

Astrological Crossroads and Conjunctions



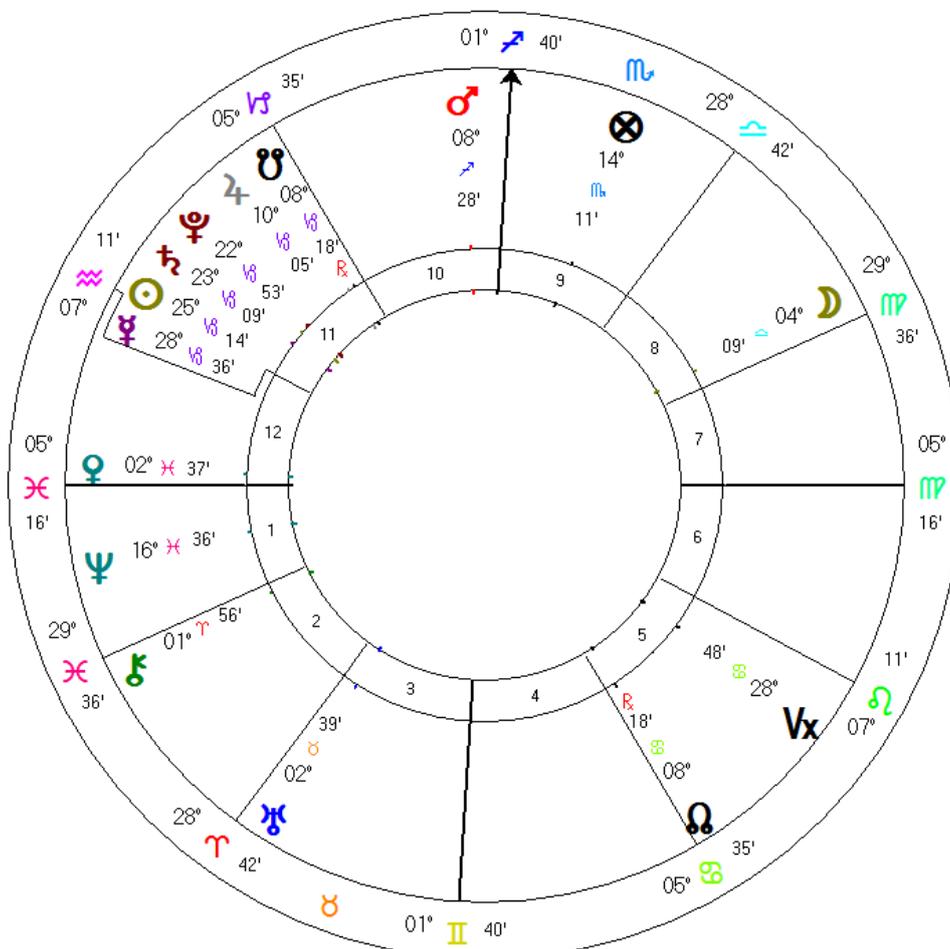
FAA 2020 Conference Information

Welcome to the 23rd biennial astrology conference sponsored by the FAA. Since 1976, our national and international communities have gathered under the FAA banner to celebrate our participation with the cherished tradition of astrology.

PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Three pre-conference workshops will be held on **Thursday, January 16th**. The registration desk will open at 8.30 am and the workshops begin at 10 am. Lunch is included with your workshop registration. Before we begin the workshop, we will pause at 9.35 am to honour our Aboriginal ancestors with a Welcome to Country. At **9.39 am** the conference is officially opened.

The following chart is our official declaration of the opening of the conference on January 16, 2020 at 9.39 am in Parkville, Victoria (37S47; 144E57). With an exalted Venus rising, Moon in Libra and a serious party in the 11th house, we hope that the conference will reflect this image of community, social connection and depth of attachment, as well as offering a smorgasbord of dynamic and inspirational learning experiences.



CONFERENCE OPENING

While the conference officially opens with a short inauguration announcement at **9.39 am** before the pre-conference workshops, our plenary Conference Welcome begins at **5.25 pm** in the Jupiter Room. After greeting one another, Brian Clark opens the conference with a short presentation on *Crossroads and Conjunctions*. At 6.00 pm we will move into the gardens for our Meet the Speakers Cocktail Reception with an introduction to our presenters and an opportunity to meet other delegates. After the reception we encourage you to visit one of Melbourne's great restaurants in the surrounding boroughs of Carlton, Brunswick or Fitzroy.

REGISTRATION

The registration desk will be open from **8.30 am on Thursday**. You will have registered for one of the following options ó please check your receipt, to make sure your registration details are correct. This will be on the receipt of payment that you received when you registered or subsequent receipts you may have received later.

CONFERENCE ONLY

includes morning and afternoon teas, but **does not** include the lunches or the opening Meet the Speakers Barbeque. You may bring your lunch, as the campus area has outdoor tables and seating. If you would like to upgrade to the Plus, this needs to be done before December 31, 2019. The fee is \$100.

Only lectures are included with this package. You are welcome to come to the opening lecture on Thursday January 16th at 5.25 pm. The conference lectures begin at 9.00 am on Friday the 17th.

DAY TICKETS

includes morning and afternoon teas, but **does not** include the lunches. You are welcome to bring your lunch as there are gardens within the campus area which are suitable to enjoy your break.

CONFERENCE PLUS

includes morning and afternoon teas, three lunches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as the opening Meet the Speakers Cocktail Reception and entrance to all lectures and activities.

CONFERENCE PLUS ACCOMMODATION

includes the Plus package above, and accommodation for 3 nights starting Thursday January 16 and checking out Sunday January 19. Whether you are in a student room or an apartment a hot breakfast is included. Those checking out Sunday can securely store their luggage at the front desk.

When you arrive at International House your room key will be waiting for you at the front desk, which opens at 8.30 am. We have volunteers to help you to your room. If you have booked for extra accommodation please make sure that we have confirmed this on your receipt.

Those in student rooms who have requested extra night's accommodation please make sure you have a receipt for this, or if unsure please contact Barb Thorp to confirm your booking at: barbthorp@bigpond.com. Those who have booked an apartment on campus will have already received a confirmation letter confirming your dates of arrival and departure and an invoice for any outstanding fees.

ARRIVING at MELBOURNE AIRPORT

At Tullamarine airport, taxis are available to the venue, which should take about 30 minutes dependent on traffic, and cost between \$45 and \$55. Alternately you can use Uber, which is \$10 cheaper ó the Uber pick up location is well signed. Alternately you can take the Sky Bus to Spencer Street Station and then a taxi or Uber from there. This should not cost more than \$45 in total, but will not be as direct.

SATURDAY NIGHT at the SOUTH NODE in 3D

That's Dining, Drinking and Dancing. Our Saturday night banquet will be held at International House to celebrate our past FAA conferences since this is the last one in the series which began January 23, 1976 at Monash University in Melbourne. We return to the old style conference dinners where we can have fun and celebrate our astrological kinship. Our theme is *The Way we Were* and we invite you to come as your South Node ó a past life, a past fantasy, a past memory!

If you have not registered yet, please do so by 31 December, 2019 to ensure your place at the table. The fee is only \$65 ó please register via the conveners at conference@faainc.org.au

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

VENUE

Our venue is International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville. A map of the location of our venue is on our website at www.faainc.org.au/faa-conference-2020/conference-venue/. We will supply a mud map to help navigate the campus as well as a daily schedule. These will be available at registration and throughout the conference.

WI-FI

Whether you are staying or visiting, Wi-Fi is available all throughout International House. Just log into the -ihouse network ó you will receive a username and password. No charge

TRAM

International House can be reached by catching the northbound number 19 tram, which begins at Flinders Street Station along Elizabeth Street to North Coburg. From Southern Cross Station walk to Elizabeth Street for International House, get off at stop 15 (Leonard Street and Royal Parade). For visitors you can hop on this tram to continue up to Brunswick or take it the other way to go downtown.

MYKI

For our visitors, Melbourne has a wonderful transport system to get you around. All you need is your Myki card to board trains, trams and buses and these can be bought at any 7-Eleven or other outlets. We highly recommend that you buy one for your visit ó all the information you need on Myki and Melbourne transport is at: <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki/>.

PARKING

City Parking is never easy but there are options near International House. The street behind International House is The Avenue and you can park there all day for \$1 an hour ó from 8am to 6.30 pm. You can also park on Leonard Street, the street beside International House, for \$1 an hour ó from 8am to 6.30 pm ó outside these times is free. You do not need to pay Saturday and Sunday. When you arrive, park outside International House on Royal Parade and check in. There is 2 hours free parking on Royal Parade. When you are settled in, you can leave your car on The Avenue or Leonard Street ó bring dollar coins.

Other areas around International House are 2-hour parking only. Saturday and Sunday will be free.

LAUNDRY

For those of you staying on campus, laundry facilities are available.

THE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

As mentioned **our conference experience begins on Thursday at 5.30 pm**, unless you have attended a pre-conference workshop that day! We recommend you arrive at least 40 minutes before in order to

complete the registration process and familiarize yourself with the conference venue. Once registered your conference begins with our plenary session and then the Meet the Speakers Cocktails Reception.

Lectures begin on Friday at 9am. Your lecture guide is in your program with times and rooms. The lecture program is also on the website so you can become familiar with the lectures you would like to attend:

None of the lectures can be pre-booked so seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. While we have endeavoured to have as much space as possible in all our rooms we can never guarantee that some may be filled, so please be early if there is a particular lecture you do not want to miss!

Coffee and tea breaks between the morning and afternoon lectures are an excellent way to meet others and debrief and discuss. The registration desk will always be attended should you need any help or directions. If this is your first conference and you do not know anyone, please let us know when you check in and we will make sure you meet others.

RECORDING

Recording of any lectures using your own recording device will not be permitted. However all the conference lectures will be recorded and you will be able to order any lectures by digital download or on USB.

MOBILE PHONES

Please turn all mobile phones off during lectures times. Photographing the power point demonstration during the conference presentation is not permitted.

TICKETS

Your name tag will be your entry into your lecture room. Lunch tickets will be supplied and these need to be handed in before entry to the dining hall. Sun, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Pluto and South Node are all in Capricorn - so please be mindful of having your tickets, name tags and ID wherever you go! Rules!

TRADE FAIR

Visit our website at <https://www.faainc.org.au/faa-conference-2020/trade-fair/> to see who will be at the conference ó bags, books, calendars, diaries, education, essences, games, retreats and software; it's all here ó bring some extra cash and a shopping bag! The Zodiac Conference bookshop will have a wide range of 2nd hand classics.

POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

It doesn't have to end on Sunday - three post-conference workshops will be held on **Monday, January 22nd**. The registration desk will open at 9 am and the workshops will begin at 10 am. Lunch is included with your workshop registration. You will also be able to register for these seminars during the conference.

CONFERENCE INSURANCE

Please be aware of our cancellation policy published on our website at: <https://www.faainc.org.au/faa-conference-2020/frequently-asked-questions/>. Due to our cancellation policy, we highly recommend you purchase travel insurance, including cancellation, so you can be reimbursed for fees in the event you need to cancel.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

You will receive a full conference program at the conference but you can get a sneak peek on our website early in 2020. Look for it -

THE ZODIAC APPEAL *astrologers in support of our circle of animals*

Our terrestrial circle of animals is always in need. **The Zodiac Appeal** reminds us that as astrologers we honour and support the sensitivity and sacredness of our animal world, symbolised in the heavens by our celestial zodiac, an eternal metaphor of our inner instinctual life. In **2009** we launched our first Zodiac Appeal to support *Wildlife Victoria* in their heroic effort to attend to the injured animals and devastated habitats caused by the Victorian bush fires. In **2011** we relaunched the Zodiac Appeal to assist the *RSPCA Queensland* to house and relocate domestic and farm animals after the flood-ravage. In 2014 **The Zodiac Appeal** supported *Animals Australia* in their enduring dedication to animal wellbeing and welfare.

This year we are appealing for support for our beloved koalas and other injured wildlife devastated by the current fires ó we will be collecting contributions at the conference, but are appealing for any donation you are able to make. We support all wildlife shelters or you can also donate via www.wires.org.au/donate/now. Our conference bags will support Animals Australia.

*In 2020 **The Zodiac Appeal** supports our workers in their continuing dedication to care and rehabilitate our wildlife – please support their work with your valuable donation:*



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The FAA was originally founded on the 8 July 1970 with the Sun at 15♌38, conjunct Mercury at 17♌11 and Mars at 23♌30. On the 16 January 1995, the FAA was incorporated. The Moon at 18♌57 continued the founding theme, opposite the Sun at 25♌38 – Neptune at 23♌08 and Uranus at 26♌21 are like solar bookends. So our transitional theme of Crossroads & Conjunctions is especially relevant for the FAA, not only as it is the 25th anniversary of our incorporation, but the last conference in the series that the association has convened for 44 years. It is time; it is the times.