



Biometrics by the Blowholes
IBS-AR conference
December 4-8, 2011
Kiama NSW
Australia

Social activities (currently being updated)

Note:

- All rates are in Australian dollars
- All telephone numbers are shown as the local 8 digit number. To call from Australia outside NSW or ACT, start with the area code 02; to call from overseas, start with your international access number +61 2 and then the local 8 digit number.

Social Programme

Conferences can be intense and lead to "brain strain" for some, so relief from the scientific programme is often welcome and necessary for recharging ones batteries. With this in mind, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) have organised some great social events that will hopefully afford you the opportunity to meet new faces and catch up with your biometrical colleagues. The social activities planned for Tuesday afternoon December 6, 2011 will provide an opportunity for delegates to relax and get out and about in the beautiful Kiama region.

Please note that the costs of the *welcome reception* and the *conference dinner* are included in the registration fee for a conference delegate (IBS member, non-member or student) attending the whole week. Additional tickets may be purchased for day registrants and partners who are interested in attending either of these events. Please indicate the number of extra tickets required on the *registration form*.

Welcome reception: Sunday December 4, 2011

A welcome reception will be held from 5 pm to 8 pm on Sunday 4 December at the Sebel Harbourside Hotel in Kiama which is the venue for the Conference. Registration will be open from 4pm-7pm with drinks available from 5pm to 8pm. The BBQ dinner will be served at 7pm.

Cost: Free for delegates, \$75 for accompanying persons.

Young Statisticians' Night: Monday 5 December, 2011 – to be organised

This social event is for young statisticians to get together in an informal/relaxing atmosphere, so you can share your research and meet your possible future colleagues! As long as you consider yourself as a "young statistician/biometrician" you are welcome to attend this event. We will meet at 6pm at the Sebel Harbourside Hotel and stroll into town for a meal/meeting at a local restaurant.

Please let the Chair of the LOC (LOC@biometrics.org.au) know if you are interested in attending this event.

Social activities: Afternoon of Tuesday 6 December, 2011

This is a long-standing part of the conference program, so keeping with tradition we have arranged three options for the afternoon of Tuesday 6 December after lunch, with hopefully at least one attractive to each conference delegate. We want you to relax, get a breath of fresh air, have fun and see some of what this part of New South Wales has to offer, especially for first-time visitors. These activities are optional and tickets need to be purchased for them through the *registration form*. Preferences will be considered on a first come, first served basis. If you have queries about any of the social activities, please contact the LOC committee in the first instance. Please note that all costs for the activities are in Australian Dollars.

Tour 1. Bigfoot/Coolangatta Estate Winery

This is a 1-hour tour in a 4WD monster bus vehicle, climbing Mt. Coolangatta and through Coolangatta Winery Estate's vineyards, including commentary on the wines and the history of the winery. You can enjoy afternoon tea at the winery followed by wine tasting and the opportunity to purchase wines. Coolangatta Estate is about 30minutes south by bus from Kiama.

Time: 1.15pm – 5pm

Place to meet for bus: Outside Sebel Harbourside Hotel

Take: Hat, camera, wear comfortable clothes

Maximum numbers: 35

Cost: \$50

Further information: www.coolangattabigfoot.com.au
www.coolangattaestate.com.au

Tour 2. Minnamurra Rainforest

Only about 12 kilometres from Kiama (through Jamberoo). A guided walk through sub-tropical and temperate rainforests in the Budderoo national park. Rainforest Loop Walk with optional extra Falls Walk. Walks are easy to medium. Afternoon tea at the Kiama Tourism centre's 'Lyrebird Café'.

Time: 1.15pm – 5.15 pm

Place to meet for bus: Outside Sebel Harbourside Hotel

Take: Hat, water, wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes

Maximum numbers: \$50

Cost: \$50

Further information:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkWalking.aspx?id=N0069>

Tour 3. Kiama Heritage Walk and Pilots' Cottage Museum : ???

Inspection of the museum and a guided tour of historical buildings and locations in the Kiama township.

Time: 2pm – 4.30pm

Place to meet: Pilots' Cottage Museum

Take: Hat, water, wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes

Maximum numbers: TBA

Cost: \$25

Other self-organised activities

- **Jamberoo Action Park** : About 10km from Kiama. Waterslides of various types. Suitable for the young and young at heart. See their website <http://www.jamberoo.net/>
- **Kiama blowholes:** Visit the large blowhole, an easy walking distance from the conference venue, and the small blowhole, a bit longer walk. For further information see <http://www.kiama.com.au/pages/blowhole>
- **Deep sea and game fishing:**
- **Kangaroo Valley and Fitzroy Falls:** About 1 hour's drive south-west and inland from Kiama, suitable for those with cars or prepared to hire a minibus.
- **Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk:** Off Jamberoo mountain road, about 30 minutes drive from Kiama. Only suitable for those with cars as Jamberoo mountain road does not cater for buses.
- **Golf**
- **Swimming**

Taxis and mini-buses

List of companies – to be advised. You can also contact the Kiama Tourism office (<http://www.kiama.com.au>) for information about many other activities available in the area.

Conference dinner Wednesday 7 December, 2011

The conference dinner will be on Wednesday 7 December at the [Bellachara Boutique Hotel](#), Gerringong, just 11km south of Kiama, commencing at 7pm. Drinks (wine and non-alcoholic) will be provided, and all dietary requirements can be catered for (please indicate on your *registration form* if you have a special dietary requirement). A special evening with a band and presentations.

Transport has been arranged in coaches to transfer delegates to dinner from the Sebel Harbourside Hotel leaving 6.45 pm, with two return trip times on the event's conclusion.