

## Foreword to the Story of the 84<sup>th</sup> Australian National Championships

**Rob Ward, Organiser**

Welcome to the 84th Australian National Championships incorporating the 2024 Butler Pairs and inaugural Central West Festival of Bridge.

In 2017 I was asked to join the Council of the NSW Bridge Association (now Bridge NSW) to search for a venue for the then to be 2021 ANC. After two Covid postponements, time has finally arrived for this wonderful celebration of bridge in the beautiful City of Orange and the Central West of NSW.

Finding venues for major bridge championships is not easy, but we have found one in Orange, and our playing venue is the Orange Ex-Services Club. Thank you to the team here at the OESC who have been enthusiastic and accommodating as a major sponsor of our event, along with an extensive band of national, state and local sponsors.

A special thank you to the Orange Bridge Club as our hosts. They are an enthusiastic and wonderful club, led by Margaret Barker and her team. A stroke of genius by Margaret when she asked Murray Paterson and Anne Tonna to join with me, and form the Gang of Three (GO3) to make this

event the best it can be. We hope you enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed working together to deliver it. A special thanks to the tournament team of over 25, led by Chief Tournament Director Matt McManus, who you will see around and about the club and behind the scenes making everything happen.

The national championships travel Australia on rotation, arriving in NSW about every seven years. We are delighted to announce that 2025 will see a new event on the Australian calendar, the 2025 Central West Festival of Bridge here at the ex-Services Club from 9 to 13 April, 2025. We hope many of you will join us again to kick off this new event.

Once again welcome, good luck and enjoy.

**Rob Ward on behalf of Murray Paterson and Anne Tonna (GO3)**

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## The teams roll into town

### 2024 Interstate Teams Representatives



**NSW Open Team: Liam Milne, Dagmar Neumann, Maurits van der Vlugt, Tony Nunn, James Coutts and Paul Dalley**

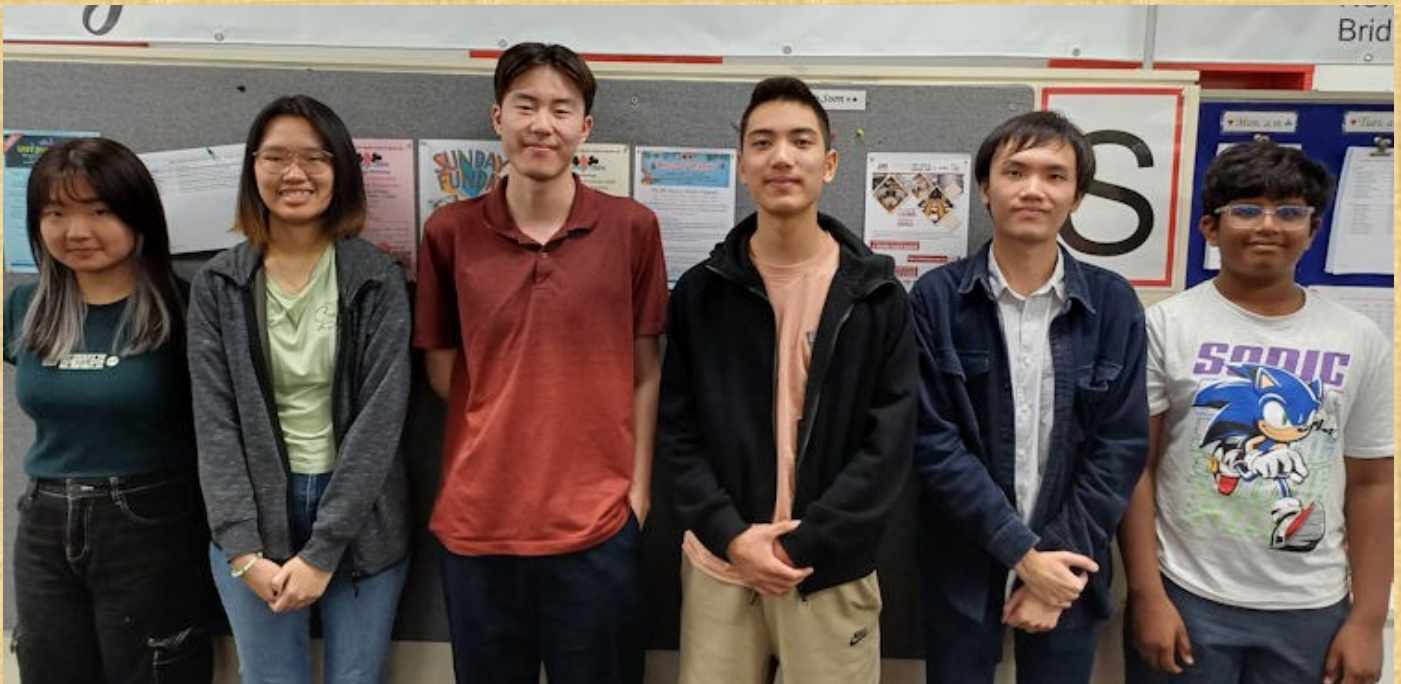


**NSW Women's Team: Marcia Scudder, Judy Mott, Sybil Hurwitz, Monica Ginsberg, Ella Jacob and Louise Leibowitz**





## 2024 Interstate Teams Representatives



**NSW Youth Team: Sherry Wang, Shannan Ooi, Yiwei Qi, Adrian Le, Duncan Lai and Aadhi Hariharan**



**NSW Seniors Team: Peter Buchen, Bruce Neill, Joan Butts, Pauline Gumby, Michael Courtney and Warren Lazer**





## 2024 Interstate Teams Representatives



**Victorian Seniors Team: Dee Harley, Robert Gallus, George Lovrecz, Stephen Weisz and Xi Zhang**



**Victorian Open Team: Chen Deng, Ming Zhang, Serhat Ozenir and Kevin Chan (Jack Huang, Daniel Mao and Martin Willcox (npc) were not available).**



## 2024 Interstate Teams Representatives



**Victorian Youth Team: Heath Watkins, Matt Sieredzinski, Taydon Gold, Sam Goss and Patrick Clifford; not available Seb Wright.**



**Victorian Women's Team: Lisa Yoffa, Maryanne Bird, Jenny Thompson, Diana Smart and Kae French (Alison Farthing and Laurie Kelso (npc) not available.**

2024 Interstate Teams Representatives Open	
QLD	Kim Morrison, Tony Hutton, Maha Hoenig, Janeen Solomon, Richard Fox, Christine Newbery, Neville Francis (npc)
NSW	Dagmar Neumann, Maurits van der Vlugt, Tony Nunn, Paul Dalley, Liam Milne, James Coutts
ACT	David Appleton, Brad Coles, Vanessa Brown, Will Jenner-O'Shea, Bill Tutty, Jodi Tutty, Stephen Fischer (npc)
VIC	Kevin Chan, Serhat Ozenir, Ming Zhang, Jack Huang, Chen Ding
SA	Cathy Chua, Justin Williams, Russel Harms, Zolly Nagy, Peter Popp, Paul Hudson
WA	Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer, Gerry Daly, Viv Wood, Paul Brayshaw, Chris Mulley
TAS	Hugh Grosvenor (PC), Tania Lloyd, Andrew Richman, Sandra Richman, Ann Paton, Lakshmi Sunderasan
NT	Dimitri Hnaris, Chris Depasquale, Alexandra Wilson, Caitlyn Chisholm, Mairead Kelly, Rosemary Mooney, Mark Hahn (npc)
	Women
QLD	Pele Rankin, Greer Tucker, Elizabeth Zeller, Alison Dawson, Toni Bardon, Yolanda Floris, Neville Francis (npc)
NSW	Sybil Hurwitz, Monica Ginsberg, Marcia Scudder, Judy Mott, Louise Leibowitz, Ella Jacob
ACT	Pam Crichton, Julia Hoffman, Jennifer Carter, Lyn Carter, Mary Tough, Bev Crossman
VIC	Kae French, Alison Farthing, Diana Smart, Jenny Thompson, Maryanne Bird, Lisa Yoffa
SA	Sheila Bird, Felicity Smyth, Susan Phillips, Jackie Ward, Therese Demarco, Pam Morgan-King
WA	Wendy Driscoll, Allison Stralow, Pauline Collett, Catherine Hood, Gwyneira Brahma, Cassie Morin
TAS	Fiona Hickey, Alaine MacMorran, Julia Corr, Pam Murphy, Sue Falkingham (PC), Maggie Crawford
NT	Marion Davey (PC), Helen Summers, Helmy Bakermans, Gill Brearley, Wendy Jettner, Tracy O'Driscoll

	<b>Senior</b>
<b>QLD</b>	Agnes and Barry Kempthorne, Therese Tully, Richard Ward, Kevin Steffensen, Carolyn Miller, Neville Francis (npc)
<b>NSW</b>	Joan Butts, Michael Courtney, Peter Buchen, Bruce Neill, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer
<b>ACT</b>	Peter Grant, David Hoffman, Malcolm Carter, Bernard Waters, Adrienne Stephens, Peter Kahler
<b>VIC</b>	John Yang, Stephen Weisz, Dee Harley, Phill Fent, Robert Gallus, George Lovrecz
<b>SA</b>	Axel Johannsson, Kate McCallum, Kevin Lange, Andrew Eddie, John Kikkert, David Anderson
<b>WA</b>	Trevor Fuller, Val Bilotto, James Steer, Stella Steer, Tim Wright, David Schokman
<b>TAS</b>	Margaret Gibbs (PC), Margaret Robertson, Julie Rhodes, Leigh Blizzard, Felicity Wivell, Roger Swain
<b>NT</b>	Eileen Boocock (PC)), Phil Hassall, Denise McEwan, Diane Hood
	<b>Youth</b>
<b>QLD</b>	Paddy Taylor, Seb Langdon Macmillan, Tom Langdon Macmillan, Zac Ross, Michael Gearing (npc)
<b>NSW</b>	Yiwei Qi, Adrian Le, Sherry Wang, Shannon Ooi, Duncan Lai, Aadhi Hariharan
<b>ACT</b>	Maxwell Ashurst, Dev Shah, Alexis Wilsmore, Jade Wilkinson
<b>VIC</b>	Taydon Gold, Matt Sieredzinski, Heath Watkins, Sam Goss, Patrick Clifford, Seb Wright, Damon Flicker (npc)
<b>SA</b>	Josh Tomlin, Jamie Simpson, Anton Forster-Rohal, Fletcher Davey, Seb Redin
<b>WA</b>	Lizzie Brayshaw Oliver Brayshaw, Minnie Geale, Mihin Henkanaththegedara, Sunny Fang, Campbell Millar, Hannah Brayshaw (npc)



## Team numbers and draw for first round robin

### Team Numbers

No.	Open	Women's	Seniors'	Youth
1	WA	NT	WA	VIC
2	NSW	ACT	VIC	WA
3	TAS	SA	QLD	SA
4	ACT	QLD	TAS	QLD
5	VIC	NSW	NT	ACT
6	SA	VIC	SA	NSW
7	QLD	WA	ACT	
8	NT	TAS	NSW	

### Open / Women's / Seniors'

Round	Draw for First Round Robin			
1	5 v 2	6 v 3	7 v 4	8 v 1
2	1 v 7	3 v 5	4 v 6	2 v 8
3	6 v 1	7 v 2	5 v 4	8 v 3
4	1 v 5	2 v 6	3 v 7	4 v 8
5	4 v 1	3 v 2	7 v 6	8 v 5
6	1 v 3	2 v 4	5 v 7	6 v 8
7	2 v 1	4 v 3	6 v 5	8 v 7
First-numbered team has choice				

### Youth

Round	Draw for First Round Robin		
1	4 v 1	3 v 5	2 v 6
2	1 v 5	2 v 4	6 v 3
3	1 v 3	5 v 2	4 v 6
4	3 v 2	5 v 4	6 v 1
5	2 v 1	4 v 3	6 v 5
Blind line-up in RR1			



## They won at the last New South Wales Interstate in 2014



Youth teams winners 2014  
Ella Mos kowsky, Laura Ginnan, Peter Bolling, Finn Gold, Grant Kilvington (npc) and Ella Pattison

Winners at the 2014 Sydney ANC Interstate Teams, held at Canterbury Racecourse from July 12-14.

### Open Team members

**NSW** Peter Buchen - Terry Brown - Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes - David Beauchamp - Nye Griffiths

**ACT** Margaret Bourke - George Kozakos - Stephen Fischer - Niek Van Vucht - David Hoffman - Richard Brightling

**ACT** 111, **NSW** 103

### Women's Team members

**NSW** Nevena Djurovic - Rena Kaplan - Pauline Evans - Giselle Mundell - Patsy McCartney - Cathryn Herden

**SA** Felicity Smyth - Yadi Parrott - Rosemary Grund - Anne Harris - Felicity Gunner - Heather Motteram

**NSW** 147.9, **SA** 125

### Senior Team members

**Vic** Dee Harley - Stephen Weisz - Douglas Newlands - Neil Ewart - Rex Livingston - Paul Hill

**ACT** Elizabeth Havas - Arjuna De Livera - Bernie Waters - Roy Nixon - Pam Crichton - Ross Crichton

**ACT** 140, **Vic** 118.2

### Youth Team members

**WA** Renee Cooper - Francesca Mcgrath - Ailsa Peacock - Matt Smith - Tim Munro - Rhys Cooper

**Vic** Ellena Moskovsky - Laura Ginnan - Ella Pattison - Peter Bolling - Victoria Thompson - Finn Rennie

**Vic** 204, **WA** 150.9



### ACT Open Interstate Champions (2014)

I tried to access the Daily Bulletins for the last NSW Australian National Championships, only to find that one needed an ABF-generated password to view them, all too hard.

Instead I went to the nearest *ABF Newsletter*, September 2014 to find that it at least was still accessible. It was easy to chastise the Editor for the lack of material on the ANC – that was me!

I remember ACT identity David Hoffman writing a special article for me, and what follows is from his report on ACT's progress to the winners' dais..

"In the penultimate set, New South Wales shut out the ACT 24 to 0, to retake the lead by 19 IMPs.

However, in the last set Australian Capital Territory returned the favour by 27 to 0 IMPs, to win by 8

IMPs. The match was effectively decided in the last set by Board 17.

George Kozakos held ♠KJ973, ♥A96, ♦765, ♣65. He heard 2NT (20-22) on his left, 6♣ on his right. After due consideration he led ♥A on which Margaret Bourke dropped the king. Another heart beat the contract for +10 IMPs."

On a non heart lead it would have been -11 IMPs.



David Hoffman



### Who is Murray Paterson – Really??

The man you see running around the Ex-Services Club, organising, organising, and chatting is none other than Murray Paterson. Bullet points:

- Committed to family
- Bridge devotee
- Secretary of Dream Cricket Australia ( Dream Cricket is a cricket for kids with other abilities)
- Past President of Rotary Club of Molong
- Paul Harris Fellow – a high award from Rotary International
- President of the Orange Chapter of the Rotary International wine Fellowship
- Gym fanatic!!
- Travel organiser extraordinaire
- Relaxes sitting on his ride on lawnmower!!!

Murray and his trusty team of Anne Tonna and Rob Ward have spent literally countless hours organising this huge Festival. Each morning for the past 12 months, at around 7am there would be a message from Rob. Murray would be quick to respond, followed very quickly by a response from Anne. Guaranteed!



Somehow Murray has managed to convince the local Rotary clubs that they also need to be involved in this extravaganza. Carrying, carting, lifting, storing!!

I am concerned about Murray once the event is over. The Bromance he has developed with Rob will all be over – or will it???

I must say however that Murray has enjoyed every minute of this huge challenge in bringing people to his beloved Orange, so that you to all can *Live Like a Local*

**Author:** Mary Brell, devoted wife and non bridge player!!!





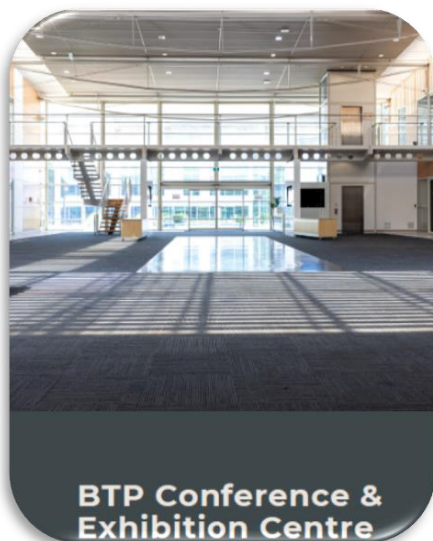
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# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 BRISBANE

## 6 – 17 July 2025

The Queensland Bridge Association extends a warm welcome to players from all over Australia to the 85<sup>th</sup> Australian National Championships which will be held at the Brisbane Technology Park Conference and Exhibition Centre, Eight Mile Plains which is a 20 minute drive via the Pacific Motorway.



### EVENTS

Interstate Teams Monday 7<sup>th</sup>-Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Interstate Swiss Pairs Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Open Butler Pairs Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> →  
Mixed Butler Pairs Monday 14<sup>th</sup> →  
Swiss Pairs Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> &  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

### ACCOMMODATION

QUEST Hotel - next to venue  
Sunnybank Star Hotel & Apartments –  
15 minute walk  
The Glen Hotel & Suites – 20 minute walk  
plus multiple others with driving options



Entries **AND** Accommodation options will be on website from August 2024