



# The Croquet Australia May Bulletin



## ACA Academy Learning Management System NOW LIVE



All Australian Croquet Accredited Coaches now have all their coaching manuals and resources available on a Learning Management System (LMS). When coaches sign in, they will have access to their content relating to skills, tactics and drills. Videos, online logbooks, session plans and templates are now also available. Watch this space for the exciting player and club support tools and resources to come.

### Coaching Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

A Coaching FAQs document for coaching has been developed to help anyone with their questions in relation to coaching. This resource will be continually updated to ensure there is no confusion and everyone can be as productive as possible. To view click on the link below or visit the new ACA Academy landing page on the ACA website.



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### National Coaching Refresher Training Update

The ACA National Coaching Accreditation Program requires that every two years all coaches are to undertake a refresher course to maintain their qualification.

All State Coaching Coordinators (SCCs) will plan the delivery in each state. Recognition of Prior learning (RPL), online resources and zoom will be some of the tools used to complete this training. Coaches will be notified of the next steps to be taken.

### Youth Training Program

The Youth Training Program (YTP) manuals for coaches and teachers are in the final stages of completion and will be reviewed by the National Coaching Team. Three clubs have been nominated to trial the session plans and provide feedback. All Sporting School requirements have been identified and we are now working on the promotional and alternate games videos. A full summary will be available in the upcoming online magazine.

### National Tournament Management Working Group

Last week the ACA convened the first meeting of the Tournament Management Working Group (TMWG). The purpose of this group is to develop a national and consistent Tournament Management course and associated resources and templates to assist Tournament Managers at all levels of the sport to successfully and effectively deliver events across all disciplines.



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The TMWG will review existing resources from VIC, NSW, Qld, NZ and USA as well as identify new content that may be used to create an ACA specific Tournament Management course that may be delivered using different mediums including face to face, on-line and/or self-paced that can be delivered via the new ACA Learning Management System (LMS). Course content may be available via hard copy and also electronically via the LMS as downloadable versions for course participants.

The TMWG is Chaired by David Stanton from NSW and TMWG members include Gwen Connolly from Qld, Ian Smith from Tasmania, Kevin Beard from Victoria and Carmel Hodges from WA. The TMWG will also be supported by a Reference Group consisting of Willy Silk from Qld, Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt from VIC and Paul Goddard from Tasmania.

The timelines for the completion of this project will be the end of the year or sooner based on the availability of the TMWG members.

### National Database Working Group.

Following a meeting between the ACA and the Heads of State, the ACA will establish a National Database User Group (NDBG) to progress the procurement of a fit for purpose National Database for the ACA, State Associations and Clubs.



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Nick Chapman will be the ACA Board member leading this project and the ACA have requested a representative from each State to form the requirements and specifications for the project. Gareth Bushill will also be a volunteer member of this group to advise on the technical requirements for the platform.

Terms of Reference have been established for this group and the purpose of the NDBUG will be to facilitate consultation with the States and ACA to determine the mandatory and desirable requirements and technical specifications for a National Database for the sport. This group will consider this information to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project so the ACA can then go to market. The group will then evaluate the proposals (using an established criteria) and provide a recommendation to the ACA Board. The Heads of State will be consulted in the procurement process.

The State representatives will provide feedback through the process to inform the NDBUG of their essential and desirable requirements from a user perspective. It is anticipated that this approach will give us a speedier outcome and will ensure that States are consulted appropriately during the process.

Alanna Winnie (cc'd) from Parbery will also provide support to the NDBUG on a pro bono basis. Alanna is a commercial expert who will support the approach to market (via the RFP) following the requirements definition process.

The ACA looks forward to progressing this project to ensure the outcome of a fit for purpose National Database solution is delivered for the sport as soon as possible.



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### National Marketing Strategy Update

The purpose of the ACA rebrand is to align a new brand and identity across the whole sport, to provide the sport of croquet in Australia (and other disciplines) with the opportunity to better market the sport to both external and internal stakeholders, increase participation and attract commercial partners.

Beyond the Break (BTB) has now completed all Focus Group sessions and are now moving to the logo design phase for the common logo for the ACA and States and also the Sporting Schools program. The general feedback from the Focus Group sessions was positive around brand consistency with the Croquet Australia logo and State logos and generally universal support for a new, contemporary brand/logo, that is dynamic to reflect more motion and movement. There was good feedback provided on what the logo should look like and represent and this will be considered in the design phase. There was reasonable support for the green and gold colours, particularly for the ACA logo, although for the States, a common logo may reflect the colours of each respective State.



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Further discussion is required as to the development of separate logos for each code. There may be a need to develop a separate logo for Gateball as this logo is quite old and does require updating. BTB have provided a summary update and timelines document that was circulated to the Board and Heads of State.

The next phase of the project requires the ACA to confirm the level of consultation required and timeframes in relation to the new common brand and logo for the ACA and State Associations. Following the consultation process during June, the proposed new brands should all be finalised and approved by the end of June.

### Position Vacant ACA Secretary

# Position Vacant

## ACA SECRETARY



IF INTERESTED, PLEASE FORWARD AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO THE ACA CEO, MELANIE WOOSNAM  
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## Upcoming Events



### Association World Championships

Congratulations to Robert Fletcher, Malcolm Fletcher, Ed Wilson, Dwayne McCormick, Stephen Forster, Callum Hyland and Greg Fletcher who will be representing Australia in England

### Golf Croquet World Championships

Congratulations to Jamie Gumbrell, Janine McHardy and Kate McLoughlin who will be representing Australia in the Golf Croquet World Championships at the Sussex County Croquet Club in August.

### Bunbury Over 50's Golf Croquet world Qualifiers

There will be 2 qualifying events for the Over 50's World Championships.

To enter click on the link below :

Victoria

Sept 26-28th

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Perth

Oct 8-11

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## ACA Events

### To enter visit the ACA website

September 7-10 – Australian Gateball Championship [C]  
Wodonga CC, Victoria

October 6-9 – President's AC Eights – Cairnlea,

October 23-27 – GC Handicap – Twin City, NSW

November 18-26 – AC Open – Cairnlea

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