 **Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 May**

The CDH Australia Annual Forum (CAAF) is an annual national conference designed to provide the CDH community with an opportunity to come together to connect, support, and learn. Our program includes content for parents, siblings, extended family and friends. Our sessions include topics hosted by medical professionals, CDH research updates, self-care, support groups, share circles, and art therapy.

"It's the one space where we can just be "us", no hiding how hard this can be to deal with. No guilt over still struggling at times. You can just let it all out, and everyone else just gets it." – CAAF 2017 attendee.

Who should attend?

If you have a connection to congenital diaphragmatic hernia, you will benefit from attending.

We encourage parents, children, siblings, extended family, friends, and health professionals to join us.

CAAF is a child-friendly event. Complimentary child-minding is available for selected sessions.

Program

Saturday – Everyone welcome. Dedicated sessions include content for extended family and friends.

Saturday evening - Join us for a group dinner. Restaurant venue and cost to be confirmed.

Sunday morning - Everyone welcome. Breakout sessions include self-care workshops and cricket in the park with your new friends.

Sunday afternoon - Everyone is encouraged to come together for lunch and a beautiful dedication ceremony from 12-2pm

What to bring

We will provide catering through-out the day. Be sure to inform us of any dietary requirements.

Complimentary child-minding is available for selected sessions.

To ensure your children are comfortable, please pack:

- drink bottle of water
- hat, sunscreen and a jumper in case of cool weather
- items needed through-out the day (e.g. stroller for a sleep, favourite toy/blanket)

Please label all of your children's items.

Parents will be asked to change their children's nappies. Please remember to bring everything you might need.

Cost

CAAF Registration is FREE for CDH Australia members. Membership is \$30 (concession available)

[Click here to become a CDH member.](#)

*Please note, Saturday night dinner is not included in the free CAAF registration. Guests will pay cash at the restaurant. Venue and cost to be confirmed closer to the date.

Location

[Pullman on the Park](#)

192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne (Near Fitzroy Gardens)

Parking

Pullman on the Park has limited pay parking available. Use [parkopedia](#) to find other nearby parking centres.

Public transport

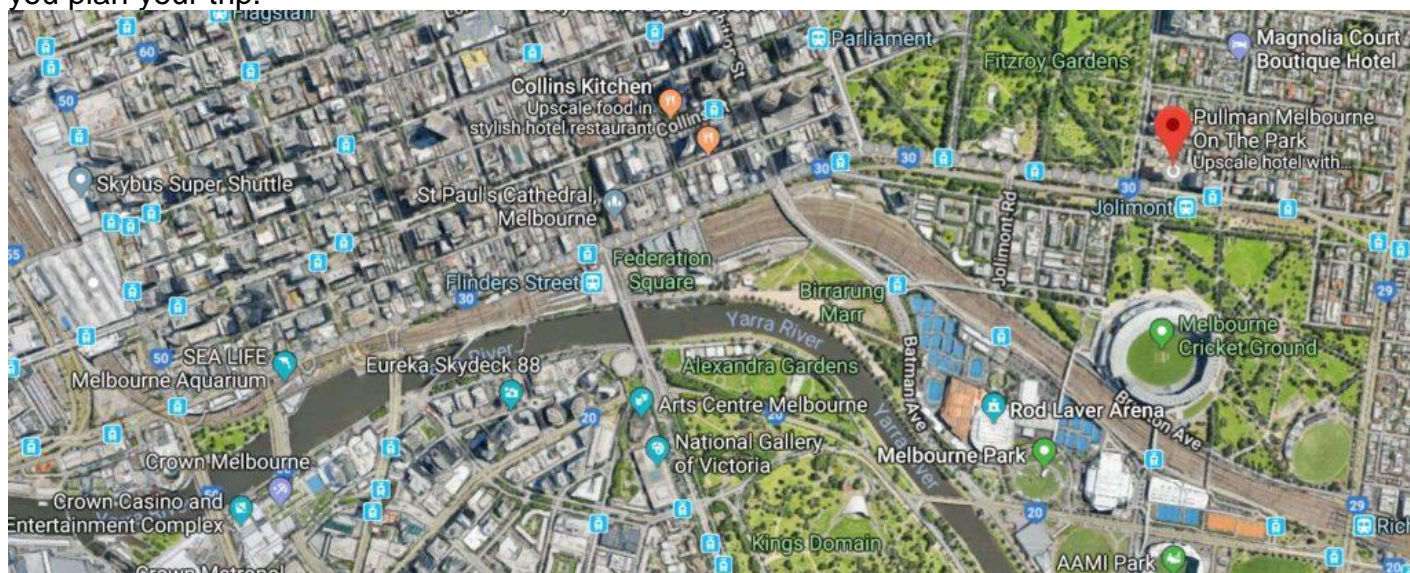
For locals: Pullman on the Park is directly across the road from **Jolimont Train Station**. Use the [Metro Trains Journey Planner](#) to help you plan your trip.

For interstate visitors travelling from Melbourne Airport:

Taxi fare is approximately \$80 one way (outside of peak hour traffic)

[Sky Bus](#) has regular services from the airport to **Southern Cross Train Station** in the CBD. Tickets range from \$18 (single) to \$39 (family) one way or, \$36 (single) to \$72 (family) for a return trip. Pre-booking is recommended.

Pullman on the Park is 3km east of Southern Cross Train Station. **Jolimont Train Station** is directly across the road from Pullman on the Park. Use the [Metro Trains Journey Planner](#) to help you plan your trip.



Accommodation

[Pullman on the Park](#) is offering CAAF attendees 15% off their Best Available Rate. Quote 110951

Delegates must contact the hotel directly to make a reservation. Phone on 0394192000 or Email: H9875@accor.com

T&Cs All rooms will be subject to availability at the time of booking – no rooms are being held. This rate carries a 7-day cancellation policy, and a credit card will be required at the time of booking to secure the reservation.

Other accommodation options:

Hotels www.booking.com or www.wotif.com.au

House-letting www.airbnb.com.au or www.stayz.com.au

Stay up to date

Join our [Facebook Event Page](#) for CAAF event updates.

When you register for CAAF, you'll automatically be added to our e-news mailing list. We'll provide you with travel and accommodation suggestions.

Registration

Register, manage, or amend your registration [here](#)

If you have any trouble with the online registration please email susanfisher@cdh.org.au

RSVP

Registrations must be finalised by Friday **11 May 2018**

Contact

Questions about the CAAF?

For more information about the program, child-minding, catering, transport and accommodation, please email chantelle@cdh.org.au and carmel@cdh.org.au

