

Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival 2019 Circular #1



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Friendly competition, prizes and gold points.....

Many thanks to those who have entered the various events over our four day long weekend (for those of us lucky enough to live in the ACT or NSW). For those of you still hanging back, please don't because it is harder to prepare properly when entries come in at the last minute. This is a pre-entry event - you cannot just rock up. Also payment must be made on or before Wednesday 25 September - we are not collecting cash at the event. Entries after that are at my discretion. Come and see our fantastic venue at the Eastlake Club, Gungahlin. The staff here have been bending over backwards to make us feel welcome so please let's all be on our best behaviour and respectful of others. Please take the time to read some of the additional information below because it relates to important matters like food services at the venue, when to arrive and where to park and how to enter and pay. Justine Beaumont, Tournament Organiser.

**CANBERRA IN BLOOM
BRIDGE FESTIVAL 2019**



Friday 4th October – Monday 7th October 2019
NEW EVENT: UAL & JOHN BROOKWELL MIXED TEAMS

EASTLAKE FOOTBALL CLUB
51 Hinder Street
GUNGAHLIN

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AN ABF GOLD MASTERPOINT TOURNAMENT
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Online entries will be via <http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/cib/2019> with secure credit card facility.



[Download the 2019
CIB Brochure HERE](#)



BRIDGE STARTS 10.00 EVERY DAY

But please don't arrive before 9.15 am! The Club and its dedicated underground car parking will not open until 9.15 am so unless you want to hang around try and time arrival after 9.15 am. Plus everyone will need to sign in on the sheets provided. Thanks.

Make sure you come to the right place



OK, we are being a bit paranoid but we have good reason. A couple of years ago, players went to the wrong club venue in Woden! So, to be clear the venue is the new **Eastlake Club at 51 Hinder Street, Gungahlin**. The venue is not the Canberra Racecourse, the Eastlake Football Club at Kingston or the Gungahlin Lakes Golf and Community Club in Nicholls. A location map can be found [here](#).



Bistro and cafe

Gungahlin Eastlake has a roomy light filled bistro where you can get the usual classics at reasonable prices. Opening hours are 12-2pm and 5.30-9pm. There is also a separate cafe with a wide range of bar snacks and a barista coffee service which opens daily at 11am. Why not stay on after play and give it a try instead and let us know what you think.



Arrival, Coffee and Lunch

The Club have been extremely generous as regards the room hire cost. We have asked them to put on a self-service tea and coffee service from 9.15 am to 11 am to cover the period until their cafe opens. Please help yourself. After this service ends, players are invited to purchase drinks at the bars and cafe. For lunch, we are operating a pre-order service to cope with the expected demand. However, you can still buy snacks etc at the cafe.

BRIDGE PLAYERS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED NOT TO BRING THEIR OWN FOOD AND DRINK INTO THE GUNGAHLIN CLUB FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES. PLEASE RESPECT CLUB POLICIES IN THIS REGARD

How to enter and pay

Pre-entry is required for all events with full payment with entry but definitely on or before Wednesday 25 September.

Here are the few easy steps to submitting an online entry by credit card with full payment.

1. Have your credit card ready - either Visa or Mastercard.
2. Just [CLICK HERE](#) and Select the Event you wish to enter from the Select A Competition menu.
3. Type in your names and ABF numbers and leave details of your email and phone number in the contact details box.
4. The payment defaults do not need to be changed for full payment by credit card. Simply click on the Submit this Entry to.....Button at the bottom of the screen.
5. The next screen offers the choice of submitting another entry (like the continue shopping on most shopping carts) so go back and enter another entry if you wish to. Repeat this step as often as you need to.
6. When you have finished all your entries, click on the highlighted blue link "Click here to pay all entries by using eWay secure payment gateway". You will be taken to the secure eWay credit card payment site to enter your credit card details. Check the payment

required matches what you expect and if it does click the highlighted payment button.

7. Any problems ring Judith Tobin on 0421759614.



Don't want to play the whole weekend or your spouse/partner doesn't play. Then why not visit some of Canberra's special exhibits or hidden gems? Here are a few ideas.

1. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA: The Antarctic Experience (booking and tickets); Painting on Country: 5 senior artists reinvigorate ancestors' practice of painting on the Land.

<https://www.nma.gov.au>

2. NATIONAL GALLERY: Contemporary Worlds: Indonesia, established and emerging artists from Bali, Bandung, Yogyakarta; Yahoo Kusama, Infinity Room, The Spirits of Pumpkins Descended into the Heavens 2015. <https://www.nga.gov.au>

3. NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE: John Farnham: The Voice; Graham Kennedy: The King. <https://nfsa.gov.au>

4. FLORIADE 2019 - see website for more details - <https://floriadeaustralia.com/program/>

5. LIGHT RAIL: Canberra's Trams are up and running, AND, as luck would have the line runs from the city centre all the way to Gungahlin, SO CLOSE to the Gungahlin Club. So handy for CIB participants. Tickets cost \$5.00 single journey (\$2.50 concession), \$9.60 for a return (\$4.80 concession) and can be bought at any tram stop.



Steve Weil who has handled the ABF account at TBIB for several years.



We are grateful for TBIB's continued sponsorship of Canberra in Bloom, and look forward to conducting a lucky door prize on Saturday, courtesy of TBIB.