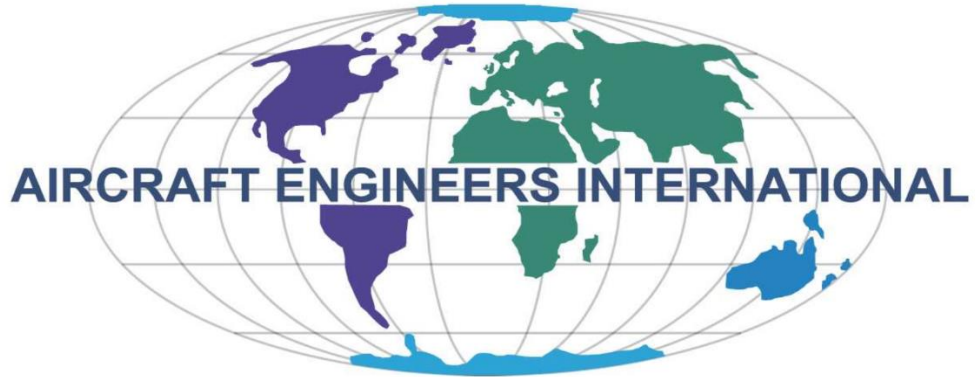


Advance Notice

**AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS INTERNATIONAL**

**52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS**



**SYDNEY – AUSTRALIA**

**28 Oct – 1 Nov 2024**



Sydney Opera House on Sydney Harbour

## Advanced Notice

AEI, in conjunction with its Australian affiliate, Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association (ALAEA), will be hosting AEI's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress in Sydney, Australia. The program will commence on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and will end on Friday 1 December 2024. All main preparations have been made and booked. There are 3 distinct reasons why notification is being issued so early – 1) Distance; 2) Cost; and, 3) Accommodation.

- 1) Distance – Australia is a long distance from many other countries (save New Zealand). More time will be required to attend an Australian congress than most other congresses even if it is just to account for the travel involved. Many potential delegates have already stated that they will be taking some extra time in Australia. Whichever, the more notice affiliates / delegates have the easier planning to attend will be.
- 2) Cost – Bookings for the congress and associated accommodation have already been locked in at discounted rates. With this advance notice, affiliates / delegates have the opportunity to lock in confirmed, discounted airfares. It is not recommended to attempt to use staff / space available flights as most airlines only have 1 flight per day from any particular city pair. Load management, including for freight, can often see staff being left behind.
- 3) Accommodation – Has been booked in the centre of Sydney's CBD in a serviced apartment building – Meriton Suites Kent St. The accommodation is 100 metres from the congress building and walking distance to a couple of Sydney's major entertainment precincts. The majority of the bookings are 2-bedroom apartment. They are large with full kitchens, living rooms, internal laundry, and balconies. Each bedroom has a king-sized bed and a private bathroom. The initial group booking cost is approx. 115 euro per bedroom per night. Some 1-bedroom apartments have been booked, are of similar fit out, and cost approx. 155 euro per night. There is no extra cost if bedrooms are occupied by a single or a double. Extra nights can be booked utilising AEI's group rate (through AEI) but the earlier the notice, the cheaper the rate. The apartment building will most probably be fully booked out by the time of the congress and accommodation rates will increase significantly the closer a booking is made to the congress.

## Congress Details

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress is being held in the MUA Conference Centre, in Sussex St, Sydney (approx. 100m from the apartment building). Congress registration will open from 1pm until 5pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024. A Welcome Dinner and Drinks event will commence from 7pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 in the same facility. This will be hosted by the ALAEA Executive, and all Congress guest speakers will be introduced. Congress official opening will occur on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024. A tour of Sydney's sights will occur on Wednesday afternoon followed by a Gala Dinner on Wednesday night 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024. Congress will conclude by 12 noon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2024.

## Ground Transport

Free ground transport will be provided from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport to the accommodation in Sydney's CBD from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct to 12 noon on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, as long as a booking is made, and flight details are provided. Return ground transport from the accommodation to the airport will be provided on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov on a space available basis. Bookings can be made directly to Chris Burleigh - +61411771215, or, [chris.burleigh@airengineers.org](mailto:chris.burleigh@airengineers.org).

## Weather

The congress is being held during Spring in Australia. October is one of the best months for weather in Sydney. An average daytime temperature would be 25 - 30C degrees (75 – 85F), and nighttime temperature of 15 – 18C degrees (60 – 65F). An average of 7 days of rain occurs in October. Winds are usually light.

## Post Congress Activities

Sightseeing activities will be booked on a group basis for up to 7 days after the congress for those who are wanting to take extra time in Sydney. The activities will only be booked if there is a communicated demand. Some of the more popular sightseeing / tourist activities in and around Sydney include: - Climbing Sydney Harbour Bridge; Taronga Park Zoo; Hop-on / Hop-off boat trip around Sydney Harbour; a day trip to the Blue Mountains; a day at Bondi Beach and surrounds; Sydney Spring Carnival (horse racing); micro-brewery / distillery tour; or any other suggestions originating from delegates. Again, advanced bookings are required for some activities. Expression of interest / communication from any interested parties would be required to be made directly to Chris Burleigh +61411771215, [chris.burleigh@airengineers.org](mailto:chris.burleigh@airengineers.org). Costs would be equally divided between participants for each organised event and communicated in advance prior to confirmation.

## Non-Binding Accommodation Bookings are Now Open

Non-binding bookings for accommodation can be communicated to Chris Burleigh from this point on. AEI's initial group booking covers the dates from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024 inclusive. When AEI's initial group booking is exhausted, or dates outside of the initial group booking are required, a new booking will be made under AEI's group booking rate. The cost of any booking beyond AEI's initial group booking, communicated above, cannot be guaranteed but will be provided prior to confirming. Allocation of initial group booking rates are on a first come, first served basis.

## What Now

- 1) Determine that as an AEI affiliate, or possible delegate, that you are going to attend a great congress.
- 2) Provide possible dates that you will require accommodation in Sydney (non binding). N.B. If only planning to attend for the congress, target a Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct or morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> Oct arrival.
- 3) Plan route of travel and book flights (if cheaper flights are a concern).
- 4) Express your interest in any 'Post Congress Activities' that you are wanting to consider.

## Further Information

The above has been provided so that affiliates / delegates can start plan and book to attend AEI's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress to be held in Sydney, Australia. A more detailed information pack will be provided before June 2024. This information pack will contain practical information required to ensure a stress free trip can be achieved. Any questions can be asked at anytime to: -

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