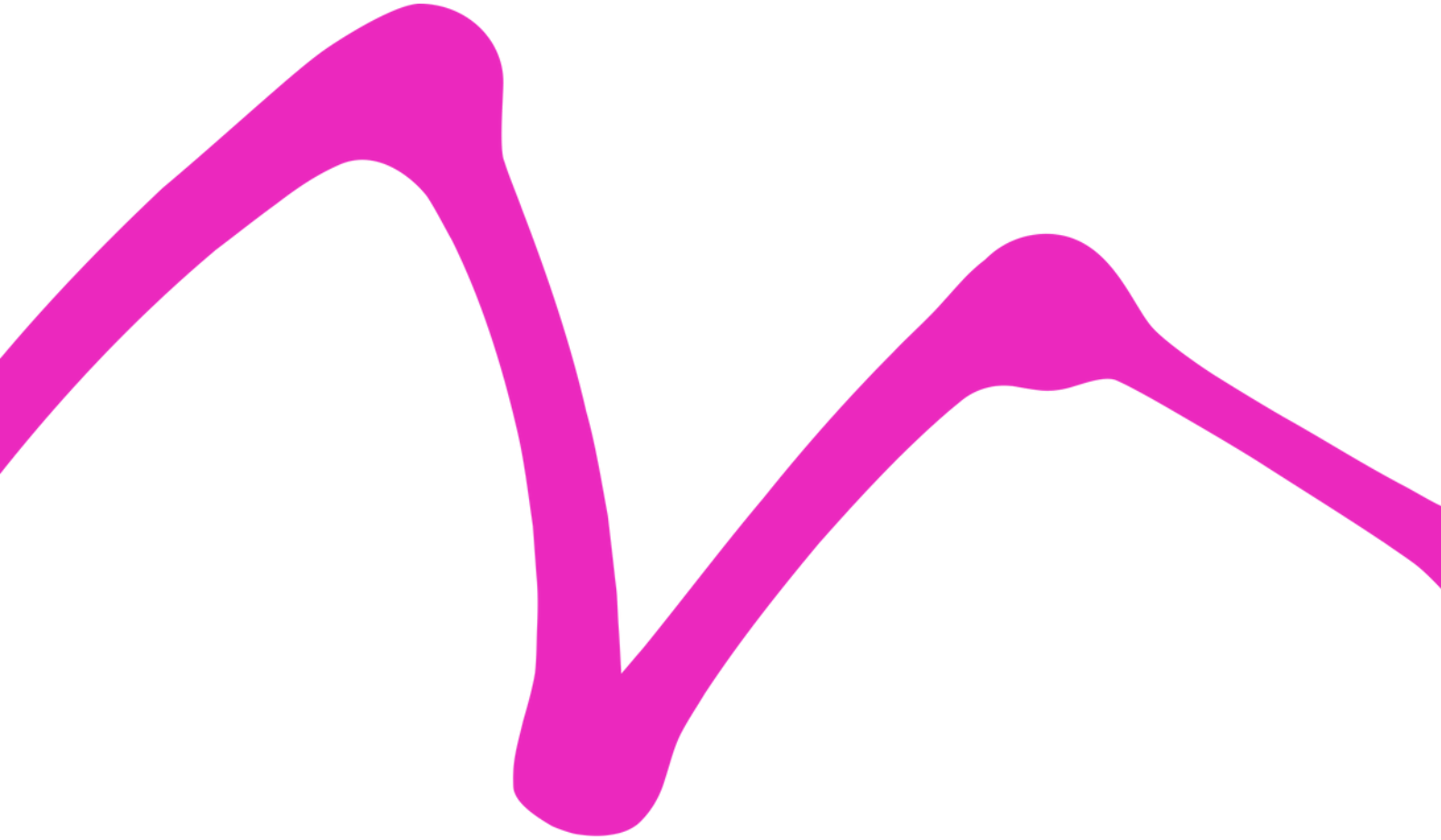
VAPAC October Conference Travel Information

Tuesday 7th - Wednesday 8th October 2025
Berninneit, Cowes
91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes VIC 3922



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Venue Information

Book your Ticket: https://www.trybooking.com/DFNDO

Berninneit, Cowes

Location: 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes VIC 3922

Phone: 03 5671 2470

Website: https://www.basscoastculturalvenues.com/

How to get there

Public Transport:
[V/Line - Regional public transport for Victoria - Plan trip/buy tickets]
Train from Flinders to Dandenong, Bus from Dandenong to Cowes Transit Centre, 1 minute walk from Cowes Transit Centre to Berninneit.
There is no train through to Cowes. There are also no ubers or taxis!

Venue Parking
Car: Melbourne to Berninneit (141km)
Free parking onsite at Berninneit, at the rear of the building.

Accommodation Recommendations

Phillip Island Apartments

Stars: 4 ★★★★
Address: 9 - 11 Bass Avenue, Chapel Street, Cowes VIC
Phone: (03) 5952 2644
Walk: 4 Minutes
Drive: **2** Minutes
Price Range: $379 - $465

Just a stones throw from the beach, this property features an outdoor pool, heated spa, surf shower, and BBQ area, so you can really sink into Island life. Choose from our spacious 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments – all feature open plan living and dining, equipped kitchens, access to your own private balcony or patio, bathroom with quality guest amenities, and your own laundry facilities. Each apartment is air-conditioned and fully-furnished, with luxury pillow top beds, and crisp white linen for your comfort. We also offer free wi-fi, complimentary parking on site, and conference facilities.

The Waves Apartments

Stars: 4 ★★★★
Address: The Esplanade, Cowes VIC
Phone: (03) 5952 1351
Walk: 9 Minutes
Drive: 3 Minutes
Price Range: $236 - 288

The Waves offers stylish, modern accommodation comprising a kitchenette, the luxury of a 2-person spa in each unit and a private balcony - many with stunning bay views. With the inclusion of split system heating/air conditioning, HD TV (and a separate TV for the kids) and quality guest amenities, your stay should be perfect.

[Ramada Resort]

Stars: 4 ★★★★
Address: 2128 Phillip Island Road, Cowes VIC
Phone: (03) 5952 8000
Drive: 5 Minutes
Price Range: $345 - $365

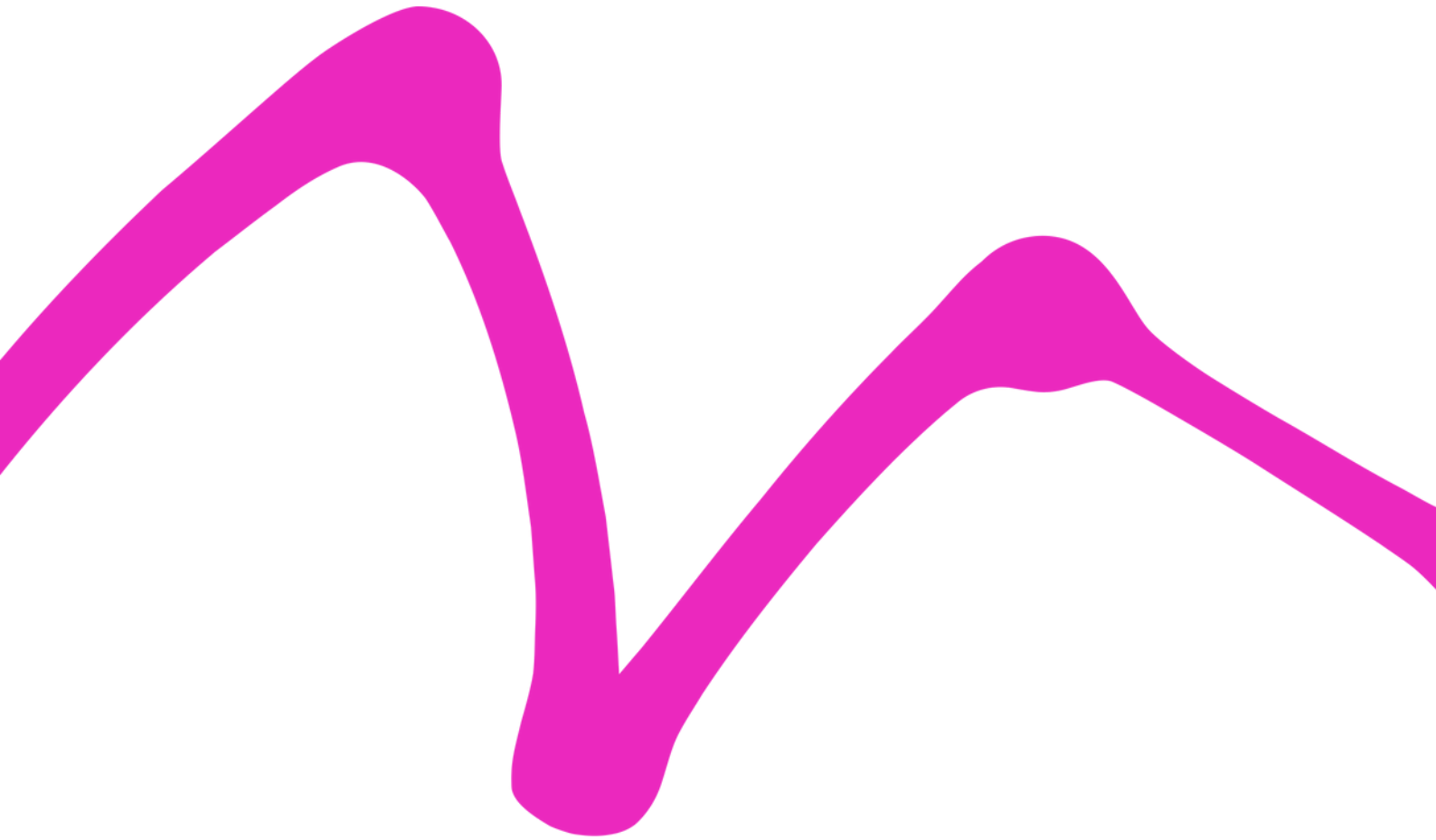
Ramada Phillip Island family accommodation offers a resort style setting with exceptional studio rooms with a spacious open plan for couples, as well as two- and three-bedroom villas accommodation, perfect for a family getaway with the kids. Cook a feast in the fully-equipped kitchen, which includes a full-sized fridge, dishwasher, microwave, hot plates and oven. After a delicious meal, pour a glass of wine and enjoy the serenity of the native bushland and wildlife on the furnished outdoor deck.

[North Pier Hotel]

Stars: 4 ★★★★
Address: 5 The Esplanade, Cowes Victoria 3922
Phone: (03) 5951 4488
Walk: 2 Minutes
Drive: 8 Minutes
Price Range: $175 - $710

Only 1.5 hours drive from Melbourne. Just a stone's throw across from the main beach on one of Victoria's only North facing coastlines, Cowes, the North Pier Hotel is the ideal spot to base yourself for your next visit to Phillip Island. A short stroll will find you on the doorstep to the many cafes, restaurants and boutique shops to explore and indulge in.

This document is intended as a general guide—please ensure you conduct your own research to be fully prepared.



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