

PACIFIC GROUP MEETING – Australia

The most recent Australian member to SIFH is John Bance & Son Funeral Home of Wagga Wagga in the State of New South Wales.

Scott Bance operates the funeral home with his father John in semi-retirement. They will host the next Australian meeting to be held on 9-12 May 2013 [Thursday to Sunday].

The name of the City is derived from the language of the Wiradjuri tribe, which was the biggest aboriginal tribe in New South Wales, embracing the Riverina area.

"Wagga", "Wahga" or Wahgam" in aboriginal dialect means "crow". The repetition of a word was the method of expressing the plural or emphasis, thus Wagga Wagga means "crows" or "the place where crows assemble in large numbers". The Murrumbidgee River which runs through the City also derived its name from the aboriginal language and means "plenty water" or "big water".

Wagga Wagga with a population of over 60 000 people is the hub of the Riverina on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River, one of the great rivers of the Murray-Darling Basin and is the largest regional city in New South Wales.

The city attracts people from all over the Riverina and southwestern NSW to its shopping facilities and supports 200,000 people who live in the region.



Wagga Wagga has a temperate climate with an average temperature during the month of May of between 6 and 17 degrees centigrade. Monthly precipitation 51 mm

Wagga Wagga is located at the eastern end of the Riverina region where the slopes of the Great Dividing Range flatten and form the Riverina plain. The city sits almost midway between the largest cities in Australia being 452 kilometres southwest of Sydney and 456 kilometres northeast of Melbourne with the Sydney–Melbourne railway line passing through.



The accommodation and meeting venue is Townhouse Hotel, Wagga Wagga



ADDRESS:

70 Morgan Street
Wagga Wagga,
NSW 2650

www.townhousewagga.com

Accommodation details and booking arrangements are as follows
Townhouse Hotel, Wagga Wagga

Deluxe Rooms \$139.00

Executive Rooms \$159.00

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