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TO ALL AUSTRALIAN CROQUET AND MALLETSPOUNTS CLUBS AND THEIR MEMBERS

The 2013 Australian Gateball Championship will be held at Croquet Victoria Headquarters, Cairnlea 11 – 13 October 2013. Gateball comes under the umbrella of the ACA.

I invite all clubs to participate in this gateball event, either by playing or taking the opportunity to learn this exciting team game. The ball skills required for playing gateball and croquet are the same.

Gateball is a growing mallet sport in Australia. There are over 20 clubs, from ACT, NSW, Queensland and Victoria now regularly playing the game. Gateball is played by 10 million people worldwide. There are many international competitions and a World Championship every 4 years. At the 2010 World Championship, held in China, 13 countries were represented – 93 teams in all, including 5 from Australia.

This will be the seventh Australian Gateball Championship and the second held at Cairnlea. As well as our domestic teams we also expect, as in the past, international participation to continue.

Please contact your state representative for gateball through your state Croquet Association to obtain further information or help in introducing gateball to your club. Information can also be obtained from the Gateball Australia website [www.gateball.com.au](http://www.gateball.com.au) or by contacting me using the details above.

I hope you will join us at Cairnlea in October 2013.

Yours faithfully,

Maxine Maclachlan  
Manager, 2013 Australian Gateball Championship

**NOTE:** This event will double as a selection trial for the 2014 World Gateball Championship. For further details, please see <http://www.croquetaustralia.com.au/Governance/Documents>. If you wish your team to be considered for selection, please tick the box on the entry form.

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## EVENT INFORMATION

- Event:** Held every two years, the Australian Gateball Championship is Australia's premier gateball event. In 2013, the event will be held at Cairnlea, Melbourne, Victoria, for the second time. Teams from Australia and around the world are expected to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!
- Program:**
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| Thursday, 10 October | Practice available by arrangement                                          |
| Friday 11 October    | Practice, managers' meeting, opening ceremony<br>(possible league matches) |
| Saturday 12 October  | League matches                                                             |
| Sunday 13 October    | League matches and finals                                                  |
- Venue:** Croquet Victoria Headquarters  
65 Noble Banks Drive  
Cairnlea VIC 3023
- Eligibility:** Each team must have a manager and five to eight players. The manager may be one of the players.
- Australian teams – players from interstate teams must be affiliated with their state croquet association.
- International teams – players must be affiliated with either their national croquet or gateball organisation.
- Number of teams:** The competition will be limited to 32 teams. Applications will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Team managers will be notified if their nomination has been successful.
- Equipment:** Gateball courts will be prepared with gates, balls and scoreboards. Players shall provide their own sticks and bibs/player number identification.
- Rules:** Matches will be played under the World Gateball Union rules current at the time of the tournament.
- Referees:** All matches will be conducted with a referee. All teams will have refereeing duties.

**Match format:** Matches will be played in one or more block draws with a final series comprising a grand final and semi finals depending on the number of blocks. Final details will be available when the numbers of entries is known. The Event Manager will decide the final format. Matches will be of 30 minutes duration in accordance with the Rules of Gateball.

**Dress code:** Teams are required to wear a uniform. As a minimum, this includes matching shirts and similar pants. A combination of long-sleeve and short-sleeve shirts and long and short pants is acceptable.

**Inclement weather:** The Event Manager reserves the right to change the format of play and make such other changes as may be necessary in the event of inclement weather.

**Event Manager:** Mrs Maxine Maclachlan

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**Entry Details:** Teams to provide details on the form attached to the Event Manager. Entry fees must be paid together with the form or entries will not be accepted.

**Entry Fee:** AUD\$160 per team non-refundable. Cheques/money orders should be made payable to the Australian Croquet Association.

**Entries Close:** Entry forms must be received by the Event Manager by 9 September 2013.

**How to get there:** Cairnlea is a suburb 28km from central Melbourne via the Westgate Freeway. Multiple airlines operate direct flights to Melbourne Tullamarine and Melbourne Avalon airports. Cairnlea is 19km (20 minute drive) from Tullamarine and 53km (45 minute drive) from Avalon.

**Accommodation:** Teams are responsible for organising their own accommodation and transfers.

Accommodation options include:

West City Motel	+61 3 9360 5230	<a href="http://www.westcitymotel.com">www.westcitymotel.com</a>
Lakeside Prestige	+61 3 9360 9571	<a href="http://www.lakesidemotel.com.au">www.lakesidemotel.com.au</a>
Sunshine Motor Inn	+61 3 8361 8817	<a href="http://www.sunshinemotorinn.com.au">www.sunshinemotorinn.com.au</a>
Ashley Gardens	+61 3 9318 6866	<a href="http://www.aspenparks.com.au">www.aspenparks.com.au</a>
Taylor's Lakes Hotel	+61 3 9217 9500	<a href="http://www.taylorlakeshotel.com.au">www.taylorlakeshotel.com.au</a>

Or visit [www.visitvictoria.com](http://www.visitvictoria.com)



## ENTRY FORM

Name of Team			
Manager			
Manager's email			
Manager's phone number			
Player 1		Player 5	
Player 2		Player 6	
Player 3		Player 7	
Player 4		Player 8	

Please send form and payment to:

Maxine Maclachlan  
 195 Balwyn Road  
 North Balwyn  
 Victoria, 3104  
 Australia

Cheques/money orders should be payable to the Australian Croquet Association

**Australian teams only:**

In accordance with the current selection policy does your team wish to be considered for selection to represent Australia at the 2014 World Gateball Championship. **YES / NO**