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INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

18-19 September 2025

Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort, Pokolbin

Hunter Valley-NSW-Australia

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THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 10.00 am Social Golf Tournament
- 11.00 am Vineyards Bus Tour
- 6.00 pm Annual General Meeting
- 7.00 pm Welcome Party

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 9.00 am National Conference & Expo
- 7.00 pm Annual Gala Dinner
- 8.00 pm Industry Awards Presentation
- 9.00 pm Fund-Raising Auction

VENUE AND LOCATION

TRANQUIL CONFERENCE FACILITIES SET AMONG THE VINEYARDS



So close to Sydney yet truly a world away, the Hunter Valley is the birthplace of Australian wine. Over 150 premium wine producers are sited in the region, showcasing world-class wineries, boutique breweries, and gourmet local produce. Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort's idyllic natural setting on 25 acres offers premium facilities including a Golf & Country Club, Elysia Wellness Retreat, restaurants, bars, pools, tennis courts and a range of well appointed on-site accommodation options. The thoughtfully appointed one, two and three-bedroom villas are set against a stunning backdrop of the rolling golf greens, vineyards and the spectacular Brokenback Mountain Range. The resort allows guests access to a variety of leisure activities including hot air balloon rides, world class golfing, gourmet cooking classes, spa retreats and of course local wineries and restaurants.

GETTING THERE

From Sydney

Cypress Lakes is 1 hour 40 minutes drive north from Wahroonga. Take the Pacific Motorway/M1 north towards Newcastle. Take the Freemans Drive/B82 exit (signs to Kurri Kurri/Cessnock), then follow your GPS to Cypress Lakes Resort at 15 Thompsons Road, Pokolbin. Alternatively, take the Hunter Expressway/M15 towards Singleton and follow your GPS.

From Interstate

Direct flights are available to Newcastle (NSW) Airport from Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide. Flights from other locations require a stop in either Sydney or Brisbane.

From Newcastle Airport

All major car rental firms operate from Newcastle airport. The resort is 70km or one hour's drive from the airport. For transfers, we recommend Vineyard Shuttle Service: Call +61 2 4991 3655 or mobile 0409 327 193 or email tours@vineyardshuttle.com.au and tell them you are attending the SAPIA conference.



CYPRESS LAKES RESORT, HUNTER VALLEY

INDUSTRY INNOVATORS FOR 25 YEARS

The Sports & Play Industry Association is the national peak body for those involved in the sports, recreation, leisure and play space construction industry. Our members include designers, engineers, contractors, suppliers, manufacturers and professional consultants.

The aim of SAPIA's annual National Conferences is to provide members and interested parties with the opportunity to:

- Learn about new techniques and ways to reduce or overcome issues in their working lives
- Meet sports governing bodies' key personnel and hear about their organisations' plans for the future
- Acquaint themselves with suppliers and manufacturers of products and services to the industry
- Converse with the SAPIA Board of Directors and have a voice in the running of the Association
- View the entries and celebrate with the winners of the 2025 SAPIA Industry Awards competition
- Catch up with old friends and form new business relationships
- Have fun and enjoy each others' company at our Welcome Party and Annual Gala Dinner

Our delegate fees have been kept to an absolute minimum thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, allowing member companies both big and small to attend.

Please support your Association by attending, ensuring that the industry remains strong by assisting your employees and encouraging your sub-contractors and industry contacts to attend, and encouraging others who you feel may benefit from SAPIA membership to come along and see who we are and how we operate. Our Annual Dinner charges for non-delegates are provided at cost price, so please feel free to invite partners and friends.

Although we are part of Australasia's construction industry, we represent a niche, specialised sub-section, and our conference presenters in 2025 have been chosen for maximum relevance and interest to members of our industry. For suppliers and consultants, the SAPIA National Conference affords you a valuable opportunity to meet with current and prospective customers. For contractors, our event allows you to liaise with manufacturers and suppliers, improve your technical knowledge and stay up to date with current trends. The enjoyment to be had by all from socialising with your peers and industry personnel is priceless.

Our 2025 conference presenters will be announced shortly.

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DAY 1—THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

For those guests arriving on Thursday morning, we have prepared social activities that will allow you to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, have fun and relax prior to the business part of our event.

SOCIAL OPTION # 1 - THE EDO TROPHY GOLF TOURNAMENT



THE EDO TROPHY SOCIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Oaks Cypress Lakes Golf & Country Club

SAPIA's annual Ambrose rules social golf tournament, the **Edo Trophy**, will be held on Thursday 18 September, commencing at 10.30 a.m. sharp. Please meet at the Cypress Lakes pro-shop below the Reception Area at 10.00 a.m. to ensure a timely shot-gun tee-off. No prior golfing experience is necessary, as the emphasis is on fun. SAPIA members and guests are welcome to participate. Club hire is available for \$50pp. Note the club has a dress code: Golf shoes with soft spikes are requested (soft sole runners accepted). All players must wear suitable golf attire. Shirt must have a collar. No jeans or denim shorts, tracksuits or drawstrings pants are allowed, tailored slacks or shorts are required.



Green fees and cart hire for the 2025 Edo Trophy tournament have been generously sponsored by **TigerTurf Australia**.

Trophies for the winning team members will be presented during our Annual Gala Dinner on Friday night.

SOCIAL OPTION # 2 - WINERY TOUR & SAPIA LONG LUNCH

NEXT GEN TOUR WITH VINEYARD SHUTTLE SERVICE

This tour includes: Exclusive tastings at 4 of the Hunter's emerging 'NEXT GEN' cellar doors, Gin & Vodka tasting at one of the local distilleries, Lunch at the newly opened 4 Pines Brewery at the Farm, Cheese & Chocolate tastings. Pickup from the hotel included. Time frame approx. 11.00 a.m. - 4:30 pm.

Cost: \$199 pp (All inclusive)



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DAY 1—THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

On Thursday evening, please join us for our annual general meeting at 6 p.m., followed by our Welcome Party at 7 p.m.

6 p.m. - THE SAPIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Oaks Cypress Lakes Brokenback and Watagan Rooms Ground Floor Conference Rooms

All SAPIA members are encouraged to attend our annual general meeting. The President will present his annual report, the treasurer will table the financial report and the election of the SAPIA Board for the following twelve months will be held. More details on nominating and voting for a position on the SAPIA Board and other constitutional matters will be furnished closer to the event. SAPIA is a not-for-profit member association, founded to forward the interests of its members. Come along and have a voice in the management of your association.

7 p.m. - WELCOME PARTY

Oaks Cypress Lakes Conference Lawn

7.00 p.m. until 10.00 p.m.

Immediately following our AGM on Thursday evening, we will meet on the Conference Lawn overlooking the lake for our pre-conference **Welcome Party**. Canapes and beverages will be served from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. Our Welcome Party is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones, to network with fellow industry supporters, to meet prospective customers and potential suppliers. Our Welcome Party is free of charge to full conference delegates and their partners, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors.



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DAY 2—FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort

Sugarloaf and Bimbadeen Rooms—Ground Floor Conference Rooms

9.00 am until 5.00 pm

The 2025 **SAPIA National Conference** will be held in the Oaks Cypress Lakes' Brokenback and Watagan Rooms, with registration from 8.30 a.m. The conference program commences at 9 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m.

Morning and afternoon teas as well as lunch are included in your conference fee. A barista coffee cart has been sponsored by **Tyrecycle** and will provide coffee throughout the day.

A limited number of **Exhibition Spaces** or **Exhibition Tables** will be situated in the rooms for those members who wish to exhibit their products or services to delegates, at a cost of \$300 each. These spaces are available on a first come basis, so please reserve your space early.

We have an exciting selection of presenters organised to educate, inform, enhance and entertain your day, so keep an eye out for the announcement. You cannot afford to miss this conference.

7 p.m. - 11 p.m. GALA DINNER

Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort

Venusta Centre

7.00 pm until 11 pm

Our **Annual Gala Dinner** will commence at 7 p.m. in the Venusta Centre, with pre-dinner drinks followed by a three course meal (alternate serves) and beverages. A selection of local wines has been chosen which proudly showcase the Hunter Valley vineyards. (Please advise in advance of any dietary variations, e.g. Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Pork Free, Vegetarian, Vegan or other requirements—the hotel chefs are happy to provide alternate meals.) Partners and other non-delegate guests are welcome.

During dinner, a video of all entries received in this year's **Industry Awards** competition will be shown, winners will be announced and trophies presented. Our fund-raising **Auction** of items donated by our members and supporters will also be conducted during our Annual Dinner. If you wish to donate products or services, please contact the SAPIA office.

This is a night to applaud your own achievements as well as those of your fellow members who are working together to uphold the highest standards of construction, design, innovation, manufacture and service.



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ACCOMMODATION

Your Tranquil Hunter Valley Resort

Nestled in the Hunter Valley's picturesque hinterland and surrounded by vineyards, Cypress Lakes Resort promises a tranquil event. All accommodation is in apartment-style villas with spacious lounge and dining rooms, fireplaces, kitchen facilities, bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, as well as balconies with views across the resort's 18-hole championship golf course, nearby vineyards or the Brokenback mountain range.



Room Features:

One Bedroom Villa: Featuring a king sized bed, ensuite, private balcony, kitchenette, dining and living room with entertainment unit, air-conditioning and internet access. All bathrooms offer a large spa bath, separate shower and generous balconies all with golf course, valley or hinterland views.

Two Bedroom Villa: Featuring either a king size bed or two single beds in each bedroom, two ensuites, private balcony, air conditioning and internet access. Additionally the villas offer large combined lounge and dining rooms, fully equipped kitchen and generous balconies all with golf course, valley or hinterland views.

Three Bedroom Villa: Featuring either a king size bed or two single beds in each bedroom, two bathrooms, private balcony, full kitchen, spacious dining and living room with entertainment unit, air-con and internet access.

Hotel Features:

24 hour reception, onsite shuttle service around venue, complimentary car parking, two on-site restaurants and bars, jacuzzi and gymnasium, swimming pool and tennis courts, Elysia Wellness Retreat located onsite.

Check in: 2 p.m.

Check out: 10 a.m.

To book your accommodation, use the link sent by email, or contact the SAPIA Office on 1800 208 202.