

2025 VICTORIAN *FESTIVAL* OF BRIDGE



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JUNE 4TH - 9TH, 2025
AMORA HOTEL RIVERWALK RICHMOND VIC

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Welcome to the Victorian Festival of Bridge, hosted by Bridge Victoria

Many of you will know this event by its former name, the VCC, and we're excited to present it for the first time under its new identity. The Festival celebrates the vibrant bridge community, from beginners to experts, while honouring the legacy and prestige of the Championships.

Whether you're here to compete for PQPs or just here for the fun, there's something for everyone. Held at a new venue, the Amora Riverwalk Hotel where we'll be playing bridge on BRIDGE Road in the BRIDGE room-It was meant to be! At the Amora you can stay and play on site with comfort and convenience. The hotel features an onsite bar, restaurant, and parking for just \$15/day. Plus, we'll be hosting a trivia night on Friday and a jazz dinner on Sunday.

For those who want to explore, local restaurants are offering great deals, and sports fans can catch the Big Freeze match at the MCG. Some players might even venture out to see Katy Perry on Saturday night!

With the 48 and 75 trams at the doorstep, trains 1km away, and everything you need onsite, the Amora is the perfect spot for locals and visitors alike.

The wonderful sponsors, VFoB committee, volunteers, and experts presenting celebrity speaker talks have put together an amazing event, and we can't wait to share it with you. There's nothing like being able to say you were at the first, so book in now to enjoy great bridge, fun, and unforgettable memories.

Laura Ginnan,
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A big thank you to our major sponsors!



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Local sponsors

Several local businesses are showing their support for the event with some fantastic offers! The list is still growing, so be sure to take advantage of these deals and support our local partners during the event!

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FOX FRIDAY 

The Royston

Ladies

Mark your calendars for Sunday morning, June 8th, before play – something exciting is coming your way! You won't want to miss it!

UNDER 20 & UNDER 100
MASTERPOINT PLAYERS
(MP CUTOFF 31/12/24)



DEVELOPMENT DAY
THURSDAY JUNE 5TH

WORKSHOP LED BY BILL
JACOBS IN THE
MORNING, SINGLE
SESSION GAME IN THE
AFTERNOON

2 SESSION
MATCHPOINT PAIRS
FRIDAY JUNE 6TH

OR: TEST YOUR SKILLS IN THE
<300MP SWISS PAIRS,
THURSDAY 5/6 & FRIDAY 6/6!

♠ **New to the Game**

Best Fit: Supervised play with Jess Brake on Wednesday afternoon.

Also Consider: Thursday Development Day (Workshop with Bill Jacobs in the morning and Pairs game in the afternoon).

♥ **Developing Players**

Best Fit: For a good mix of development and play, choose one or both of the Thursday Development Day (Workshop with Bill Jacobs in the morning and Pairs game in the afternoon) and the Friday Under 20/Under 100 Masterpoint Pairs.

Test Your Skills: Players looking to challenge themselves may prefer the Restricted (<300MP) Swiss Pairs on Thursday and Friday.

♦ **The Next Stars (<300MP)**

Best Fit: Victor Muntz Restricted (Under 300 MP) Pairs on Thursday and Friday.

Also Consider: The Victor Champion Cup Open Teams Championship, competing for the Best Restricted Team Category Prize.

♣ **Single Session Games**

Best Fit: Single-session red point games on Wednesday night, Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

♠ **Country Players**

Best fit: Country Swiss Pairs (NEW) Premier Event on Thursday and Friday, exclusively for players who play their bridge outside the metropolis.

Also Consider: Compete in the Victor Champion Cup Open Teams for the Best Performing Country Team.

♥ **Mixed Genders**

Best Fit: Jim and Norma Borin Swiss Pairs on Thursday and Friday.

Also Consider: Competing for the Best Mixed Team in the Victor Champion Cup.

♦ **Open Games**

Wally Scott Open Pairs on Thursday and Friday.

Victor Champion Cup Teams (VCC) from Saturday to Monday.

VCC category awards

Sara Tishler Trophy

for the Best Performing Women's Team

Ian McCance Trophy

for the Best Performing Seniors' Team

Charlie Snashall Trophy

for the Best Performing Restricted Team

Lydia Beech Trophy

for the Best Performing All-Victorian Team

Country Award

for the Best Performing Country

Mixed Team Award

for the Best Performing Team with a maximum of two players of each gender.

FULL SCHEDULE

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OF BRIDGE

Supervised and talk
Wednesday afternoon June 4th
1.00pm – 4.00pm
\$30 per player

**Under 20/100 Masterpoint
players development day**
Thursday June 5th
Workshop 10.30-1.15
Pairs game 2.30-5.45pm
\$80 per player

Under 20/100 Masterpoint Pairs
Friday June 6th.
10.30am – 6.00pm
\$80 per player

Premier Pairs Events
Open, Country, Mixed
and Restricted (u300)
Thursday June 5th –
Friday June 6th.
10.30am – 6.00pm each day.
(presentations to follow)
\$160 per player

Victor Champion Cup Teams
Saturday June 7th –
Monday June 9th
Saturday and Sunday times:
10.00am – 5.30pm,
Monday 10.00 am – 1.30pm
(presentations to follow)
\$200 per player

Single session red point pairs
(registration is required)
Wednesday June 4th
7.00pm – 10.00pm

Saturday June 7th
10.00am – 1.15pm

Saturday June 7th
2.00pm – 5.15pm

Sunday June 8th
10.00am – 1.15pm

Sunday June 8th
2.00pm – 5.15pm

Monday June 9th
10.00am – 1.15pm

\$30 per player per game.

Social/other events:
Trivia night Friday June 6th
7.15pm – 9.30pm approx
(\$45 per person)

Dinner and Jazz
with the Shuffle Club Band
Sunday June 8th
7.15pm – 9.30pm approx
(\$95 per person)

Celebrity speakers Thursday June 5th
& Friday June 6th at 9.30am
\$5 per player
(to youth bridge)

Enquiries to vcc@abf.com.au

COUNTRY PAIRS

New Premier Pairs Event

Thu June 5th & Friday June 6th

A celebration of the vibrant
bridge communities beyond the
metro capitals where players
can showcase their skills on a
premier stage



Exclusive & FREE

hand analysis session with
Andy Hung on Thursday June 5th
after play for Country Pairs players

This event excludes players from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Auckland and Wellington (NZ). The Tournament Organiser may refuse any entry. If you are unsure about your eligibility email vcc@abf.com.au





SUPERVISED PLAY WITH JESS BRAKE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

The Festival's first event welcomes the newest players of the game with a fun, friendly talk and supervised game led by Jess Brake, known for her warmth and clear explanations.

If you've learned bridge in the last year or two, this is the perfect chance to experience a National Event atmosphere in a fun and relaxed setting.

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UNCONFIRMED

MONDAY AIRPORT BUS

IT IS LIKELY THERE WILL BE A
FREE BUS FROM THE AMORA
TO THE AIRPORT ARRIVING
AT MELBOURNE AIRPORT
BY 3.15PM ON MONDAY JUNE 9TH.

*NO ARRIVAL SHUTTLE
WILL BE PROVIDED*

BOUZY ROUGE

RESTAURANT / BAR / FUNCTIONS



GOURMET FOOD

Taking inspiration from Europe our menu can be shared down the middle of the table like a banquet and enjoyed by everyone. We can cater for dietary requirements and our kitchen is open all day. If choosing is difficult then let us do the hard work and design a feast for you.



10% off for VFoB attendees during the event + your chance to win a \$100 voucher if you enter and pay your VFoB entry by April 30th
(Located 550m from the Amora)

Local Restaurants

We've partnered with some fantastic local spots offering exclusive deals! Early birds who book and pay for their entry by April 30 will also go into the draw to win vouchers to these amazing restaurants! Don't miss out!



FOX FRIDAY



10% off for VFoB attendees during the event + your chance to win a \$100 voucher if you enter and pay your VFoB entry by April 30th (400m from the Amora)



THE RESERVE RESTAURANT

You don't even need to leave the venue for a great dining experience.

The Reserve Restaurant is located onsite at the Amora



The Royston

The local relaxed pub to discuss hands over a brew.
Book + Pay by April 30 for the chance to win a voucher!
(400m from the Amora)



Premier Event

VICTOR CHAMPION CUP

At the core of the Victorian Festival of Bridge is the
Victor Champion Cup Teams.

Until this year, the Festival was known as the VCC Festival of Bridge
and the Victor Champion Cup remains the centrepiece,

From Saturday to Monday, teams from all divisions and categories
compete in a unified field. While the coveted Cup remains the
ultimate prize, attracting top teams from across the country and
beyond, a range of distinguished category awards recognise
achievements in various divisions.

Winning the Cup or a category award may not be the goal for
everyone, but the event offers a chance to be part of something
special, play alongside top players, and have a great time.

Category awards

Sara Tishler Trophy – Best Performing Women's Team

Ian McCance Trophy – Best Performing Seniors' Team

Charlie Snashall Trophy – Best Performing Restricted Team

Lydia Beech Trophy – Best Performing All-Victorian Team

Country Award – Best Performing Country Team

Mixed Award - Best Performing Mixed Team

The Victor Champion Cup celebrates the
rich legacy of Victorian bridge

WOMEN'S FASHION MORNING OUT

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH 8.00AM-9.30AM

FELLA HAMILTON HAWTHORN

101-103 RIVERSDALE ROAD

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Fella Hamilton Fashion Morning – Sunday 8.00am @ Fella Hamilton Hawthorn

Our fabulous sponsor, Fella Hamilton, is hosting an exclusive fashion and shopping morning for bridge players at their Hawthorn store. Enjoy a relaxed start to your day with stylish inspiration, complimentary refreshments, and the chance to shop before play.

Booking in and getting there

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR CATERING PURPOSES ON MYABF

Walking group – Meet 7:20am at Amora (Bridge Rd entry). Weather dependent.

Tram group (requires Myki) – Meet 7:30am at Amora (Bridge Rd entry).

Or make your own way there.

Click [HERE](#) To explore the Fella Hamilton Catalogue





2025 VICTORIAN FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE VENUE

AMORA HOTEL RIVERWALK

649 BRIDGE RD RICHMOND VIC

Stay & Play Onsite

4-star Amora Riverwalk Hotel with a
flash discount until April 30.

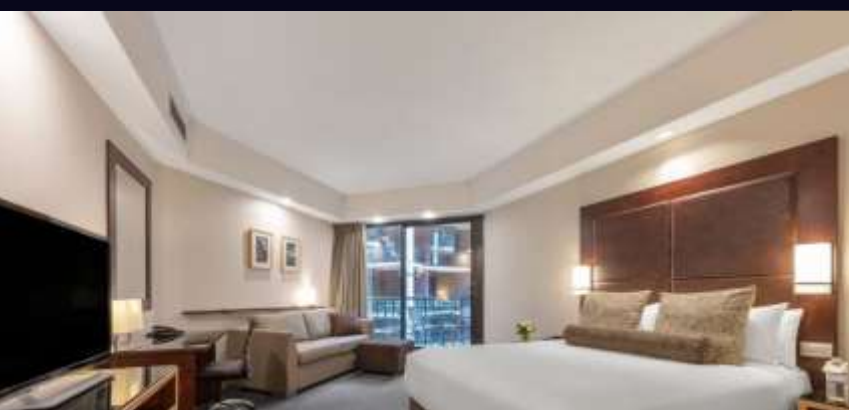
[Book here.](#)

Great Amenities

Lunches under \$15 (or byo lunch), bar, restaurant, gym,
easy disabled access, 24-hour reception,
\$15/day undercover parking, offsite pool,
mountain bikes & Yarra River walks.

Easy Transport if you're not staying onsite

Trams right outside connect you to the city and beyond,
1.1km from Hawthorn train station.



Celebrity Speakers

A huge thank you to our celebrity speakers, who are generously donating their time and expertise to help raise funds for youth bridge. It's just \$5.00 per attendee, with all proceeds going to support youth bridge initiatives. Each time slot features one talk aimed at newer players and one for advanced players.

Book your spot now through MyABF!



CATHERINE HARRIS (THU 9.30-10.00AM)

Join Catherine Harris, co-host of the Sorry, Partner Podcast, as she shares her favorite top tips for improving at bridge. These tips are drawn from the expert advice of world champions and top players she's interviewed over the years. Catherine's podcast recently won a bronze medal at the 2025 Sports Podcast Awards for "Best Equality and Social Impact Podcast" and a Women in Podcasting award in the "SPORTS" category. If you've only heard Catherine on the podcast, this is a great opportunity to meet her in person and gain valuable insights to boost your bridge game!



ANDY HUNG (THU 9.30-10.10AM)

Hot off the success of his World Bridge Tour victory, Andy Hung is here to delve into advanced strategies and techniques, exploring how to gain an edge in competitive bidding. With a reputation for sharp insights and innovative approaches, Andy offers players a unique opportunity to enhance their bidding skills. Whether you're looking to refine your strategy or gain a deeper understanding of competitive auctions, this session is sure to elevate your game to the next level.



DAVID GUE (FRI 9.30AM-10.10AM)

Join David Gue for a deep dive into the art of overcalling. When should you step in, and what makes an effective overcall? David will explore the key reasons for overcalling and put your judgment to the test with real-life hands. A former Australian Youth Team representative and now owner of the Adelaide Bridge Centre, David brings a wealth of competitive experience, including the 2024 Australian Open Trials. His practical and engaging style will help you sharpen your bidding decisions and apply them with confidence at the table.



KIM FRAZER (FRI 9.30-10.10AM)

Join Kim Frazer, Olympian and three-time Commonwealth Games gold medalist in shooting, as she explores the mental side of bridge. Kim will share practical tips for improving focus, staying calm under pressure, and getting into the zone—skills she developed through years of experience in elite shooting. With her passion for both sports and bridge, Kim will offer valuable insights on how to bring a strong mental game to the table. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Kim and learn how to enhance your mindset and performance at the bridge table.



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JAZZ

The
SHUFFLE
Club

AND DINNER

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH

7.15PM AT THE AMORA
RIVERWALK HOTEL

\$95PP, BOOK
THROUGH MYABF

OPEN TO ALL BRIDGE
ENTHUSIASTS, INCLUDING
THOSE NOT COMPETING
ON THE DAY, THEIR
BRIDGE FRIENDS, AND
ANYONE WITH
CONNECTIONS TO THE
BRIDGE COMMUNITY!

THE SHUFFLE CLUB BAND: VINTAGE PARTY TUNES!

Trivia Night

FRIDAY JUNE 6TH

\$45 PER PERSON
INCLUDES
CANAPE DINNER
BOOK THROUGH
MYABF

FAQ + Useful things to know

ENTRIES: Through MyABF. <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/1997> any troubles, email MyABF support <https://www.myabf.com.au/support/contact-logged-out>

LUNCH: Great and reasonably priced options at the venue, plenty of nearby cafes or BYO. Food from home and other locations should not be consumed in the main lobby area (the playing area and parkland is fine).

PARKING: \$15 per day undercover at the venue. Disabled parking on first level as you enter the carpark. The hotel is cashless, you can pay for parking at the hotel reception. Some unregulated parking is available in the area and across the Yarra.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Tram: 48 or 75. Yarra Bvd/Bridge Road stop is right outside. Train: Hawthorn station is 1km away and is serviced by the Belgrave, Lilydale and Alamein lines.

REGULATIONS +ELIGIBILITY: Masterpoint restrictions from 31/12/24. For full regulations see MyABF (available from 14/4/25): <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/1997>

SESSION TIMES

Wednesday 4/6	Thursday 5/6	Friday 6/6	Saturday 7/6	Sunday 8/6	Monday 9/6
Supervised 1.00-4.00 Single Session Red points 7.00-10.00	Celebrity speakers 9.30-10.10 Pairs +Development Day 10.30-6.00pm Country Pairs hand analysis with Andy: Straight after play	Celebrity speakers 9.30-10.10 Pairs 10.30-6.00pm <i>Please stay for presentations</i> Trivia 7.15pm	Teams 10.00- 5.30pm Red point single session 10.00-1.15 & 2.00-5.15	Teams 10.00- 5.30pm Red point single session 10.00-1.15 & 2.00-5.15 Jazz and Dinner 7.15pm	Teams 10.00-1.30pm <i>Please stay for presentations</i>

STAFF

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Floor Manager: TBA

Reviewer: TBA

Recorders: TBA

Appeals Consultants: TBA,

ABF Onsite Representative: TBA

Simple Schedule displayed as a table

Wednesday (June 4 th)	Thursday (June 5 th)	Friday June 6 th	Saturday (June 7 th)	Sunday (June 8 th)	Monday (June 9 th)
Afternoon Supervised 1/1	CELEBRITY SPEAKER	CELEBRITY SPEAKER	VCC Teams day 1/2.5	VCC Teams day 2/2.5	VCC Teams day 2.5/2.5
Single Session Red point game (evening)	Open Pairs day 1/2	Open Pairs day 2/2	Single Session Red point game (morning)	Single Session Red point game (morning)	Single Session Red point game (morning)
	Country Pairs day 1/2	Country Pairs day 2/2	Single Session Red point game (afternoon)	Single Session Red point game (afternoon)	Teams Presentations after play
	Mixed Pairs day 1/2	Mixed Pairs day 2/2		DINNER + JAZZ	
	Restricted Pairs day 1/2	Restricted Pairs day 2/2			
	U20/100 Development Day 1/1	U20/100 2 session pairs			
		Pairs presentations after play			
		DINNER + TRIVIA			

It's Melbourne in winter,
and while we can't promise
the weather, we can
promise plenty to explore
by the Yarra.

Pack your walking shoes
and discover the great
spots right on the doorstep
of the Amora.