

# MALLET NEWS Victoria

Association Croquet Golf Croquet Ricochet Gateball

 CROQUET VICTORIA

July 2022

## Croquet Victoria update

Croquet Victoria's recent Annual General Meeting farewelled Jim Clement, who has served almost six years as President, and elected Kate Patrick to the chair. Stephen Forster was re-elected as Vice-President, and Claire Keating remains as Treasurer. Helen Worlidge and Eileen Gough were endorsed as incoming members of the Committee of Management.

Many thanks to Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt for her six years of service as Secretary.

At the Council meeting following the AGM, some new appointments were made and several members confirmed in their existing roles.

Appointed Officers:

<https://croquetvic.asn.au/officers.php>

Sub-Committees

<https://croquetvic.asn.au/Sub-Committees>



L-R Claire Keating Kate Patrick Stephen Forster

**Patron:**  
The Honorable  
Linda Dessau AC,  
Governor of Victoria

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## President's Report

It's an honour to be elected to this position. Thank you for entrusting me with it.

It's great to see our Croquet Victoria sub-committees already up and running. We now have active subcommittees for Selection (as ever); Tournaments and Fixtures; the Victorian Croquet Centre; Marketing and Publicity; Strategic Plan Implementation; Child Safety; and Finance. We also have Working Groups with responsibility for the proposed new constitution; for the Together More Active Player Development Project; and for consultation on the future of the Victorian Croquet Centre (the VCC Futures Working Group). Thanks to everyone involved.

Anyone with a twinge of interest in any of these groups, do visit the website ([croquetvic.asn.au/governance.php](http://croquetvic.asn.au/governance.php)) and look at their terms of reference. Current membership is listed at <https://croquetvic.asn.au/Sub-Committees>

We have a challenging year ahead, and there will be opportunities for all members to provide input and support...

Among other things, we'll need to grapple with:

- The future of the Victorian Croquet Centre.  
Will it be possible to find a sustainable way to retain a central facility which is useful to all members, and also to invest in developing croquet across the Croquet Victoria area?
- Child Safety.  
On 1 July the Victorian Government introduced a set of eleven standards for Child Safety, which will apply to any sporting club or venue where children may attend. We are already bound by Croquet Australia policy on this, but there are specific requirements in Victoria. If your club has young members, involvement with schools, or attendance by occasional grandchildren, you will be affected. Watch this space! there will be a feature on the new requirements in the next issue of *Mallet News Victoria*.
- The proposed new constitution.  
An outline of the proposed new system was presented to the June Council meeting. It would mean creating a Board, to be elected by a vote of all members, and an Advisory Council meeting three times a year, with members from all Regions.  
Consultation on the proposals will start soon, when the draft Constitution is ready to be circulated.

And very importantly, **we are still looking for a Secretary** to succeed Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt. Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt, with Sarina's support, is currently acting as Interim Secretary, but only until 21 September. Anyone interested is welcome to ring me to discuss what is required.

On another note. It's great to see so many tournaments back on the calendar, after the many months when COVID prevented us from playing together. And there will be some exciting events at Cairnlea:

ALL COMERS will be welcome to play their choice of Golf Croquet, Association Croquet, Ricochet and Gateball at  
the Season Opening, Wednesday 3 August (bookings with [Katrina Petersen](#))  
the Festival of Croquet, Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 August (bookings with [Katrina Petersen](#))

HIGH LEVEL LIVE STREAMED COMPETITION – come and watch, or pick up the live stream via Facebook  
the Brian Reither Association Croquet Challenge, 10 and 11 September (EOI to [Katrina Petersen](#))  
the Owen Edwards Golf Croquet Challenge, 5 and 6 November (EOI to [Janet Dickinson](#))

MACROBERTSON SHIELD – 15 days of highpowered international Association Croquet, 12 to 19 November  
Come and watch, or pick it up on the live stream!

I look forward to meeting many of you during the year, whether at these events or at others around the state.

Best regards

Kate  
Kate Patrick 0403 108 215 (m)



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## **Change of Name – Malletsports to Mallet News Victoria**

You will have noticed a new banner with the new name of Croquet Victoria's Magazine.

Over the years it has had many names i.e., Croquet Gazette, Malletsports Victoria, Malleheads.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 Committee of Management meeting, it was agreed that the new name for Malletsports will be Mallet News Victoria



## **Golf Croquet rule books**

Sixth edition Golf Croquet rule books are available from [merchandise@croquetvic.asn.au](mailto:merchandise@croquetvic.asn.au).

*This first edition of Mallet News Victoria was compiled by the Marketing and Publicity Sub Committee*

## Player development workshop – Shepparton 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

On a beautiful winter's sunny Shepparton day, 13 members turned out for the last day of our tactical development coaching workshop led by the State Co-Ordinator of Coaching, Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt and Sarina.

Some of the topics covered were theory, mental preparation, various jump shot techniques and other drill exercises. We were introduced to a new game called Snake in the Grass to round off the session.

Members enjoyed the session and took on a lot of new learnings from the day.

The Shepparton Croquet Club Inc. would like to thank Maurice and Sarina for their time and effort in helping us improve as players.



### Did you see

Did anyone notice who was sitting in the Royal Box at Wimbledon on the second day of the matches? Croquet's own Reg Bamford!

According to the official coverage:

“The Royal Box, which has 74 seats, is reserved for members of the Royal Family and guests of the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

On Day 2, Reg Bamford, the five-time world croquet champion, added his ‘striking’ presence to uphold the world of hoops and mallets in the Club’s title (in croquet, the person whose turn it is to play is called ‘the striker’).

Croquet might seem the ultimate of genteel pastimes, but Bamford gives it an adventurous twist. In 2005 he trekked to the North Pole with a mallet and ball in his survival pack and became the only known person ever to have played croquet on the drifting ice mass.

Congratulations to Reg for the well-deserved honor. It’s great to see croquet at Wimbledon.”

### Upcoming AC and GC Events

[See Croquet Victoria Website](https://croquetvic.asn.au)

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## Vale Jim Saunders



Jim Saunders passed away shortly before 2:30 pm, today, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022, after a debilitating illness.

I first met Jim when, as a member of Essendon CC, he competed in the ACA Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles (partnered by Frank Whiskery) and Singles at Deniliquin Croquet Club in November 2007, and I was refereeing my first ACA event at the invitation of Owen Edwards.

I continued to meet him each year at that venue and around other courts in the following years, as he moved from Essendon to Drysdale and finally to Belmont. He was passionate about his Golf Croquet and he and Val would hook up the caravan to tour and play; you were as likely to meet him in SA or Qld as in Victoria.

He also gave back to croquet, the sport he loved.

- on the committees of the clubs of which he was a member,
- on the old (pre-2015) ACA Executive, where he was Insurance Officer, and Senior Vice-President
- on the (new) ACA Board 2015 - 2017
- at VCA he was:
  - Committee of Management member 2010 - 2016,
  - Treasurer 2017 - 2020
  - State Coordinator GC 2011 – 2012
  - GC Selection Committee Chair 2013 - 2020
  - Courts Director 2014 - 2020
  - Tournament & Fixtures Committee 2015 – 2020

He represented Victoria in the Interstate Shield competition.

Although we had our differences, Jim was a staunch friend and will be missed, not only by me, but the many people with whom he came into contact in croquet, both within Victoria and throughout Australia.

Jim Clement

### POTTER MALLETS

Making croquet mallets is my hobby.

Every mallet is handcrafted to release its natural beauty of grain, texture and colour. Most are of redgum (milled in the 1950s), others are of sycamore, elm, black wattle etc. Grips are of a wide variety of texture, colour and pattern. All mallets are therefore individual and very unique.

**ALL MALLETS - \$120**



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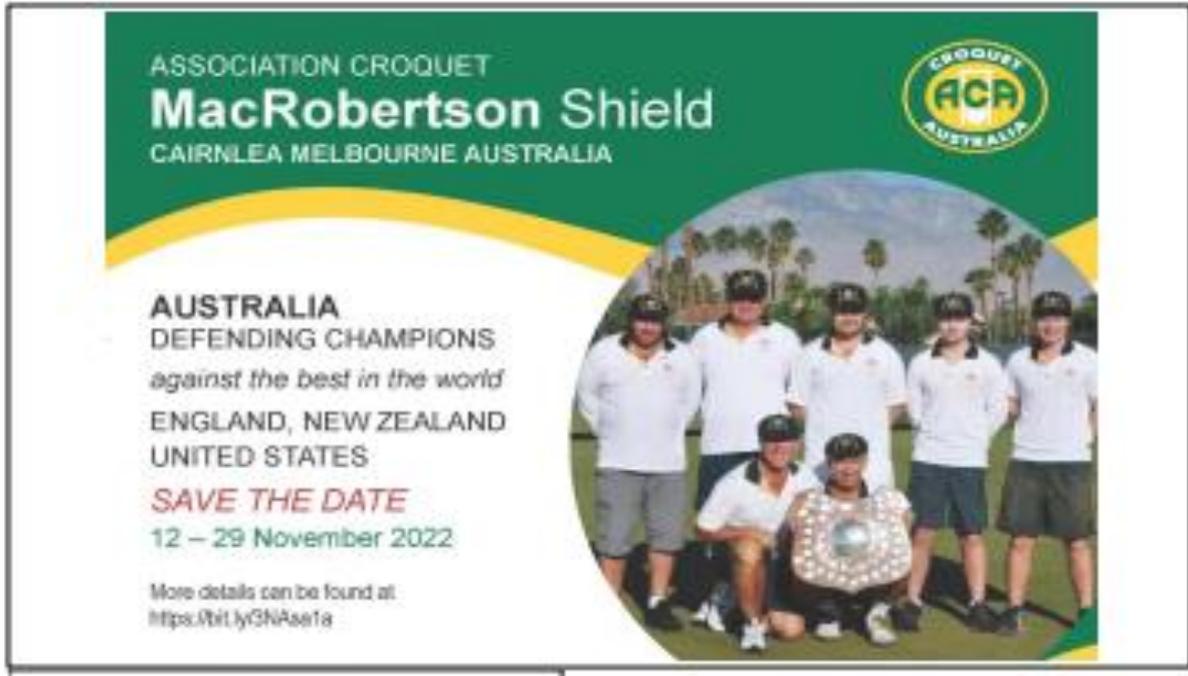
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number on website

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be made  
via email or website

## MacRobertson Shield



### Australia's first win in the MacRobertson Shield



*Launceston Examiner*  
16 January 1928

### The MacRob Shield, 2022

What's ahead:

Mid-August

- Website live
- Bookings open
- Streaming arrangements finalised
- Call for EOI from prospective commentators
- First round of commentator training

11/12 September

- Brian Reither Cup – trial of overseas commentating

Late September

- Souvenir postcards available
- Call for EOI from prospective on-ground reporters

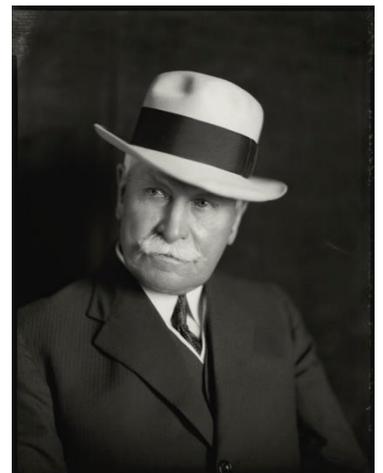
October

- Commentator and reporter training and practice runs

12 November SHIELD OPENS!

### Sir Macpherson Robertson

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## Publicity Network July 2022 Newsletter

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### 2022/2023 Season opening day

Wednesday 3 August 2022, at Croquet Victoria  
654 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea

Time 9.30am Cost \$10.00.

RSVP: [vcacroquetevents@gmail.com](mailto:vcacroquetevents@gmail.com)

### Growing Croquet

Kyabram Croquet Club hosted 24 members of the Girgarre Fire Brigade as part of their social outings at a Twilight Evening in May



### Measuring the success of social media

You could count

- clicks on your Call to Action
- impact of boost (readers / actions)
- frequency of posts
- reach
- followers
- clicks to website
- number of page views

### Topics for the August Workshop

Topics for the August Workshop are as follows:

- Share with us who you invite to run the opening hoop of the season at your club. Send in a photo or two?
- New child safe standards
- Survey on Malletsports / Re-naming Malletsports
- Your greatest challenge as a Publicity Officer

### Available soon 2022/2023 Calendar

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### MacRobertson International Event

The next international event at Victorian Croquet Centre is the MacRobertson Shield, from 12 to 28 (possibly 29) November 2022. Watch our team defend the title live at the venue or on live streaming.

Spectators welcome, start organising by booking a bus.

