



A network of partners who are dedicated to protecting migratory waterbirds and their habitats and the sustainability of peoples' livelihoods within the East Asian-Australasian Flyway

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS VER. 2

OF 11TH MEETING OF PARTNERS OF THE EAST ASIAN-AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP (MOP 11)

12-17 March 2023

**Royal on the Park Hotel and Suites
Brisbane, Queensland,
Australia**

EAAFP Secretariat

<https://www.eaaflyway.net/11th-meeting-of-partners-mop-11/>

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1. MOP11 Hosts



Australian Government

**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**

Australia is a founding Partner of the EAAFP at its launch in 2006 and has been an active and important Partner. Australia is currently Chair of the Far Eastern Curlew Task Force and Vice-Chair of Illegal Hunting, and Take and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds Task Force. To date, Australia has designated 25 Flyway Network Sites (FNS) and is playing a leading role in conserving wetlands and migratory waterbirds along the EAAF. This will be the first EAAFP's Meeting of Partners (MoP) to be held in Australia.



BirdLife Australia is Australia's largest organization devoted to the conservation and research of birds and their habitats. BirdLife Australia's Australasian Wader Studies Group (AWSG) has been an instrumental member of the EAAFP since 2006 as a non-governmental organization working internationally. BirdLife Australia's Migratory Shorebirds Program facilitates a range of projects (including National Shorebird Monitoring) aimed at improving the conservation status of our shared migratory shorebirds.



2. VISA INFORMATION

All passport holders of the participating countries are eligible to apply for a Visitor visa (subclass 600). This visa lets you visit Australia for leisure or business purposes and can be issued for up to three, six or twelve months.

Please use the [visa finder](#) on the website of the [Australian Department of Home Affairs](#) for information to obtain your visa. We suggest that on this page you select “Visit and Tourism” and on the new page select “Attending a conference or expo”.

3. REGISTRATION

The Registration is open and please register by 12 February, 2023 at the [link](#). Please indicate your dietary requirement.

If you need to update the information already submitted on the form or cancel your participation at MOP11, please contact the Secretariat via email (secretariat@eaaflyway.net) for our necessary arrangements.

Subject to the availability of resources, the EAAFP Secretariat will provide funding to participants to attend the Meeting of Partners following *Decision Paper 6 at MoP10: [Guidelines for Sponsorship of Participants for EAAFP Meetings of Partners](#)*.

Registration to Pre-MOP meetings, Side events and booth are now open, please find the links to the forms and deadline below:

Events	Application Deadline	Information and application form
Pre-MOP meetings on 12 March, 2023	1 February, 2023	link
Side events	15 February, 2023	link
Booth	15 February, 2023	link

*Note: The MOP11 organizer will provide lunch on 13 – 17 March, the opening reception on 13 March, and farewell reception on 16 March (refer to item 16. Tentative Schedule of EAAFP MOP11).

4. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Brisbane is served by the Brisbane Airport, approximately 12 kilometres (8 miles) from the city centre. The venue for MOP11 is located about 30 minutes from the airport. Please note that the Secretariat does not organize transportation from or to the airport.

Taxis are available outside arrivals at the Domestic and International terminals and will cost about AUD \$40-50.

Taxis are available 24/7 from sheltered ranks right outside the Domestic and International Terminals. During peak times, Kerbside Officers are on hand to assist.

At the Domestic Terminal, the taxi rank is located centrally in front of the Terminal building. At the International Terminal, you will find the cab rank at the northern end of the Terminal, through the doors and out to the left. Brisbane has two taxi companies:

Black & White Cabs: 13 22 22
Yellow Cabs: 13 19 24

Another option to get to the venue is taking Brisbane's **Airtrain**. The Airtrain is a quick and easy option for getting to and from the airport. Brisbane Airport is just 20 minutes by train from the city. Train services run every 15 minutes during peak times and every 30 minutes during off-peak periods.

Hours of Operation
Weekdays: 5:04am - 10:04pm
Weekends: 6:04am - 10:04pm

To use this service you can purchase tickets at the Airtrain desks in each of the terminals, or at the Airtrain stations. Services run daily, with trains departing every 15 minutes from the airport. A one-way ticket from the airport to the city (or the other way around) costs from AUD \$12.50.

A well-established public transport system makes it convenient to get around the city. For more information on buses, trains and ferries please click [here](#).



5. VENUE

The 11th Meeting of the Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership will take place in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

MOP11 Venue

[Royal on the Park Hotel and Suites](#)

Address 152 Alice Street Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia

Tel.: +61 7 3221 3411

E-mail: stay@royalonthepark.com.au

Website: <https://www.royalonthepark.com.au/>

The 11th Meeting of Partners (MOP11) will start on Monday 13 March 2023. Pre-MOP meetings for Working Groups and Task Forces, Committees will be held on 12 March, 2023.

6. HOTEL INFORMATION

Delegates are responsible for organising their accommodation. It is recommended participants book their accommodation from the suggested hotel list below early to avoid disappointment. Participants should settle directly with the hotel on all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as local and long-distance telephone calls, business centre use, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

Hotel at MOP11 Venue: Royal on the Park Hotel and Suites

Address 152 Alice Street Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia

Tel.: +61 7 3221 3411

E-mail: stay@royalonthepark.com.au

Website: <https://www.royalonthepark.com.au/>

Promo code for accommodation: MOP11

These are for Deluxe City and Park View rooms. This promo code will be set up as a minimum stay of 5-night stay between 12 and 17 March, and will not be available to bookings of less than 5 nights. All bookings can be made online with this code until the rooms on hold have expired – the Australian Government are not responsible or liable for these rooms. The rooms are available now, book early to secure a room. A total of 60 rooms are on hold.

Rates (AUD):

\$169 per room, room only.

\$189 per room, including full buffet breakfast for one guest.

\$209 per room, including full buffet breakfast for two guests.

Participants that are not eligible for funding by the Secretariat and look for other options of accommodation, can find some suggestions for hotels in close proximity to the venue on hotel search engines, e.g. agoda.com and hotels.com.

Alternative hotel options

The two hotels below have similar pricing to, and both are around 200~300 m walking distance to the Royal on the Park Hotel (MOP11 Venue). Please note that there are no rooms on hold at these two hotels.

Four Points by Sheraton Brisbane

Address: 99 Mary Street Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia

Tel: +61 7 3164 4000

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bnefp-four-points-by-sheraton-brisbane/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Capri by Fraser

Address: 80 Albert St, Brisbane QLD 4000, Australia

Tel: +61 7 3013 0088

Website: <https://www.frasershospitality.com/en/australia/brisbane/capri-by-fraser-brisbane/>

7. LANGUAGE

The official language of the 11th Meeting of the Partners is going to be held in English.

8. DOCUMENTS

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the workshop as there will be no extra hard copies made available on site. Use of printers will be limited and e-copy use is encouraged. Documents will be available on the EAAFP Secretariat's [webpage](#) dedicated to the meeting.

9. WEATHER AND TIME ZONE INFORMATION

Brisbane enjoys a subtropical climate, defined by warm or hot weather for most of the year. In March it is generally dry and mild with mean temperatures between 20 - 29°C.

For more information about the climate and current weather forecasts please visit the website of the [Australian Bureau of Meteorology](#).

Brisbane applies to Australian Eastern Standard Time UTC+10.

10. INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Please follow the travel requirement regarding COVID-19 by the Australian Government. Note that testing and quarantine requirements and restrictions may differ by state and territory, and may change depending on the situation, please check the details [here](#).

There are no specific vaccinations recommended for Australia. Please notice that you must provide proof of **yellow fever vaccination only** if you are coming from a country with a risk of yellow fever.

Brisbane has a number of public hospitals and medical centres should you experience illness or injury while visiting.

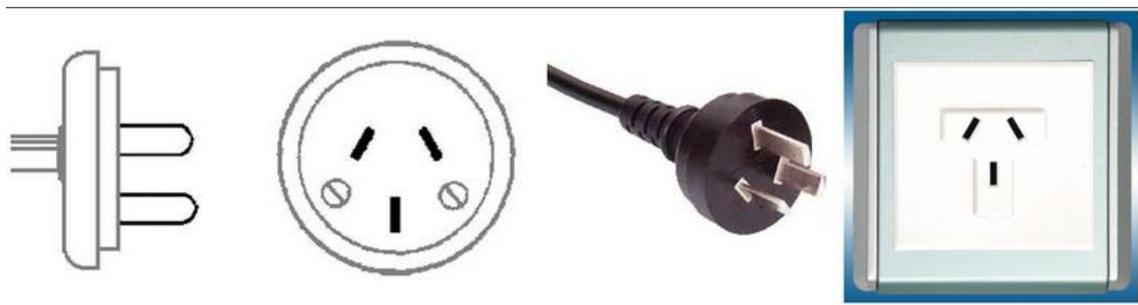
If you are visiting from overseas, you generally are not covered under Australia's public Medicare system for medical or hospital expenses. Therefore, please make sure that your insurance covers travel in other countries or subscribe to travel

insurance before starting your trip, as without health cover you can find yourself responsible for the full cost of treatment.

As the sun can be very strong, please make sure to use sunglasses and SPF 30+ sunscreen when you are outside. Please stay out of the sun during the middle of the day and make sure you drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

11. ELECTRICITY

The Australian electrical current is 220–240 volts, AC 50Hz. The three-pin power outlet is different from some other countries, so you might need an adaptor. The type of plugs is illustrated below.



12. CURRENCY

The official currency in Australia is the Australian dollar (AUD). The current exchange rate as of 23 July, 2022 is US \$1 = AUD \$1.44, or can be checked [here](#).

All Brisbane areas are serviced by cash machines which accept Visa, MasterCard, Cirrus and Maestro cards. The most commonly accepted credit cards are American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard, Visa, JCB and their affiliates. Banks and foreign exchange services are also available at the airport and throughout the city centre.

13. OPENING HOURS

Trading hours vary across Australia but shops in tourist and city areas are generally open seven days a week until 6 pm with late-night shopping on Fridays in the city centre.

14. SAFETY INFORMATION

Brisbane is generally a safe destination, with tourists enjoying unhindered travel experiences in terms of their personal safety. If you require emergency assistance, you can contact the police, ambulance and/or fire brigade by calling Triple Zero (000).

15. DISCLAIMER

The EAAFP Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, compensation for death or disability compensation, loss of or damage to personal property and any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the duration of the meetings/workshop. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical and travel insurance for the period of travel and participation at the meetings/workshop, prior to departure from the home country.

16. Tentative Schedule for EAAFP MOP11 and associated events, 12-17 March, 2023

Time	12 Mar (Sun)	13 Mar (Mon)	14 Mar (Tue)	15 Mar (Wed)	16 Mar (Thu)	17 Mar (Fri)	
8:00	Registration for MOP	Registration for MOP	Registration for MOP	Registration for MOP	(8:00-1700) Field trip to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island)		
8:30							
9:00	Meeting of Working Groups and Task Forces and Committees	Opening Ceremony	Special Presentation	Special Presentation		Special presentation	
9:30			Plenary	Plenary		Plenary	
10:00							
10:30							
11:00							
11:30							
12:00							
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	Lunch /Side event				Lunch / Side event	
14:00	(from 13:30) Meeting of Working Groups and Task Forces and Committees	Plenary	Special presentation	Special presentation	Special presentation		
14:30			Plenary	Plenary	Plenary		
15:00							
15:30							
16:00							
16:30							
17:00		Closing ceremony					
17:30							
18:00	Meeting of the Management Committee	Opening Performance	Meeting Committee	Side events	Meeting Committee	Side events	Farewell Reception
18:30		Opening Reception					
19:00							
19:30 – onward							

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Have a good trip and enjoy your stay in Brisbane!



THANK YOU

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