



DMFUG Future

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Topics

- Web-site and email lists
- Meetings
 - Season
 - Days of week
 - Times of day
 - Accommodation
 - Program organisation

Web-site and email lists

- Currently provided by CSIRO
- Difficult to delegate to non-CSIRO people
- Experiments with:
 - Google Groups
 - Dropbox
- Any issues with this?

Timing

- Location
 - Back to moving around
- Season
 - February has
 - pros
 - Not much competition; outside university term times
 - cons
 - Holidays interfere with preparations; weather in the north of the country
- Day of week
 - Mid-week allows for those who want to stay a bit longer
- Time of day
 - Currently, we lose half of the second afternoon

Accommodation

	2015	2016	2017
Location	Coogee Sands	Grand Chancellor	Travelodge
Discount	Uni rate	??	10%
Cost/night (varies)	176	180	161
Rooms held	15	0	15
Actual bookings	10 (may have been more if organised earlier)	18	15

- Having more than 15 rooms held for us is hard without any deposit
- Not interested in handling money
- So may need to approach two hotels in future?

Program organisation

- Need a list of likely topics early, so people can decide whether to attend and have time to arrange to do so
- Vendor vs customer balance? (And less CSIRO!)
- Position vacant:

Program coordinator

- Should have the contacts needed to avoid spamming the mailing list too much
- Must be relentless
- No need to do any scheduling
- Remuneration – 50% more than the incumbent receives

Thank you

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