. NICE is strictly run as a non-profit meeting, any proceeds go towards funding subsequent meetings. Registration costs are calculated to ensure the meeting costs are met and any surplus funds are kept to a minimum to cover ongoing costs. All attempts are made to keep this meeting as affordable as possible. All transactions associated with this meeting will be recorded and accounting details, reconciliations and any surplus funds will be provided to fund subsequent NICE meetings.

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## Contact Details

For information or advice on scientific content contact the organising committee:

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Checklist - Task	✓
Registration due by 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
Invoice received	
Payment made by Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	
Abstract due by 17 <sup>th</sup> September 20121	
Meeting start 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	



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