



**The event will be held at the Victorian Croquet Centre, 65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea, Melbourne, Victoria 3023.**

The purpose-built facility in Cairnlea, in the western suburbs of Melbourne, has space for 24 full size Gateball courts and a state-of-the-art pavilion. The function area seats 200, with a licensed bar and a commercial kitchen, and overlooks manicured grass courts.

Gateball players from Australia and around the world are invited to attend.

It takes about 50 minutes by public transport from the central railway stations and then a half hour walk from Ginifer Station. Teams are advised to take accomodation closer to the venue.

The venue is about 17km south of Melbourne Airport. In good traffic conditions, the journey should take about 20 minutes by road.

The average temperature for Melbourne in Nov/Dec is about 24C but Melbourne is well known for the variability of its weather. Be prepared for hot weather or blustery cooler conditions!

**Closing date for entries is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Please send entries and book accommodation as soon as possible.

# EVENT INFORMATION 2019 AUSTRALIAN GATEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Event:** Held every two years, the Australian Gateball Championship is Australia's premier Gateball event. Teams from Australia and around the world are invited to attend.
- Program:**
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| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Late afternoon practice   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November   | Practice, managers' meeting, information sessions, friendly team games, opening ceremony. |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November | League matches.   |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December    | League matches and finals.  |
- Venue:** Victorian Croquet Centre, 65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea, Victoria, 3023
- Eligibility:** Each team must have a manager, referees and five to eight players. The manager may be one of the players.
- Australian teams – players must be affiliated with their State Croquet Association.
- International teams – players must be members of organisations recognised by the WGU. Other international players will be welcomed at the discretion of the National Coordinator. Gateball Australia has registered the event with the appropriate authorities to ensure that players who need visas are dealt with as soon as possible. Enquiries should be directed to the relevant Australian authorities in your country. Please also advise [info@gateball.com.au](mailto:info@gateball.com.au) if you have any difficulties.
- Number of Teams:** The competition will be limited to 32 teams. Applications will be processed on a first-come-first-received basis. Team managers will be notified if their nomination has been successful.
- Equipment:** Gateball courts will be prepared with lines, gates, balls and scoreboards. Players shall provide their own sticks and players' bibs. Balls will also be provided for practice.
- Rules:** Matches will be played under the 2019 World Gateball Union rules.
- Conditions:** The competition will be conducted according to the policies of Gateball Australia, the Australian Croquet Association and the Victorian Croquet Association.
- Referees:** All matches will be conducted with a refereeing team. All teams will have refereeing duties, each team needs referees, recorders and linespeople. Australian teams without qualified referees must have a referee in training.
- Match Format:** Matches will be played in one or more block draws, with a final series comprising of a grand final and semi-finals, depending on the number of blocks. Final details will be available when the number of entries is known. The Event Management Team will decide the final format.

- 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. Flat soled sporting shoes should be worn. It is advisable to have a hat.
- Bad Weather:** The Event Management Team reserves the right to change the format of play and make other changes as may be necessary in the event of unfavourable weather.
- Event Management:** National Coordinator of Gateball, Gateball Australia, John Park, 0448 227 467, [info@gateball.com.au](mailto:info@gateball.com.au)  
VCA Coordinator of Gateball, Philip Brown, 0405 493 371, [gateball@croquetvic.asn.au](mailto:gateball@croquetvic.asn.au)
- Entry Details:** **Australian teams** should register with the National Coordinator on the appropriate form.
- International teams** should email [info@gateball.com.au](mailto:info@gateball.com.au) to ask for an entry form. Any individual overseas players who wish to participate should also email to see if they can be placed in a composite team. Entries will only be accepted through [info@gateball.com.au](mailto:info@gateball.com.au) and should not be sent to third parties.
- Entry Fee:** AUD \$180 incl GST per team, non refundable. The preferred method of payment is by EFT. Details are provided on the entry form.
- Draw:** Teams will be grouped according to their country or Australian state. The draw will randomly select teams from these groups to ensure that games played against teams from the same country or state are minimised.
- Accommodation:** Teams are responsible for organising their own accommodation, transfers and transport to venue and return to accommodation.
- Accommodation available in the vicinity of the Victorian Croquet Centre includes:
- Florentine Villas - 7 Willis Place, Delahey, [www.florentinevillas.com.au](http://www.florentinevillas.com.au)  
+61 3 9310 7347. 1,2,3,4 & 5 bedroom units can be booked.
  - Quest Apartments, 234 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs  
[www.questapartments.com.au](http://www.questapartments.com.au) 1 & 2 bedroom units.
  - Discovery Parks – Melbourne,(formerly Ashleigh Gardens Caravan Park,) [www.discoveryparks.com.au](http://www.discoveryparks.com.au) ,+61 3 9318 6866 , self-contained cabins.
  - West City Motel & Cabin Park - 610 Ballarat Road, Ardeer, [www.westcitymotel.com](http://www.westcitymotel.com), +61 3 9360 5230. Motel & self-contained cabins (mention "Croquet" and you may get a discount) This accommodation is very basic and the nearby Sunshine Motor Inn may be preferred [www.sushinemotorinn.com.au](http://www.sushinemotorinn.com.au)

Packages from a local travel agent may also be circulated before the closing dates for entries.

## **Meals**

*Friday:* Teams to provide their own breakfast and lunches. Food will be provided at the opening ceremony.

*Saturday:* Teams to provide their own breakfast. Lunches will be available for purchase.

Competitors are encouraged to attend the tournament dinner to be held on Saturday evening. Players can select from a menu and will pay for their own meal and drinks.

*Sunday:* Teams to provide their own breakfast. Lunches will be available for purchase. Further information will be circulated well before the event. Refreshments will be available at the closing ceremony.

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