

FAQS - CSIRO Solar Hackathon 2016

#hackthesun

Is there an age limit to enter the event?

Anyone over 18 can participate.

Is my registration/ticket transferrable?

Your solar hackathon ticket is yours and yours alone.

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?

You do not need a paper ticket. We'll have your registration details at the event when you sign in.

What is the refund policy?

No refunds - sorry!

Will there be food served at the event?

Yes! Scrumptious finger food and drinks will get you in the mood on Friday night for our welcome event. On Saturday you will be kept well fed and hydrated with morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner. Much-needed coffee and tea will be available throughout. Veggie and gluten free options are available too - just let us know so we can cater for you.

How do I get to the event? Is parking available?

If driving, free easy access parking is available onsite. However, parking is limited so please car pool where possible. If you need a taxi, call 13 CABS (13 2227). A free shuttle bus will be provided with central pick-ups points available throughout Newcastle to take you to and from the site.

Where can I stay?

Newcastle is a vibrant coastal city with plenty of accommodation options. It will be important to get a good night's rest before the hackathon fun begins so here are some suggestions near the CSIRO office:

- The Gateway Inn on Industrial Drive <http://www.gatewayinn.net.au/>
- Best Western Travellers Motor Village <https://www.bestwestern.com.au/newcastle/hotels/best-western-travellers-motor-village/>
- Mayfield Motel <http://www.mayfieldmotel.com.au/>
- Ibis Newcastle <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3236-ibis-newcastle/index.shtml>
- Newcastle Beach YHA <https://www.yha.com.au/hostels/nsw/newcastle-surrounds/newcastle-beach/>

The name on the registration/ticket doesn't match the attendee. Is that okay?

The ticket must be registered in the attendee's name. No transfers are possible.

Are there student discounts on tickets?

Yes, students receive a \$10 discount but you must have valid student ID to be eligible.

What's the best size of a team?

We recommend a minimum of 3 and a maximum 5.

Is there a rule to be followed for the formation of a team?

You can create a team prior to the day but most teams will be formed on the Friday night. The most successful teams have at least one person from software, design and solar but it's up to you.

Do I have to be part of a team already to take part?

No, we can team you up with other members at the event.

Can a member be part of more than one team?

Negative. We don't want you spreading yourself too thin.

Can a team work on multiple apps/ideas?

Teams can only submit one final idea to judges.

When can we start development on our idea?

Saturday, 9 April at 8am.

Can we change team formation after registration?

Team formations need to stay as is.

Will the relevant tools be made available during the hackathon?

Yes, data sets and API's will be available.

Will I have internet connectivity at the venue?

Most definitely.

Will I have to be physically present at the event?

Yes indeed. Hack the Sun starts with a welcome event on Friday from 7.30pm-10pm and Saturday from 8am-10pm.

How long will the registration be open?

Walk-ins are welcome but only if online tickets are not yet sold out.

When will the winners be announced?

The winners will be announced on Saturday 9 April at around 8pm

I am a CSIRO staff member. Can I participate?

We would love you to participate. To register simply get in touch with Natalie Kikken at natalie.kikken@csiro.au

Who owns the software/project after the hackathon is over?

What you create belongs to you and your team.

What happens after buying a ticket?

You will receive an Info Pack with everything you need to get you geared up for the Solar Hackathon. Look out for it in your inbox a couple of weeks before the event.

Who do I contact if I have a question?

Natalie Kikken from the CSIRO can help you. Drop her a line at natalie.kikken@csiro.au