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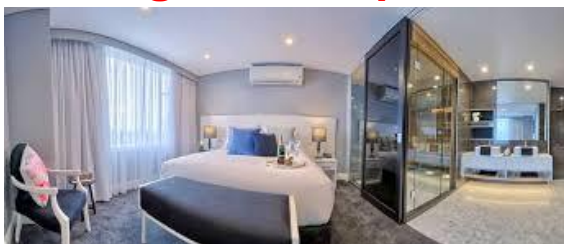
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What's new with the Rex in 2019?

Moving in 2018 to our new Summer Festival venue was not without some teething problems and lessons learned, so since January, we have been working hard with the Rex Functions Group to significantly improve the playing conditions for 2019. The most important changes are as follows:

- more space for **more tables**. We appreciated the understanding of our regular players that in 2018 the table capacity at the Rex was only 140 tables. While this was mostly enough when the teams events were on, entries to the middle weekend Swiss Pairs had to be closed off and we could not accommodate everyone. This was disappointing for those who could not get in for which we apologise. For 2019, we are getting extra space in an area behind Reception (where the former Brasserie was located plus we will use the Great Room Foyer for extra tables. The increased table capacity should address this problem in 2019.
- **less crowding** in the Great Room. Some tables will be removed from rows at the northern end of the Great Room to make it safer and easier to access the toilets during play. With tables being placed in the Great Room Foyer, entry/exit from the Great Room will be through the main East Doors which will also permit better traffic corridors.
- the Great Room toilets will be female only and not unisex.
- the main Help Desk and ABF Desk will relocate to Hotel reception and our Sponsors will relocate to the Grand Ballroom Foyer.
- the long awaited, **new 120 seat restaurant on the 5th Floor will open** in time for the Summer Festival of Bridge 2019 increasing the catering options and break out spaces at the hotel. New toilets will also be built on the 5th Floor servicing the restaurant and both bar areas (no more trips down the lift!).

Same great independent service, comfy rooms, stylish bars,



For those of you fortunate enough to have stayed at the Rex, you know the great service you get from one of Canberra's leading independent and locally owned hotels. The attentive staff, comfortable suites and rooms and the amazing rooftop bar with a stunning 180-degree view of Canberra's inner north. And now, a 120-seat restaurant on the 5th Floor. For information on the 2019 Rates at the Rex and how to make

your booking, please go to <https://au01.iqwebbook.com/CRHCAN355/~/>



If you are checking in at the Rex in January, read on...

The Rex Hotel staff will be ready to welcome all of its guests with bookings in January 2019 and would like to make that process as easy and speedy as possible after many of you have had long journeys. The Rex would like all booked guests to note the following important booking conditions prior to check in that will greatly speed up the process. Importantly, on checking in, guests will be required to pay the full amount of the accommodation charges PLUS a \$150 security deposit which will be refunded on checkout. These booking conditions are clearly stated on your booking confirmation advice.



For a great view of Canberra, come up to the Rooftop Bar

Having a relaxing drink after play each day is an important social activity for bridge players and there is simply nowhere better than the Rex's amazing Rooftop Bar where you can get a 180-degree view across North Canberra and watch the sun going down on Black Mountain. Arrange to meet your team mates there for the all important score up and post mortem on the win (hopefully)



Braddon the hip suburb on your doorstep



The Rex is located a few blocks north of the CBD on Northbourne Avenue in the inner North suburb of Braddon. No self-respecting foodie however, can fail to take advantage of the many excellent restaurants in nearby Braddon. Visit Lonsdale and Mort Streets and immerse yourself in the boutique shops, trendy bars, a brewery for the beer lovers and award winning restaurants and quaint casual eatery's lining the street. And Braddon keeps adding new cafes and restaurants all the time which we have noted in our updated and downloadable Where to Eat Guide.

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/not/2019/docs/2019SFOBWhereToEat.pdf>