

## 2019 Australian National Championships Butler Pairs

You are invited to play in the **Australian Butler Pairs\*** at the Australian National Championships (ANC) to be held in Melbourne at the Bayview Eden on Queens Road from July 13<sup>th</sup>– July 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

The Australian Butler Pairs is one of the most prestigious events on the calendar and the list of past winners and place-getters reads like a Who's Who of Australian Bridge. For many years the top 3 placegetters formed the Australian Team – such is the prestige of the event. With \$5,000 in cash prizes and other prizes on offer this event will be very popular.

The first week of the championships is the Interstate Teams. Even if you didn't make one of your State teams there are lots of side events to play during this week in the [Bridge Fringe Festival](#).

Stage One of the TBIB Open Butler PAIRS starts on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July after the completion of the Interstate events and runs for 2 days. The top 20 pairs qualify for Stage Two which is held over 4 days from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Stage One is open to all players. You can, of course, choose just to play stage one of the event.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> the TBIB Seniors' Butler and the TBIB Women's Butler commence (as does Stage 2 of the Open). Stage One of these events is over two days and Stage Two runs for another 2 days. In addition there are two ANC Swiss Pairs events on the Mon/Tues following Stage One of the Butler and on the Wed/Thurs following Stage 1 of the

Seniors' and Women's.

For restricted players the TBIB Restricted Butler Pairs is held in conjunction with Stage One of the Open on the weekend of July 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>. Players in this event can choose to stay on and play in either the Seniors or Women's if eligible, or choose to play one or both of the ANC Swiss Pairs events the following week. This means you can plan 6 days of top class bridge in these events.

The Interstate Pairs on the Thurs/Fri of the preceding week is open to all players with the proviso that both players of a pair come the same state

The venue will be familiar to all people who have played the VCC in recent years. The Bayview Eden is close to the city and a number of tram services run down St Kilda Road which is just behind the venue.

For full details click this link <http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/anc/2019/>

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[Enter Online](#) but contact for questions/changes

We hope to see you here in Melbourne for the 2019 Australian National Championships!

**\* Butler Pairs is a form of scoring where your score is compared to the average of the scores in the event and converted to imps. The general strategy is that of teams; it doesn't matter which game/slam you're in; make your contract; don't worry about overtricks – they are nice though!**