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# Message from the CEO Mel Woosnam and ACA Board Chair Jim Nicholls



It is wonderful to see the croquet season back in full swing.

Our new CEO – Mel Woosnam has been on board now for 3 months which has been a steep learning curve and an adjustment from a structural perspective for the Board, Staff and Appointed Officers. Mel has been trying to meet and engage with as many people as possible by attending various events and meetings. She is also overseeing the delivery of some key projects which are outlined below.

## EVENTS

Many of our national events have had record entries, notably the GC eights in which 48 players competed over three days at the Victorian Croquet Centre at Cairnlea. Australians were well represented on the world stage, with players competing in the under 21 GC World Championships and the ICC Women's World Championship in New Zealand in January. There will be a further three World Championships later this year - the AC World Championship and the Women's GC World Championships both hosted by England. The ACA and Croquet West will also play host to the WCF Over 50s Golf Croquet World Championships hosted in Bunbury West Australia.

## 2023 AGM

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Victoria Croquet Centre in March, we welcomed Claire Keating, Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt and Nick Chapman to the ACA Board. Thank you to Kerri-Ann Organ for her contribution to the Board during the past two years. A special thanks to Jim Clement for his contribution to the ACA Board as Secretary since 2019. Jim's knowledge of governance and procedure has been invaluable in reviewing and upgrading the ACA policies. Jim has also been involved on the organising committees of numerous WCF World Championships and the 2022 Mac Robertson Shield.



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*Our special thanks to Laura Giblett and Michael Fox from the ASC for coordinating the strategy session.*

## WHOLE OF SPORT STRATEGY SESSION

Following the AGM, the ACA Board and Staff, Heads of State and a number of Appointed Officers participated in a strategic planning session. The ACA were fortunate to access the services of Laura Giblett from the ASC’s Sports Governance and Organisational Enhancement team and Michael Fox from the ASCs Participation division who facilitated the planning forum. This service was provided to ACA free of charge as part of the ASC’s support of recognised NSOs to enhance the governance and planning capability and capacity within the sector.

The purpose of the strategic planning session is to assist ACA to develop a National Strategic Framework and a ‘Whole of Sport Strategy’ for croquet and mallet sports in Australia through consultation, collaboration and engagement with State Associations, Clubs and Members. Laura and Michael have provided Croquet Australia with a copy of the strategy presentation and summary of the meeting outcomes to inform the next steps in the process. Some of the key take outs from the strategy session are outlined below:

- An opportunity to develop a national set of values and behaviours – common themes/ values exist across the sport
- General alignment between ACA and States strategic pillars – good opportunity to develop a Whole of Sport Strategy (WOSS)
- Need to focus on experience of members, ensure consistency across the sport, get products right, adapting to new demographics
- Central national database is key to validating data and assumptions, making informed decisions and improving communication and engagement across the sport at all levels

- Game Plan – valuable in capturing and interrogating data at all levels, access to Club and State centric data to assist in making informed decisions re Club support, training, resources etc
- There are some things the sport is doing well and some things we can do better and these will be further explored during the next phase of the process
- Some strategic opportunities for the sport moving forward include marketing, sponsorship, social media/communication/ digital technology, younger participants/schools, partnerships/sharing
- Draft pillars for a National framework may include: Participation growth, capability & capacity, brand/image/marketing and governance & management

Some suggested next steps in the process to develop a Whole of Sport Strategy include:

1. Convene a meeting with the Heads of State to discuss next steps and appetite to develop a Whole of Sport Strategy with a national vision and set of values & seek alignment with planning periods
2. Develop a Survey to send to States, Clubs and Members to gain additional feedback and confirm common themes
3. Establish a Strategy Working Group with clear Terms of Reference with National, State, Club and Member representation
4. Develop a timeline for the project and key tasks and outcomes to be delivered

[VIEW THE STRATEGY SESSION](#)

## NATIONAL DATABASE

The ACA engaged an IT Advisor to assist in undertaking further due diligence by way of an audit in relation to the most suitable database platform for ACA, States, Clubs and Members. The audit has now been completed and the Board have been sent a report and recommendations and are considering the next steps in the process. The ACA will consult with all State Associations after Easter to discuss the audit outcomes and how best to proceed.

## MARKETING AND BRANDING PROJECT

Beyond the Break have been engaged to deliver the marketing and branding project for the ACA. The purpose of this project is to identify a new brand purpose and identity for the sport of croquet and/or mallet sports in Australia and align the rebrand and identity across the whole sport. The aim is to provide the sport of croquet in Australia with the opportunity to better market the sport to both external and internal stakeholders, to increase participation and attract commercial partners. The new look brand structure will create a contemporary brand logo for the ACA and State Associations, Disciplines and our Schools program.

A Brand Perception survey has been circulated and to date we have received over 150 responses which is great. The consultation phase is about to commence through a series of online focus group sessions which will commence after Easter. Grant Baldock and Michelle Cook from Beyond the Break will facilitate these sessions as outlined below.

Thank you to those States that have provided the names and emails of the relevant representatives to attend these focus sessions. We will send an email invite and Zoom link directly to those people to attend the relevant session.

A number of focus group sessions have been conducted already and have been well attended

by the ACA Board, Staff and Appointed Officers, Heads of State, State Discipline Co-ordinators for each code, pathway and development representatives, HPMs and Coaches.

A focus group session will be held in April for Club representatives and an additional session will be held in May for those people that expressed an interest via the Brand Perception Survey. Please note: not everyone can be accommodated in this final session and States will select a broad representation of people from the lists provided.

### Michelle

Wed 19 April at 6pm– Club representatives (two from each State Association)

Commencing Mon 1 May (time TBC) – Final focus group session with additional stakeholders who expressed an interest via the survey and confirmed by the State Associations.

Now is the time to start planning for WorldCroquet Day. Clubs can access various marketing flyers and Facebook promotional links by emailing the Academy General Manager – Greg Bury via email at [greg.bury@croquet-australia.com.au](mailto:greg.bury@croquet-australia.com.au)



## Board Members and Appointed Positions



**Jim Nicholls**  
Chair



**Barbara Northcott**



**Pat Habner**



**Claire Keating**  
Treasurer



**Max Kewish**



**Nick Chapman**



**Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt**  
Board Appointment  
Secretary



**Mel Woosnam**  
Chief Executive  
Officer



**Rob Murray**  
Executive Officer



**Greg Bury**  
General Manager  
The Australian  
Croquet Academy



## Official Positions of the ACA

### Events Committee

Peter Freer (Chair)      Peter Tracey  
Pete Landrebe      Gary Phipps

### Tournament committee

Trevor Bassett (AC)      Dianne Leahy (GC)

### AC selection committee

Peter Landrebe (High Performance Manager)  
Ian Dumergue (Australian Team Captain)  
Simon Hockey

### GC Selection Committee

Martin Clarke (Chair)  
Peter Landrebe  
Barry Haydon  
Jennifer Brand

### Under 21 Committee Chair

Jacky McDonald plus six state co-ordinators

### National Marketing Committee

Tony Walker      Max Kewish  
Pat Habner      Liz Friend

### AC High Performance Manager Peter Landrebe

### AC National Refereeing Coordinator

Mike Cohn

### National Coaching Coordinator Greg Bury

### Assistant National Coaching Coordinator

Barb Piggott

### Ricochet National Coordinator Ray Chapman

### Gateball National Coordinator Ros Crowe

### GC High Performance Manager Martin Clarke

### GC Refereeing Coordinator Jim Clements

### National Handicapper Gareth Denyer

### Archivist Martin Clarke

### Australian Representation

*WCF AC Laws Committee* Elizabeth Fleming

*WCF GC Rules Committee* John Van der Touw

### Public Officer Nick Chapman

### Complaints Officer Rob Murray

### Integrity Manager Jim Clement

### Gateball Refereeing Coordinator

Bruce McAlister

### High Performance Manager Gateball

Philip Brown

# Introducing our new board members

## **Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt**

Former Director/Secretary of Croquet Victoria, currently Regional Director for my region. Member of Twin City Croquet Club. Golf Croquet and Ricochet coach and referee.

Previously a member of various Croquet Victoria Sub-Committees. A member of the team monitoring the Croquet Victoria Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube accounts.

Particularly keen that croquet clubs connect with their local government authority to have croquet offered as part of their community wellbeing plans and therefore include croquet in their forward planning along with other sports.

## **Claire Keating**

Treasurer of Croquet Victoria since June 2020, Treasurer at Williamstown Croquet Club 2016 to 2023 and Former Member and Treasurer at Mosman Croquet Club Player and qualified referee and Level 1 coach in Golf Croquet. Member of Victorian GC State team 2022.

Chartered Accountant and Professional non-executive director. Formerly Registered Company Auditor and Partner in Financial Services at PwC. Graduate Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors.

## **Nick Chapman**

Nick is a member of the Canberra Croquet club, and has competed in State, National and World Association croquet events for over 20 years. He has also represented SA as a Coach/HPM.

Over the years, Nick has organised and participated in a number of 24-Hour croquet fund raising events.

Nick is a management consultant who has worked for, and consulted to, federal and state governments for almost 20 years. He has also supported large engagements with change and risk management, as well as business-case and policy development.

## **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

### **ELIGIBLE ACA AFFILIATED CLUBS WILL RECEIVE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS**



Clubs are eligible to receive a cash incentive if their net membership increases over the period from January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Eligible clubs will receive \$50 per net member increased.

Payments to be made to clubs in February 2024.

Club membership figures are based on official membership numbers that are provided to the ACA.

### **For Example**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan 2022 the Bundaberg Croquet Club membership was 40.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec 2023 the Bundaberg Croquet Club membership is now 55.

In February 2024 the ACA will pay the Bundaberg Croquet Club \$750.



# The Croquet Sailors Cup

EMBARKING  
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## Enjoy 14 nights on board the amazing Coral Princess.

Playing some of the most beautiful lawns in the world, with first time visits to the United Croquet Club, Christchurch and Devenport Croquet Club, Auckland. Discovering the spectacular scenery of New Zealand and indulge in a fabulous range of on board activities.



- ⦿ 14 night cruise from Brisbane aboard the Coral Princess
- ⦿ Onboard credit of up \$300 per cabin (subject to cabin type and princess club membership)
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- ⦿ One free specialty dining voucher per person
- ⦿ Free wifi for one device per cabin
- ⦿ Princess plus beverage package
- ⦿ Green fees at all selected including morning/afternoon tea & lunch, tea & coffee
- ⦿ Transfers to/from ship to various clubs with local sightseeing



Room Type (twin share)	Price PP From
Interior cabins	\$ 4,475 <sup>AUD</sup>
Ocean view cabins	\$ 4,595 <sup>AUD</sup>
Balcony cabins	\$ 5,245 <sup>AUD</sup>
Mini suites	\$ 5,765 <sup>AUD</sup>

**14**  
Nights

\*To secure this pricing bookings must be made & deposited by 16 March 2023.  
\*Please read the terms & conditions attached with this flyer. All pricing is based on twin share cabin occupancy & a single supplement is available.  
\*All players will be expected to play up to 4 games per playing day.

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# Australian Championships

## THE INTERSTATE CUP DINNER

Our new Croquet Australia CEO Mel Woosnam, welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for the work completed behind the scenes.

Jim Nicholls, Chair of Croquet Australia, presented all the Trophies and was delighted to see all teams back competing after COVID.

All guests were spoilt with a great venue and a delicious menu.

*Top left: Croquet Australia CEO Mel Woosnam  
Bottom left: The Menu  
Right: Chair of Croquet Australia Jim Nicholls*



## AUSTRALIAN AC GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS

Greg Hill played extremely well to win the Gold Medal in his first appearance representing Victoria.

Ian Dumergue only dropped 2 games to win the Silver Medal.

Both players were also able to complete Triple Peels in some tough conditions.

**1** Winner of the Association ACA Gold Medal Greg Hill receives his Medal from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.

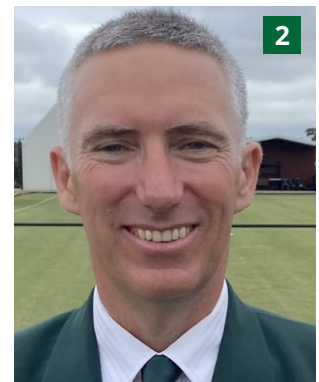
**2** Winner of the Association ACA Silver Medal Ian Dumergue.

**3** Winner of the Tasmanian Association ACA Bronze Medal Peter Ross receives medal from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.

**4** Winner of the NSW Association ACA Bronze Medal Stephen Richard's receives his medal from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.

**5** Winner of the South Australian ACA Association Bronze Medal Tim O'Leary receives his Medal from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.

**6** Dave Luxmoore winner of the Queensland ACA Association Bronze Medal receives his Medal from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.





# Australian Championships

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW SOUTH WALES

### 2023 Winners of the Interstate Cup

This was an exciting contest with the final result coming down to the last game between Victoria and New South Wales.

Tasmania also wrote themselves into the history books and finished with a solid 4th position. Their best result since 1982.

Special thanks to Katrina Petersen for Managing this Event, Mike Cohn and his team of referees and all the volunteers who spent hours preparing the lawns and putting in hoops for this event.

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A Happy Captain Peter Landrebe completes his thank you speech.



Winners of the 2023 Association Interstate Cup New South Wales. Trevor Bassett, Alison Sharpe, Pete Landrebe (Capt) Rosie Landrebe Stephen Richards Kerri-Ann Organ, Tim Murphy, Joanne Brown, Stephen Pearce (Reserve/Manager) Di Scott (Reserve) Sue Eldridge-Smith (Reserve).



Second Position Victoria. Stephen Forster (Coach), Tricia Devlin (Vice Capt) Greg Hill, Lois Kirk, Kevin Beard, Chris Eiffert, Chris Grant (Capt), Mignon Johnson, Andrew Wootton (Reserve), Elaine Coverdale (Reserve).



Third Position South Australia. David Short, Robyn Short, Tim O'Leary (Capt) Virginia Arney, Mark Senior, Shirley Howlett (Vice Capt), Murray Baum, Shirlene McBride, Greg Rowberry, Tracey Sincock, Lyn Parnell (Manager). Unfortunately Barry Jennings is a late withdrawal and special thanks to Greg Rowberry for filling in.



Fourth Position Tasmania. Peter Ross, Sue Beattie (Vice Capt), Callum Hyland (Capt/Manager), Jane Hyland, Tim Parker, Heather Lovell, John Hutchison, Elaine Anderson, John Lee Archer, Graham Hyland (Reserve).



Fifth Position Queensland. David Luxmoore (Capt), Yuni Rowell (Vice Capt), Greg Bury, Jacky Lynch, Lindsay David (Manager), Heather Knight, Keith Williamson, Kathie Grant, Donna Manning (Reserve) Wade Hart (Reserve) Rosemary Newsham (Reserve).



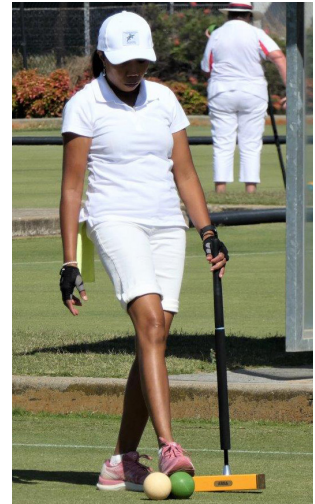
Sixth Position Western Australia. Alan Sands (Capt), Elizabeth Petrich, Eric Ayling, Dorothy Bull, Tim Barkes, Megan Fardon (Vice Capt), Gary Phipps, Jennifer Brand, Judy Nicholls.

# Australian AC Women's Singles Championship

Yuni Rowell is our new Australian AC Women's Singles Champion after defeating Rosie Landrebe in the final.

Yuni's roquets and hoop making was far superior throughout the competition and deserved to take the title.

Yuni's home club Coolangatta are planning a huge celebration.



Top: Rosemary Landrebe congratulates Yuni Rowell. Right: Yuni in action on her way to the final.

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## THE PRESENTATIONS



- 1** Winner of the Association Women's Singles Yuni Rowell receives her Trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 2** Runner Up of the Association Women's Singles Rosie Landrebe receives her Trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 3** Third Place in the Association Women's Singles Shirley McBride receives her Trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 4** Winner of the Y section in the Association Women's Singles Kerri Ann Organ receives her Trophy from Event Manager Katrina Petersen.
- 5** Winner of the Z section of the Association Women's Singles Alison Sharpe receives her Trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 6** Winner of the W section of the Association Women's Singles Shirley Howlett receives her Trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 7** Australian Women's Singles Championship Plate Winner Heather Lovell.
- 8** Winner of the Association Women's Singles Plate Event Heather Lovell receives her Trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 9** Runner Up in the Association Women's Singles Plate Event Jane Hyland receives her Trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.

# Australian A/C Mens Singles Championship

Robert Fletcher wins the Australian AC Men's Singles title after Malcolm Fletcher took the first game in the final 26-3 TP.

Robert completed 6 triple peels throughout the Championship and was far more consistent and in control than any of his opponents.

Malcolm also had a good tournament and completed 3 triple peels including a straight.



Robert and Malcolm after the final.



Robert in complete control.

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## THE PRESENTATIONS



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- 1 Robert Fletcher receiving the Mens Singles Trophy from ACA Board member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 2 Malcolm Fletcher receives his Men's Singles Runner's Up trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 3 Winner of the Y section in the Association Men's Singles Peter Landrebe receives his trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 4 Winner of the Z section of the Association Men's Singles Tim O'Leary receives his trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 5 Winner of the Association Singles Plate Event Stephen Pearce receives his trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.
- 6 Runner Up in the Association Men's Singles Plate Event Lindsay David receives his trophy from ACA Board Member Kerri Ann Organ.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

Around 15 years ago I was struggling on the tennis courts at Unley Park when Barry Haydon suggested I hop the fence and come and try Croquet. The move was the start of a long and enjoyable relationship with Hyde Park Croquet Club, its members and the game of those coloured balls.

When I started, we had less than 30 members in the club but now we have around 80 – it has been quite a transformation. I started playing GC and that has become my love. I competed in several national championships and was honoured to be a referee at the World Championships at Cairnlea in 2017 where I was one of the team responsible for the final. They tried to teach me AC but I couldn't handle the sitting down bit. I enjoyed Gateball at Hyde Park and played in 2 national championships, surprisingly representing Woodville Croquet Club as Hyde Park at that stage was not big enough to field a team.

My journey in life started with me growing up in Glynde where I resided until marrying. I was never much good at sports (and academics for that matter) and only really started playing tennis with some former school mates when I was at Uni. I played competition tennis for 20–30 years before jumping the fence and taking up croquet. I have an active interest in Aussie Rules and was a volunteer trainer with the Norwood Football Club before joining the Adelaide Football Club in 1997 as a trainer and more recently as a drink steward (we preferred to be called hydration engineers).

I started working for the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1972 until I decided what career path

I would follow. I retired after 35 years with ABS including 3 years working in Canberra.

My admin career in croquet started as club captain at Hyde Park before taking on the role of Golf Croquet Event Coordinator thanks to some arm-twisting by Heather White. I then gravitated to the role of GC Director when Heather stepped down which led to a place on the Croquet SA Board. I spent 4–5 years on the Board. During this time I also spent 2 years as an ACA Board member and for six months was administrator of ACA (usually a full time role) pending the replacement of the regular administrator.

Becoming President of Croquet SA is one more step up and I am pleased to have been encouraged and supported by several other new (or returning) Board members.

I have been married to Dianne for over 30 years now and have one daughter, Samantha. Outside of croquet, I have several other interests. The one taking most time is my membership of the DECCA Model Train Group where I am currently the secretary. I am also a volunteer for the SA Genealogy and Heraldry Society doing monitoring work on their website usage. In 2023 for the first time in over 15 years I will not be a volunteer with the Adelaide Football Club. In the end, something had to give for me to have time to be your President.



## VICTOR HARBOR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS Victor Harbor on your 100 years and well done on organising and having such a magnificent day.



## REGISTER NOW FOR THE ADELAIDE MASTERS GAMES

Join in the fun at the Australian Masters Games October 7th-14th 2023. You have no accommodation costs because it's in Adelaide (at North Adelaide Croquet Club and Norwood CC if numbers warrant that need).

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO EILEEN FERGUSON

A summary of Eileen's achievements are listed below:

### South Australian Croquet Association

- SA President, 2014-2020.
- SA Vice-President, 2011.
- SA Board Member, since 2002.
- SA State Coaching Director, 2002.
- SA Secretary, State Coaching Committee, 2000-2002.
- SA Life Member, since 2011.
- Member, since 1981. World Croquet Federation
- Committee Member, 2012 World Croquet Federation Tournament.

### Salisbury Croquet Club

- President, current.
- Secretary, 20 years.
- Committee Member, 40 years.
- Coach, 1994.
- Life Member, since 2000.
- Member, since 1980. Awards and Recognition include:
- Meritorious Service Award, Australian Croquet Association, 2010.



*Eileen Ferguson has received an (OAM) for service to croquet.*

## PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY CROQUET PROVIDES FOR ALL AGES

On Monday 6th February 2023, the GC 24+ pennant pit[1] ted Millswood against West Lakes/ Woodville, and possibly

the greatest player age difference ever seen in competition, with 18 year old Peter Crook playing as part of a doubles team against 91 year old Grant Lawrence, a difference of 73 years! Peter was impressed with Grant's touch commenting that Grant always put his ball exactly where it was needed no matter how far away he started. Peter also noted Grant's incredible consistency with roquets. Grant was happy to play against the youngster and was impressed with the spirit and respect shown by Peter. I can't think of any other competitive sport where such a match up would be possible and is testament to the unusual opportunities and diversity our wonderful game promotes. For those of you wondering about the result, experience won the day with Grant and Jill beating Greg and Peter 6-4.



*Geoff Crook Woodville Croquet Club.*



## WELL DONE CASSEY DE-VE NE

The 2023 Qld Open Golf Croquet Men's Singles winner is Cassey De-Vene from The Merthyr Croquet Club.

Congratulations also to Bob Martin for coming Runner up. Addison Mathews for winning the Y, Gordon Giles for winning the Z, Ron Schodel for winning the W.

Special thanks to the Eildon Croquet for hosting and the Referees.



Pat Habner President of CAQ presents Cassey De-Vene with his Trophy.



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## QLD INTERSTATE CUP PLAYER OF THE SERIES

Congratulations to Lindsay David for winning the QLD Interstate Cup Player of the Series Award.



QLD Captain Dave Luxmoore had great pleasure in announcing Lindsay as the 2023 winner.

Lindsay not only performed extremely in Melbourne, he was also the Team Manager. Well Done Lindsay.

## MARY MCMAHON DEFENDS HER TITLE

The 2023 Qld Open Golf Croquet Women's Singles winner is Mary McMahon from The Southport Croquet Club



Congratulations also to: Pop Petersen for coming Runners up, Gabby Spencer for winning the Y, Helen Rillie for winning the Z, Marilyn Nelson for winning the W.

Special Thanks to the Windsor and Stephens Croquet Clubs for hosting and the Referees.

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## QLD OPEN GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES

Congratulations Sidney Bates and Arthur Graf for winning the QLD Open Golf Croquet Doubles.

Once again the Eildon Croquet Club did a fantastic job hosting and catering for this event.

Special thanks to Megan Stuart for managing and the team of referees ( Ross Rillie, Deidre Giles, Sue Green, Gaye Pitman and Willy Silk).

It was great to see so many new faces and entries. Well Done Everyone.



All participants and Referees on Day 1.



Greg Kerswell and Cynthia Tacey present Sidney Bates and Arthur Graf with the Trophy.

## GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AT STEPHENS CROQUET CLUB

The Mango Jam Jazz Orchestra Concert was another huge success at the Stephens Croquet Club.



A huge crowd gathered early with their rugs and deck chairs to enjoy the performance. If in Brisbane be sure to put the next one in your calendar at Frederick St (off Villa St)

Well Done Stephens Croquet Club on this great initiative.

## MORETON 2022 VOLUNTEER AWARD

Michael Eddiehausen wins the Moreton 2022 Volunteer Award in recognition of the outstanding voluntary contribution to the Community in the Federal electorate of Moreton.



*Michael Eddiehausen receiving his Award.*

Michael has been a long term member of the Graceville Croquet Club since the 1980's. Michael has made a major contribution to the operation and welfare of the club.

Michael has served the club in many roles over the years including President, Lawns Director, Coach, Membership Officer, Facilities Manager, Project Manager, Grants Manager and IT Trainer.

A big congratulations to Michael and well deserved.

## THE EILDON BALLYCARA GALA DAY WAS EVENTFUL!

Thirty-two players began in an atmosphere thick with humidity and overcast skies.

This didn't prevent a fun day of croquet which almost got completed before the heavens opened up a downpour on proceedings.

Sadly the last game could not be completed before players had to retire to the deck to witness the deluge.

The scorer's final ladder had these results:  
 Winners Block A – Jannene Wall and Judy Fairclough  
 Runners up – Les Watson and Ruth F Barnsley.  
 Winners Block B – Rino Parella and Joan Gleason  
 Runners up – Liz Fleming and Jan McNee.



## BRISBANE NORTH REGION GATEBALL PENNANTS

The Brisbane North Region Gateball Pennants was held Saturday 23rd February at the Moreton Bay Gateball Club. Teams from Eildon, Moreton Bay and Pine Rivers competed. Congratulations to Moreton Bay Gateball Club who won the event and will progress to the Inter-Regional Final at Rockhampton in May. Thank you to our hosts Moreton Bay Gateball Club for the wonderful hospitality and catering.



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## RICOCHET GALA DAY AT BRIBIE ISLAND

Twenty players participated in the event with 8 Clubs taking part – Hervey Bay, Range-Maleny, Headland-Buderim, Caloundra, Bribie, Eildon, Toowoomba West & Southport.

Everyone played 4 games of doubles and changed partners after every game.

The winners were: 1st Julia Tai – Southport won all 4 games & scored the most hoops. 2nd Lynette Evans – Range – Maleny Club also won 4 games. 3rd Joan Gleason – Bribie won 3 games. Joy Wright – won the raffle.

It was great to see so many people enjoying Ricochet. Special thanks to Bribie Island for hosting.



## NEW FLOORING FOR HEADLAND BUDERIM

Headland Buderim Croquet Club have been upgraded with some new flooring after the water damage last May.



## NSW WOMENS GC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Jill Sullivan, winner of the NSW Women's GC Championships and to Sue Sellers, runner up.



*Peter Freer and Jill Sullivan. Peter Freer and Sue Sellers.*

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## FAMILY GET TOGETHER AT CHATSWOOD CROQUET CLUB

Chatswood Croquet Club recently hosted another family get together for a group of 25.

None of the 25 party-goers had played before, but were all interested to give it a go.

A good time was had by all!!!



## SOME GREAT RESULTS FROM THE "COME AND TRY" DAYS

Branxton had 2 try, with one joining and the other coming back later. Cessnock had 10 try, with 4 coming back to have another turn. EDSACC had 17 try, with some coming back for a second time. Mt Sugarloaf had 8 try, with one person joining. Maitland had none try, but have had a lot of new members join in the last few months. Moonan – haven't yet reported. Myall Park said they had a successful morning. Nelson Bay had 11 try, with some coming back for coaching and 2 new members. Newcastle had 24 try, with 12 coming back for a coaching session. Pelican had only 1 try. Toronto had 8 people try on the day with others coming in the following days, resulting in 12 new members. Well Done Everyone!

## CANBERRA CELEBRATED ITS 95TH ANNIVERSARY

Tony Hall cuts the Canberra Croquet Club 95th Anniversary cake that was kindly donated by club president Greg Diprose.



## RAINBOW CROQUET A HUGE SUCCESS

It was a gloriously colourful afternoon of croquet at the Marrickville Croquet Club.



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## VALE BEVERLEY JUNE SMITH "BEV"

1944–2023

Bev contributed a great deal to croquet and was a very active member at the Maitland Croquet Club. As the State Director for Refereeing, Bev enjoyed helping others and passing on her knowledge.



A wonderful Lady with a great sense of humour who will be remembered by so many.



## TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PENNANTS

Read the excellent summary below from the Marrickville Croquet Club Coaching Team. It explains in detail the benefits your club will receive by participating.

As we come into the interclub pennants season, and our club gets a bit busier, an explanation of what pennants are all about might be useful. Pennants involve the club fielding teams in divisions defined by handicap for a series of test matches of singles and doubles games with other clubs. Four members play on the day, but teams can have alternates and reserves. It might be thought that pennants play is something for the 'serious' players in the club, except that we know everyone who bothers to join and play at our club at any level is serious about their croquet. The key point from the club perspective is that the pennants team is actually the whole club. We all contribute, and we all reap the reward of participation.

It was a signature milestone 3 years ago for Marrickville Croquet Club when we had grown and developed enough to field our first pennants team: and we won our region. This helped put MCC on the croquet map, and we have all benefited from the club's enhanced reputation as we continued to field strong Division 3 teams and then a Division 2 team as well. Winning can be nice but consistent with our club philosophy participation counts most. Pennants should not impact overly on

## THE MEM CHALLENGE

Mosman, Elanora and Manly croquet clubs held a two day event at Mosman and Manly in February called the MEM Challenge. This is the second Challenge: last year Div. 3 singles and this year a Div. 2 playing with a Div. 3 player giving an opportunity for our Div. 3 players to play with/against better players. John Tew and Jane

## TEMPE TO HOST INAUGURAL RICOCHET EVENT

Contact Ray Chapman or Peter Freer for more details.

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general club activities. From time to time, the lawn may be needed to stage a 'home' game as required of the club. We will give as much notice of this as we can. Pennants players may become a little more focused than usual, so please bear with them. However, club play sessions remain as open to all members as normal.

Even if you don't see yourself as a competitive player, you can make a positive contribution to the club by showing support and enthusiasm for those who are. In their turn, they gain valuable experience and have increased skills to share with those who wish to improve their game. It is actually vital to the club to have a pipeline of developing players who might ultimately play in a team, because as our best players continue on their winning way they become progressively ineligible to play in higher handicap divisions. So, your support will be appreciated as the season unfolds, and who knows, you may feel inspired to join in. You'll be welcome!

MCC club coaching team



Trousdale from Manly won the challenge against Richard Shields and David Adams from Elanora in the finals. All in all, a great event. Well done.

## READ THE LATEST NEWSLETTER

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## GOULBURN VALLEY ASSOCIATION A/C CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Rich River Croquet Club hosted the Goulburn Valley Association AC Champion of Champions.

In Division 1, Kenn Boal Rich River, was declared Champion after being uncontested.

Two very close, high scoring games were played in Division 2 with John Young of Mooroopna prevailing over Russell Smyth, Rich River.

Helen Hastie, Mooroopna won both games against John James, Rich River to become the Division 3 Champion.

Four players competed in Division 4 with David 'Doc' Ryant Rich River, winning all 3 games ahead of Brian Harwood, Mooroopna on 2 games.

All winners earned the right to play in the Regional Championships held at Swan Hill between April 16th and 19th.



*Doc Ryant, John Young, Kenn Boal and Helen Hastie.*

## VICTORIAN GATEBALL STATE DOUBLES

Congratulations to Elaine and Cheryl who won the Victorian State Gateball Doubles event at Kew Croquet Club on Sunday 26th March. Maxine and Alec were the runners up.



[VIEW RESULTS](#)

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Kyneton Croquet Club hosting a visit from Kyneton Scouts and Cubs.



## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR CROQUET VICTORIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC

After nearly three years without paid administrative support, Croquet Victoria is trialling a contract arrangement to help the elected officers with their administrative responsibilities.

We welcome Diana Dib Barbar, of ABC Professional Translators, who will be dealing with administration tasks and handling post, email and telephone queries for up to 15 hours a week.

Diana lives near the Victorian Croquet Centre and she has been helping with deliveries and visitors to VCC for some months.

If you have an administrative query for Croquet Victoria, please start by checking the website – [www.croquetvic.asn.au](http://www.croquetvic.asn.au). If you can't find what you need, or if you have information you want to pass on, please contact Diana in the first instance. Examples: accessing the Manage Your Club

page on the website; checking where to find your 2023 Public Liability Insurance certificate; notifying Croquet Victoria of a change in club or regional office bearers.

Diana can be contacted by email at [administration@croquetvic.asn.au](mailto:administration@croquetvic.asn.au) or by phone on 0459 508 728.

If you ring her please be prepared to leave a message – she has other commitments during the day, and she will generally be following up calls in the late afternoon. If the matter is urgent please email Kate Patrick, Croquet Victoria President, at [president@croquetvic.asn.au](mailto:president@croquetvic.asn.au).



## BEST WISHES AND THANK YOU DORIS LANYON



*Doris Lanyon.*

A special afternoon was held to celebrate the contribution and to say farewell to Doris Lanyon. Doris is leaving Hamilton to be closer to family.

Doris has been extremely active at the Hamilton Croquet Club over a long period of time –

coaching, filling various executive roles, umpiring, organising grants and spending hours painting skirting boards of the new club house.

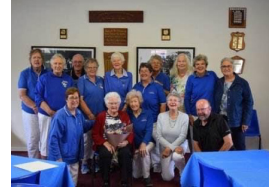
Together with her husband Bert, Doris was one of the main movers in securing the new club house.

Doris played Croquet for more than 40 years and was a hard opponent to beat.

Members from Portland Croquet Club and Warrnambool Croquet Club together with the South West Region President Cicely

Fenton, also expressed their appreciation for all the hard work Doris contributed to the Region.

Doris was presented with bouquets of flowers together with the best wishes of all members past and present.



*Hamilton, Portland and Warrnambool members say thank you.*

## GOULBURN VALLEY ASSOCIATION GOLF CROQUET CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The 2023 “Champion of Champions” golf croquet event was held at Shepparton Croquet Club on 15th and 16th March.

Club Champions from our eight member clubs competed in a three-division round robin to see who would represent us against champions from Associations around Victoria and southern NSW.

The Division 1 winner was Russ Smyth of Rich River. The Division 2 winner was Peter Whittakers of Deniliquin. The Division 3 winner was Vienna Betts of Shepparton.

The event was played in warm, sunny weather in a competitive yet friendly atmosphere and made for two very enjoyable days for both competitors and spectators. The hard work of Shepparton Croquet Club, organisers, caterers and referees was greatly appreciated.



## ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PLAYING CROQUET



Year seven students from St Joseph's College enjoyed croquet at Rich River on Monday and Tuesday. The groups of 20 students were taught the basics of croquet and then showed off their skills in a game. The students rotated through other activities along with croquet. Many of the students and teachers expressed surprised at how much fun Croquet is so hopefully it will inspire some future champions.

## CONGRATULATIONS KEW BLUE

Congratulations to Kew Blue who won the Victorian State Gateball Championship held today. Runners up were Strathfield from NSW. It was fantastic to see so many new players at their first tournament. Thank you to Kew Croquet Club for the fabulous hospitality and catering.



[VIEW RESULTS](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS JANICE DAVIDSON

Janice Davidson (nee Bell), one of the up and coming players at Sorrento was recently inducted into the Hall of Champions for Hockey. Janice was a forward and played for WA 1974-1981 and Australia 1974-1980. Well done Janice, what an awesome honour.



## CROQUETWEST LADIES INVITATIONAL 6

Congratulations to the 6 ladies who were selected to play in the Ladies Invitational at Nedlands on the weekend.

- Robyn Dart – Busselton
- Joyce Carbone – Gosnells
- Wendy Collins – Dunsborough
- Helen Quicke – Moorabinda
- Debra Bowling – Moorabinda
- Lesley Storey -Forrest Park



*Robyn Dart and Joyce Carbone.*

The winner wasn't determined until the final match between Joyce and Robyn. Joyce eventually came out on top 7-4, 5-7, 7-3.

**FULL RESULTS**

## A GREAT INITIATIVE

Cambridge Croquet Club now have a mud map for all their visitors. Well done Alan.



## NIGHT PLAY AT FORREST PARK

What's so great about this comp is that new players are encouraged to play competition.

Not only is it fun (aka addictive), it's flexible with scheduling of games, no handicap cards, and let's not forget supper!



## A NEW "COME AND TRY" CONCEPT IN WA

Lake Monger Recreation Club are holding a "Come and Try" event to showcase all the local sporting clubs.



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## CONGRATULATIONS IAN DUMERGUE

Ian just recently won the Australian AC Silver Medal at the Victorian Croquet Centre. Congratulations and well done Ian.



**FULL RESULTS**



## THE OVER 65'S GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

York Croquet Club hosted the over 65's Golf Croquet Tournament on the weekend of the 18th/19th of March.

As usual the weekend was very enjoyable with lots of food camaraderie and friendly competition among the players.

Congratulations to Peter Hamilton from The Como Croquet Club who was the eventual winner and also to the runners up John Gartner and Sue Sachse.

After our delicious dinner Saturday evening the raffle was drawn and won by Kaye Anderson and Dorothy Fairclough respectively.

Thank you Maureen Knox for doing such a great job as The Tournament Manager.



## YORK CROQUET CHALLENGE

Every Tuesday evening in February the York Croquet Club hosted the York Croquet Challenge.

This competition is for non-Club members with none or limited knowledge and experience of the game.

As usual it was hotly contested and lots of fun was had over the four weeks.

Congratulations to the winners Jono and Rachel and runners up were Bendigo bank represented by Robin and Selina who have previously been winners for many years.



## HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY BOB ASHWORTH

On Friday 24th February Bob Ashworth celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends at Settlers House family restaurant in York.

Bob is an old and respected identity of York having lived there all his life.

Bob has been an avid player and member of the York Croquet Club for many years.

He is mostly always first to arrive at the club on game days/nights helping to set up the courts and one of the last to leave.

Further celebrations were held with members at the York Croquet Club.

We wish you many more active years and good health.



## DUNSBOROUGH RICOCHET DOUBLES

A field of 8 pairs played in the inaugural ricochet doubles event at Dunsbrough. In what turned out to be a very tight competition, Dorothy and Denis Bull from York managed to top the table.



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## A CROQUET FAMILY

Tasmania this year had three members of the same family in the state Eire Cup team, Jane and Graham Hyland and their son Callum.

This extraordinary sporting family have turned their hand to croquet after excelling in many other sports.

Jane, who is the current Secretary of the Tasmanian Croquet Association, represented Australia in badminton at the 1982 Commonwealth Games and has won "about 25" State titles in the sport.

She represented Tasmania in golf for many years and has won Australian and US women's championships in Real Tennis.

Her husband Graham was a professional Real Tennis player and champion and was at one time rated number two in the world. He also represented Tasmania in badminton.

Their son Callum, a colourful croquet identity, took up the game at the age of 19. He is a dedicated AC player and has been Captain of the Tasmanian Eire Cup team since 2015. Callum is one of the top AC players in the country and has



earned a place in the field for the 2023 AC World Championships in England in July.

Callum has also won several Australian Climbing Championships.

With such an outstanding record of sporting achievement, we are indeed lucky to now have the Hylands in the Tasmanian croquet community.

## NRCC MIXED HANDICAP PENNANT

Labrobe Red win the NRCC Mixed Handicap Pennant after a 6-6 countback.



*Labrobe Red pennant team.*

## TASMANIAN MEN'S OPEN GOLF CROQUET SINGLES

Congratulations Phil Roach winning the Tasmanian Men's Golf Croquet Singles undefeated.

Congratulations Graeme Price for coming Runner Up.



*Phil Roach*

*Graeme Price*

## TASMANIAN OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Peter Ross wins the Tasmanian AC Open Singles.



*Peter Ross and Ian Bassett.*

## WELL DONE CURTIS AND JAMIE

Tasmanian representatives of the World Golf Croquet Under 21 Championships Curtis Mead and Jamie Fleming.



*Curtis Mead and Jamie Fleming.*

## TASMANIAN WOMEN'S OPEN GOLF CROQUET SINGLES

Congratulations Patsy Paine winning the Tasmanian Women's Golf Croquet Singles. Congratulations Carol Hanigan for coming Runner Up.



*Patsy Paine and Carol Hanigan.*

## TASMANIAN AC OPEN DOUBLES

Congratulations John Hutchinson and Noel Davies for winning the 2023 Tasmanian AC Open Doubles.



*Ian Bassett, John Hutchinson and Noel Davies.*

## ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR AUSTRALIA'S RICHEST GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

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## MAN OF MANY TALENTS



*John Hutchinson*

## THANKS BOB



*Bob Beattie refereeing at the recent Interstate Cup in Melbourne.*

## CROQUET AUSTRALIA STRATEGY DAY

SportAus / AIS and ACA are in the process of building a “Whole of Sport Strategy” for Croquet/ Gateball in Australia.

A Strategy Day was held at the Victorian Croquet Centre with National and State representatives invited from each state.

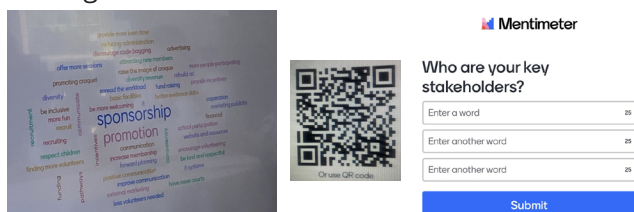
Our special thanks to Laura Giblett and Michael Fox from the AIS for coordinating the session. Laura and Michael also provided Croquet Australia with a strategy presentation and workshops.

Participants now have some clarity on our current landscape and our future direction.

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Menti.com Surveys were used to gather feedback within the room.

Participants simply scanned the barcode provided and were given questions to answer. Findings were then reviewed on a live screen.



If your Association or club wish to conduct your own surveys then click on the button below.

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## ACA/SPORTAUS FACILITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

The Facility Inspection Checklist is designed to assist clubs in correctly identifying and proactively managing and mitigating risks to its members and patrons. Sports clubs owe a duty of care to players, officials, volunteers, and spectators to ensure that the facilities used are as safe as possible.

It is necessary to conduct regular site inspections to ensure that a club’s facilities and their safety procedures remain up to date. Identifying risks before they occur can reduce a club’s exposure to claims for property damage, public liability, personal accident and injury, as well as possible legal action.

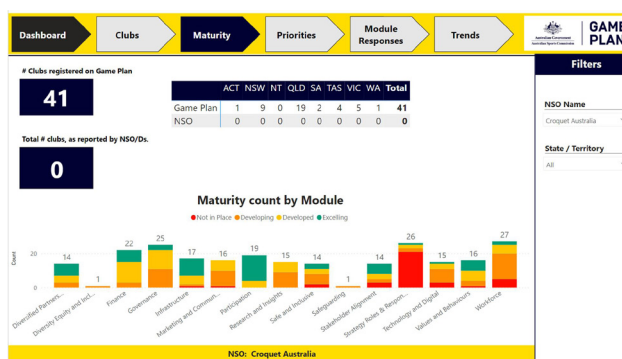
## GAME PLAN

Is a free online platform that allows sporting clubs of all sizes to get insights into their current capability in key areas of clubs administration, then supports ongoing club development with a suite of tools. Currently there are 41 Croquet Clubs signed into Game Plan.

### Key elements of Game Plan



### Current National Dashboard Summary



To find out how game plan can be used in your club click the button below.

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## PETER TRACEY AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP AT KINGSTON

Stalwart of croquet in Tasmania, Peter Tracey, was presented with Life Membership of the Kingston CC at their recent AGM.

At the Kingston Croquet Club's Annual General Meeting in March, President Di Hollier presented Peter Tracey with Life Membership of the Club.

Peter joined Kingston in 2012 and was President in 2016/2017. He has been an active force in Tasmanian croquet, a leading promoter of junior croquet and Treasurer of Croquet Tasmania.

He is a current Referee for both AC and GC, an Examining Referee and a Level 3 Coach for GC as well as Deputy Presenter and Assessor for the training of coaches and Tournament Manager for many competitions.

Peter has had a particular interest in the development of junior croquet. He is currently State Junior Coordinator and has been a member of the ACA Junior Players sub-committee.

He is passionate about making croquet a sport for all ages and levels of players and has been a strong advocate of the game throughout Tasmania and mainland Australia. He becomes just the fifth member of this exclusive group of Life Members of the Kingston Croquet Club.



*Peter receiving the award from KCC President Di Hollier.*

## 2023 WINNER OF THE GOLD COAST SPIRIT OF SPORT MEDAL

### Congratulations Barbara Northcoatt

The Gold Coast Spirit of Sports Medal is awarded to an Athlete, Coach, Administrator or Volunteer who through their long and meritorious involvement in either their chosen sport or in sporting pursuits generally demonstrates the true meaning of sportsmanship.

The Medal is in honour of the late Daphne Pirie MBE AO The founder of Women's Sport Queensland and an inductee in both the Queensland Sport Hall of Fame and The Hockey Queensland Hall of Fame.

A former Captain/Coach of the QLD Veteran Women's Hockey Team, Barbara went on to play, coach, represent and volunteer for her local croquet club and state/national Associations.

Well Done and Thank you Barbara for your contribution to Croquet and Gateball over a significant period of time.





# World Croquet Federation Upcoming Events

## STEPHEN FORSTER WINS THE CROQUET INNOVATIONS TOURNAMENT IN FLORIDA

Off the back of a gruelling  
Eire Cup campaign in  
Melbourne Stephen Forster  
has had a hard-fought  
battle in the final to beat  
Ben Rothman 26otp-24.  
The prestigious event in  
Florida saw a field of all  
Mac players competing.



Congratulations and Well Done Stephen!!!

## 2023 ASSOCIATION CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2023 Association Croquet World  
Championship will be held between 15 - 23 July  
2023 at clubs in South West London. The lead  
club will be the Hurlingham Club, which will be  
the venue for the finals, but significant parts of  
the championship may also be held at Dulwich  
Croquet Club, Ealing Croquet Club, Roehampton  
Club, Surbiton Croquet Club and Woking Lawn  
Tennis and Croquet Club.

Good Luck to our Australian Representatives  
Robert Fletcher, Malcom Fletcher, Ed Wilson,  
Dwayne McCormick and Stephen Forster.

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## WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## 2023 WOMEN'S GOLF CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



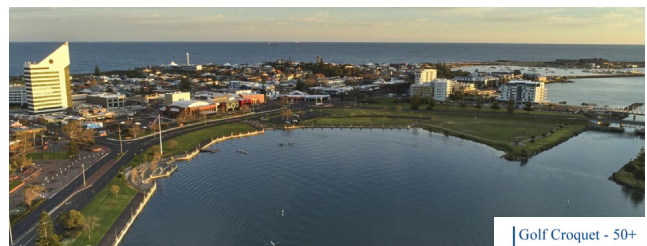
The 2023 Women's Golf Croquet World  
Championship will be held at Sussex County  
Croquet Club in West Sussex, England between  
Monday 7th August to Monday 14th August 2023.

Good luck to our Australian Representatives Jamie  
Gumbrell , Gerda Lambeck and Kate McLoughlin.



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## 2023 OVER 50'S GOLF CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2023 Over 50's Golf Croquet  
World Championship will be held in  
Western Australia between Saturday 14th October  
2023 to Saturday 21st October 2023.

It will be held at two venues, the Moorabinda  
Croquet Club (MCC) and the Bunbury Tennis Club  
(BTC). There are six courts at Moorabinda and 2 at  
the Bunbury club.

Good luck to our Australian Representatives Gary  
Phipps, Peter Landrebe, Marty Clarke, Lester Hughes,  
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## TWO OF THE WORLDS GREATEST REMEMBERED

### VALE John Prince

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of CNZ Life Member John Graham Prince. John passed away peacefully in hospital on the evening of Tuesday 14 February at the age of 77. John is survived by his wife Sue and their two sons.



John first came in contact with croquet at the age of 14 at the NaeNae Croquet Club in Lower Hutt and soon after Ashley Heenan took him under his wing and coached John. At age 17 John was a surprise selection for the 1963 MacRobertson Shield, a selection he justified by beating John Solomon, arguably the best player in the world at the time, in the Test Match against England.

John represented New Zealand in 9 MacRobertson Shield campaigns and managed the team on another occasion. John also captained the team on five occasions including two MacRobertson Shield wins in 1979 in New Zealand and in 1986 in Great Britain.

He set 3 MacRobertson World records by being the youngest player to compete, by playing in 9 MacRobertson series and becoming the first player to play 100 matches.

On 30 March 1970, at Hastings during the final of the Hawkes Bay Easter Invitation, John became the first player to complete a sextuple peel in a competition. Over the years, John amassed an impressive number of national titles, including the NZ Open 8 times, NZ Doubles 11 times, NZ Men's 9 times, and Best Ten or Eight 8 times.

John was also involved in the administration of the game with various roles on the New Zealand Croquet Council. John, following in the footsteps of his own mentor Ashley Heenan, was generous with his support, encouragement and mentoring of young players including a young Paddy Chapman.

John was a Life Member of the United Croquet Club in Christchurch, the Canterbury Croquet Association and Croquet New Zealand. John was also made an Honorary Life Member of the Croquet Association in England.

John was an inductee to the Croquet New Zealand Hall of Fame as well as the World Croquet Federation Hall of Fame.

Outside of croquet John was a gifted artist.

This is a sad day for croquet in New Zealand and around the world. Our thoughts are with John's family.

*From Croquet NZ Facebook page*

### VALE Bob Jackson

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Robert Vernon 'Bob' Jackson. Bob passed away peacefully on Sunday morning at the age of 92. Bob is survived by his wife Mary and his three sons.



Bob's croquet achievements include representing New Zealand in both Association Croquet as well as Golf Croquet. Bob was selected for nine MacRobertson Shield teams playing in seven events, as well as playing in three Trans-Tasman Golf Croquet Tests. Bob also represented New Zealand in Singles World Championships in both Association and Golf Croquet.

Bob won a record 14 New Zealand Singles Open Championships in Association Croquet between 1975 and 2003 and 10 New Zealand Doubles Open Championships between 1972 and 1990. Bob also won three national singles as well as three national doubles titles in Golf Croquet.

He won 13 New Zealand Men's Championships and 2 Mixed Doubles Championships playing with his wife Mary.

Bob also won many titles overseas and there are too many to list them all.

Bob was arguably the best croquet player in the world during the 1970's and 80's being the first player to complete an octuple peel, not once but twice in consecutive games.

Before taking up croquet Bob was also a New Zealand Champion in table tennis.

This is a sad day for croquet around the world and our thoughts are with Bob's family.

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**Note.** If you are considering taking supplements, I'd recommend getting professional advice first.

- No supplement is completely safe
- Natural doesn't mean safe
- If it works, it is probably banned

**Beware :** Many supplements contain substances that are banned in sport

- This may be from contamination at production
- Labels often don't list all the substances that are present
- **Hidden Supplements** can occur in food such as protein balls from a café. You don't know the source of the extra protein. It may contain a banned substance.

## If you choose to take a supplement

- Use a supplement that has been batch tested ie screened by an independent company such as HASTA

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- They can't guarantee these completely, but are significantly less risky than non-screened supplements
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- I suggest you download it and use it

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**Dr Karen Bisley**

- GlobalDRO provides a list of many supplements ingredients that can be checked individually. **However** often all ingredients are not listed. To complicate matters some ingredients are listed by alternative names.

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**QLD:** Burleigh Heads/Palm Beach); Caloundra; Noosa; Sunny Side (Bundaberg); Graceville; Bribie Island; Bundaberg; SouthPort; The Range Maleny; Ipswich; Windsor; Albury;

**WA:** East Fremantle; Cambridge;

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