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Welcome to Canberra!

From Roy Nixon,
President BFACT



Let's start with everybody's favourite topic – Canberra's winter weather. The good news is that the Bureau of Meteorology has issued its national forecast for July to September and has told us to pack away those woollens - most of Australia including Canberra is in for a mild winter with warmer winter nights and drier conditions. Why? Because the Indian and Pacific Oceans are heating up. What is more, according to the BOM, Victorians and Tasmanians will miss out on the balmy weather and are in for average temperatures so to them especially may I welcome you to a sunnier, warmer nation's capital.

Putting on an event like the ANC takes a lot of effort on the part of a small volunteer organising committee. Our Convenor Lyn Turner and her team comprising Keith Huggan, Wendy Boxall, Jeanette Grahame, Sharon Carver and Jenny Mendick (and Rebecca Plush for much of the time) have worked extremely hard to make sure the Championship and Congress events will run smoothly for which we at BFACT are very grateful.

We have a great venue in the Hellenic Club – terrific function rooms and associated facilities, great bars, cafes and restaurants on the premises and as we have found out in the set up period, very helpful staff. Please use the Club's facilities. The location being near Woden shopping centre offers all participants easy access to most of what they might need.

This is definitely not the best time to be holding an event like the ANC. And I don't mean the weather here. We are experiencing the worst global economic downturn since the Great Depression and add to that the worries about catching swine flu and so-called 'fly-by-wire' aircraft difficulties. Not exactly conducive to getting people to Canberra to play bridge. So we are especially thankful to those interstate players who have made the trip despite all these problems. But let us not forget the many local Canberra and surrounding region players who are supporting all the events here over the next couple of weeks – your contribution is much appreciated.

There are some others to thank because without their support none of this would be possible. First we have the ABF which contributes so much through a number of ways including paying for the travel costs and accommodation of their Tournament Unit headed up by Eric Ramshaw.

Second we have some local sponsors to thank. The ACT Government gave generously through its Australian Capital Tourism Events Assistance Program. Another key sponsor is local winery, Lerida Estate wines.

And how can we forget the generosity of our three Canberra-based affiliated clubs (Canberra Bridge Club, South Canberra Bridge Club and Capital Bridge Club) that have not only contributed funds to sponsor some of the prizes for the Congress but have poked and prodded their club members to play here during the championships and some have closed down for much of the two week period.

So it is with great pleasure that I formally welcome you all to the Canberra ANC and hope you enjoy the bridge and your attendance, no matter how brief.

The Bus - Saturday 4 July

		Departs
1. Back of the Hyatt Hotel		9.00 am
2. Kingston Capital Apartments	4 Tench Street	9.10
3. Oatley Court Kingston Apartments	9 Dawes Street	9.15
4. Forrest Hotel and Apartments	30 National Circuit	9.20
	<u>Arrive at Hellenic Club</u>	9.30

PLEASE NOTE ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE:
PLEASE BE READY 5 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME

d'browes

One of our restaurant sponsors is D'Browes restaurant in Narrabundah. Not far from Manuka or Kingston, 'Browes contemporises traditional dining at its best – candle-lit tables, crisp linen and designer decor, combined with the finest food from Asia to Europe. This restaurant is a return to the good old days of simple style and sophisticated dishes. Why not make a booking on 62956990. If you like lamb shanks they are among the best in Canberra!

Help Stamp Out White Space !!!

The daily Bulletin will have four A4 pages, which need to be covered in print day after day until the end. You can leave articles scrawled on bits of paper in the hospitality room, download them on the laptop in there or email the editor at historian@abf.com.au. All very welcome.

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Events – Saturday 4 July

Open and Women's Butler Stage One	10 am	2pm	7.30pm
Royal Bluebell Swiss Pairs		2pm	7.30pm

LERIDA ESTATE

Lake George

Lerida Estate wines are a main sponsor at this year's ANC. It is located close to Canberra on a picturesque site adjacent to Lake George on the road to Sydney. The winery was designed by world renowned architect Glenn Murcutt.

Lerida produces trophy and medal winning wines including its well known chardonnay, pinot gris and shiraz viognier. There is a Cellar Door and on the weekends Café Lerida is open for lunch. Visit their website at www.leridaestate.com.

Business Card/Contact Information Prize Draw

The ANC Organisers and sponsor Lerida Estate are running a prize draw throughout the ANC. Simply drop you business card or a completed contact form into the entry container on the Main Desk and you will go automatically into the draw.

We will draw out the lucky winner at the Victory Dinner. Make sure your email address is on the card or form as we will need to contact the winner after the ANC is over to deliver your prize – six bottles of Lerida's finest wines.

Please note that by entering this draw you give permission for Lerida Estate wines to contact you by email after the ANC is over.