



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – CANBERRA

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GETTING AROUND CANBERRA

Driving

Canberra is a city designed for cars, but many find the circular roads in South Canberra confusing. The satellite cities are connected by multi-lane freeways. There are no toll roads.

Roadworks and closures

The latest stage of the light rail system is currently being installed. As a result, major roadworks are currently occurring in Civic and on the Commonwealth Avenue bridge across Lake Burley Griffin. It is suggested that you try to avoid driving in those areas.

Car parking

Be aware that most public carparks in Canberra require payment, but free parking for limited periods is often available in the car parks owned by supermarkets and the major shopping malls.

There are several car parks near the venue, all operated by Wilson Parking. Options include:

- the multi-story car park above the Canberra Labor Club at a cost of \$9 per day for bridge players (enter from Edmonstone Place)
- the open-air car park at the Australian Bureau of Statistics on the corner of Chandler and Cohen Streets, at a cost of \$13 per day or \$12 if entering before 9:30 am
- the 'section 25' open air car park on the corner of Cameron Avenue and Veryard Lane, at a cost of \$6 per day.

Taxis

Two taxi companies service Canberra: [ACT Cabs](#) (02-6280 0077) and [13cabs Canberra](#) (02-6126 1600). They also offer maxi-taxis and vehicles suited for people with a disability. [Silver Service Canberra](#) (133100) is available for those seeking a premium option. Uber cars are also available.

A taxi from Canberra Airport to Belconnen generally costs between \$40 and \$55 and takes approximately 18–20 minutes for the 16 km trip. Rates can be slightly higher during late-night or early-morning hours.

Bicycles

There are extensive bikeways throughout Canberra. Bicycles can be rented from several locations, listed online at [How to Hire a Bike in Canberra](#). Shared e-scooters are a convenient option for short trips on their own or combined with public transport. Neuron Mobility operates e-scooter hire across Canberra. For more details see the online shared e-scooters map at [Shared e-scooters - City Services](#).

Public transport

The Canberra public transport network has a 'hub and spokes' arrangement. Each town centre has a major bus interchange where you can connect with buses radiating out to the nearby suburbs, or catch a bus to another town centre. The Belconnen bus interchange and the Eastern Valley Way bus station are less than a five minute walk from the ANC venue. Rapid routes to the Belconnen interchange are labelled R2, R3, R4, R8 and R9.

For those planning to fly to or from Canberra, the R3 bus route operates between the Canberra Airport terminal and the Belconnen bus interchange. The bus ride takes approximately 41 minutes, operates approximately every 15-20 minutes between 6:00 am and 11:00 pm and costs less than \$6.

Canberra is in the early stages of installing a light rail system, currently operating between Mitchell and Gungahlin, with a bus connection to Civic. The light rail from Mitchell to Civic may be back in operation in time for the ANC.

There are several ways of paying for public transport in Canberra. You can tap or scan your preferred option at any validator:

- Mastercard or Visa card – a physical card or digital card stored on your smart phone or watch;
- a MyWay+ digital ticket purchased through the MyWay+ app;
- a MyWay+ card, purchased at MyWay+ retail outlets (let them know if you are a senior or student);
- a printed ticket, purchased at ticket vending machines.

All seniors (including interstate residents) are entitled to free off-peak travel on weekends or weekdays between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm and after 6:00 pm.

For more details of transport options in Canberra, including fares and timetables, visit the Transport Canberra website ([public transport options](#)).