

# **TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES**

**4-9 FEBRUARY 2013**

Hosted by the  
CROQUET NELSON INC.

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



It is with great pleasure that I welcome the two teams to Nelson to play in the Trans Tasman Test Series. This competition is always hard fought with the final result not known until the last day which makes it exciting for spectators and croquet followers alike.

Thank you very much to Croquet Nelson for agreeing to host this event and to the organising committee who have put a lot of time and effort into making this a good event for the players and officials. A round of thanks also to the Nelson City Council contractors for the additional work they have undertaken on the lawns in preparation for this event. It is appreciated.

To the two teams, play hard and enjoy yourselves.

***Sue Roberts***  
***President***  
***Croquet New Zealand***

## CROQUET AUSTRALIA



The 2011 Trans Tasman was such an interesting and enjoyable experience that I am really sorry not to be able to get to this year's. The ACA Executive will, however, be more than ably represented by Tony Hall, ACA's Treasurer at least for the opening of the Test series.

Many thanks to New Zealand, and to the volunteers at Nelson in particular, for hosting this event. We know the hospitality will be great, although it will not extend to any on-court generosity as far as results are concerned.

Very best wishes to all players and officials. New Zealand is having a particularly busy time with major events at the moment — good for preparation but also really demanding — so must be congratulated for the energy and commitment expended.

***Robyn Wallace***  
***President***  
***Croquet Australia***

## MAYORAL WELCOMES

A very warm welcome to the 2013 International Croquet Tournament hosted by Croquet Nelson.

We're thrilled that this exciting international competition showcasing some of the very best croquet talent from Australia and New Zealand is being held right here in sunny Nelson.

I hope everyone involved in the tournament has the chance over the coming week to take a look around our spectacular region and soak up all that's on offer. From our picturesque beaches and rivers to our numerous boutique breweries and vineyards, there is something for everyone in Nelson Tasman.



Best wishes for a great tournament,  
***Aldo Miccio***

***Mayor of Nelson City Council***



Welcome to the Region! It's fantastic that the Nelson Hinemoa Club has the opportunity to host the Trans Tasman Croquet Test Series. This event provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the game, our very best croquet players, and our stunning region.

I understand you have some long days of strong competition ahead of you during the tournament, and I wish the New Zealand Men's and Women's Teams the best of luck for the series, and the Australian team a very enjoyable tournament and visit to the region.

I know that the 2013 competition has involved a large amount of organisation from some dedicated volunteers, and I am confident that this will be a well-run event for your participation.

Do take the time to explore the Nelson Tasman area while you are here, and I look forward to seeing you at the opening reception on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.

***Richard Kempthorne***

***Mayor of Tasman District Council***

## WELCOME FROM CROQUET NELSON

On behalf of Croquet Nelson, I would like to welcome both the Australian and New Zealand teams to Nelson and more particularly, to the Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club. We are honoured to host this Test Series.

Members of our three clubs: Nelson Hinemoa, Richmond and Riwaka; have worked together in preparation for the Test Series and to ensure everything runs smoothly while you are our guests. We have tried to provide the best conditions possible for a successful tournament. We requested a week full of sunshine to make your play and days the best.



We appreciate the support of our local sponsors who have been fantastic. We especially want to thank the Nelson City Council for their generous support in preparing the lawns and grounds. Council has been extraordinary.

We wish both teams the best and hope that we can make your week enjoyable.

***Annie Henry***  
***President Croquet Nelson***

## FORMAT OF THE SERIES

The series is played as three two-day test matches as follows:

- Test 1, 4 & 5 February 2013
- Test 2, 6 & 7 February 2013
- Test 3, 8 & 9 February 2013

Each country shall have a team of four men and four women.

On the first day of each test match there will be four mixed doubles matches. On the second day of each test match there will be eight singles matches.

All matches are timed best-of-three games (4hrs for game 1, 3hrs for game 2, 2.5hrs for game 3). Any games unfinished at the end of any day will be pegged-down and finished when time allows.

The winner of each Test Match shall be the team that wins the greater number of matches. In the event that there are an equal number of wins, the Test Match shall be declared a tie. The majority of matches in a Test Match must be played in order to determine a result.

- The winner of the series is the country who wins the greatest number of test matches.
- If the series is tied after this criteria, then the country with the greatest number of matches will be declared the winner.
- If it is still a tie after this criteria is applied if possible, a play-off comprising three mixed doubles matches played on the day after the end of the scheduled period. Will be used to find the winner of the series



*This tournament is a sun-smart event, with thanks to the Cancer Society of Nelson*

# Test Match 1

AD1	vs	ND3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD2	vs	ND4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD3	vs	ND1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD4	vs	ND2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW1	vs	NW2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW2	vs	NW1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW3	vs	NW4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW4	vs	NW3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM1	vs	NM2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM2	vs	NM1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM3	vs	NM4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM4	vs	NM3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner

NZ Match Wins

Aust Match Wins

Winner Test 1

# Test Match 2

AD1	vs	ND2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD2	vs	ND1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD3	vs	ND4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD4	vs	ND3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW1	vs	NW3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW2	vs	NW4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW3	vs	NW1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW4	vs	NW2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM1	vs	NM3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM2	vs	NM4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM3	vs	NM1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM4	vs	NM2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner

N Z Match Wins	
Aust Match Wins	

Winner Test 2

# Test Match 3

AD1	vs	ND1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD2	vs	ND2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD3	vs	ND3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AD4	vs	ND4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW1	vs	NW1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW2	vs	NW2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW3	vs	NW3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AW4	vs	NW4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM1	vs	NM1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM2	vs	NM2	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM3	vs	NM3	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner
AM4	vs	NM4	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Winner

NZ Match Wins	
Aust Match Wins	

Winner Test 3



## NEW ZEALAND

### HARPS TAHURANGI



Harps recently joined the Wellington Municipal Croquet Club, after many years playing for his local Wainuiomata club, in order to play against elite players on a more regular basis. These tough match experiences have resulted in Harps gaining New Zealand selection for the 2012 World Championships in Adelaide. He had a successful tournament there, qualifying out of his block then following that up by knocking out Stephen Mulliner in the round of 32. Harps is in good form having won his block at the New Zealand Open in Christchurch last week.

### AARON WESTERBY (C)



Aaron Westerby from the Epsom/Remuera Croquet Club started playing croquet in 1986 and his career highlights have included winning the 1994 and 1995 NZ mixed doubles title with his grandmother, being named “player of the series” at the 2009 Trans Tasman and captaining the New Zealand MacRobertson Shield team to the brink of success in 2010. A past New Zealand Open champion, two-time NZ top Invitation winner, 1997 winner of the British Men’s championship and past world number 1.

### DAVE WICKHAM



Dave is from Masterton in the sunny Wairarapa. Dave played croquet from the age of 15 until the age of 22 when he took a break from croquet for 5 years to focus on his career in the supermarket industry and his soccer. Dave now 29 has been back playing croquet for three years. He is a former winner of the NZ Doubles championship in 2003 and is 2012's NZ Mens Champion. He can't wait to get to Nelson to represent New Zealand in the sport he loves

## NEW ZEALAND

### MICHAEL WRIGHT



Now, based in Wellington, Michael started playing in 1999 at the Marton Croquet club.

Michael's career highlights include a match win against Reg Bamford in the NZ Open, a highly successful MacRobertson Shield debut where he won 5 of his 6 singles matches, and winning a NZ Open Doubles title with Ian Lines (Eng).

Michael's non-croquet interests lie in playing bridge, reading and strategy games

### JANE MCINTYRE



Jane is a member of United Croquet Club in Hagley Park, Christchurch and has recently returned to the game after a few years off. She is looking forward to the challenge of playing Test croquet once again with this being her fourth Trans Tasman Test series, the first being in 1994 and the latest in 2006 in Melbourne. Jane has also played in two World Championships. During the day Jane works as an accountant and enjoys spending time in the outdoors, music, gardening, kayaking, and a bit of DIY.

### DR JENNY CLARKE



Jenny is a lecturer in Sports Science at in the School of Sport and Physical Education at the University of Canterbury. She is currently coordinator of the Bachelor of Sport Coaching programme and teaches Biomechanics and Anatomy as well as practical coaching skills, and is currently using a 3D imaging system to analyse croquet swing dynamics.

Since taking up Association Croquet in 1999 while studying for a DPhil at Oxford University, Jenny has won Association titles all over the world, including the Inaugural Women's Association Croquet World championships in 2012, the 2010 Australian Open and the 2007 Swiss Open. With husband Chris, Jenny won the 2007 NZ Open Doubles, and has won two national GC doubles titles.

Jenny has played in four previous Trans Tasman tests, twice as captain, but her highlight was representing New Zealand in the 2010

MacRobertson Shield series where NZ produced their best performance since 1986. Jenny's current major goal in croquet is to be in a MacRobertson Shield-winning NZ team.

Outside croquet Jenny enjoys gardening, chasing her golden Labradors around Bottle Lake forest and playing bridge and watching movies with Chris.

## NEW ZEALAND

### LAURA WHITTAKER



Laura has completed her first year of study at Canterbury University. She is planning to take a year off studying in 2013 and is now working at a resthome and saving hard for a trip to India to undertake some mission work later in the year. She plans to return to university in 2014 to complete a Social Work degree.

Laura has played in two Womens GC Worlds (2009 and 2011) and was runner-up in the 2012 Womens Invitation.

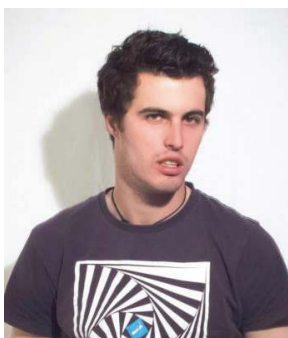
### ALISON ROBINSON



Alison lives in Wellington and plays at the Kelburn Municipal Croquet Club. She has been President and Club Captain and is a Life Member of the Club. She is currently Tournament Convenor of the Wellington Croquet Association. She used to work in the Geophysics Division of the Department of Scientific Research, now GNS Science, mostly in the field of Marine Geophysics. (Croquet has many features in common with Deck Golf, a popular game on [RV Tangaroa](#) with those not on watch). When she is not playing croquet (Kelburn is closed in winter) she enjoys walking, pottering in the garden, trying DIY projects and reading mediaeval murder mysteries. She is not bad at Sudoku and is now trying to get to grips with cryptic crosswords.

Alison learnt to play croquet in the 1980s but didn't make much progress when her children were young. She kept in touch with the game by qualifying as a referee and was part of the team at the 2002 World Championships in Wellington. The highlight of her croquet career so far is playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> WCF Women's AC World Championships in Melbourne in 2012, where she won the 'Shield'. She really enjoyed meeting the other players and the officials at the Tournament and is looking forward to renewing her acquaintance with members of the Australian team at the Trans Tasman Test.

### JARROD COUTTS (MANAGER)



Jarrod is completing a PE degree before starting a teaching career. Jarrod has been coaching around NZ for the last two seasons. Jarrod managed the NZ GC team to South Africa recently and will manage the NZ team for the 2013/14 MacRobertson Shield campaign.



## AUSTRALIA

### CLAIRE BASSETT



Claire was born into a croquet family and married into a croquet family. She began playing at the age of thirteen and this year's Trans Tasman is her second having first competed in 2009. She works full-time as a child educator and has two daughters Evie, 3 and Lyla, 19 months with husband, Trevor.

### ROSIE GRAHAM



Rosemary began playing Golf Croquet at the Leura Croquet Club in the Blue Mountains and in 1993 she moved to competitive Association Croquet representing New South Wales for five years. Apart from all the major Australian events, Rosemary has played in the New Zealand and British Opens three times and most recently captained the New South Wales State Team in the Australian Championships held in Perth. Last year she competed in the Women's Association Croquet World Championship.

### TRICIA DEVLIN



Tricia has been playing croquet for 17 years during which time she has played in all Australian states — eight times as a member of the Victorian State Team. 2013 is the first year she has played Association Croquet in New Zealand, although she competed in the Women's Worlds Golf Croquet Championship in Tauranga.

In 2011 she won the Australian Women's Championship and has twice won the President's Women's Eight. Tricia also played in the inaugural WCF Women's Association Croquet World Championship in 2012 as well as the World Championships in Adelaide.

Away from croquet, Tricia was firstly a teacher of maths and physics and later in textile design before retiring to live in Central Victoria. She and her husband are developing an oasis on a few acres with fruit and vines, a pool and a large studio which will get more use when she stops traveling for croquet.

After twice being reserve for the Australian Trans Tasman Team, Tricia is delighted to be playing and representing Australia as well as looking forward to exploring New Zealand.

## AUSTRALIA

### ALISON SHARPE



Alison stumbled upon croquet as a young girl thanks to her Grandmother's sizeable back garden in Yorkshire and re-discovered it when she arrived in Australia many years later after attending a twilight golf croquet soiree sponsored by Pimms; liking the game as much as the drink, Alison joined the Killara Croquet Club. However croquet continually takes her back to the highlands of Scotland — each time she plays a shot she stalks, casts and shoots and is still trying to find the deer, salmon and stags.

Alison has enjoyed swinging her way through croquet for the past six years; she loves the camaraderie with her fellow swingers and wouldn't swap the game for all the tea in China. This will be Alison's second time representing Australia in the Trans Tasman.

### KEVIN BEARD (C)



Kevin Beard is a semi-retired geneticist who has worked in the Australian dairy industry for more than 30 years. He lives in Melbourne with his wife Janet and has two young adult daughters, Sally and Catherine.

Kevin began his croquet at the Brunswick Mallet Sports Club in 1999 and plays both Association and Golf Croquet. He currently plays at the Essendon Croquet Club.

In both forms of the game he has won several Victorian Championships and represented Victoria in the Eire Cup and WCF Shield on a total of 11 occasions.

At the national level he has won the Australian Association Croquet Doubles Championship with Stephen Mulliner and three Australian Golf Croquet Singles Championships.

He has represented Australia in the Association Croquet MacRobertson Shield in the UK in 2010 and the Golf Croquet World Teams Championship in Johannesburg in 2012.

This is Kevin's first appearance in the Trans Tasman. He is honoured to be captain of the Australian team and looking forward very much to the intense rivalry in Nelson

## AUSTRALIA

### ROBERT FLETCHER



Robert has been playing croquet since 2004. He is looking forward to the challenge of defending the Trans Tasman Trophy. He is currently doing a course majoring in construction, through the University of Ballarat, while working in the family business. Recently Robert won the AC Australian Singles Championship. Other interests include, playing table tennis, snooker, cricket, AFL, watching sport, and movies.

### MALCOLM FLETCHER



Malcolm is really looking forward to playing in the Trans Tasman and competing against and beating the New Zealand Team.

He began playing croquet in 2005 at Lismore in Victoria. At the moment Robert is on holiday — as far as school goes but will be doing Year 12 this year, which will include some subjects for a Certificate III in Agriculture and various courses in construction machinery as well as a part-time job. His interests other than croquet are training Kelpies, competing in Yard Dog Trials, playing cricket, table tennis, snooker and the X Box.

### STEPHEN FORSTER



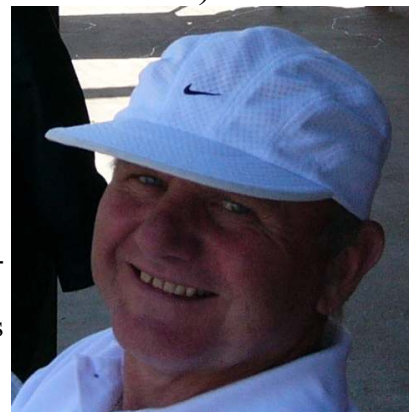
Stephen is a Theatre Technician Operating Suite at the Geelong Hospital and has been married to Julie for 22 years. They have two children, Zach, 21 and Eden, 18.

This is the fourth year in the Australian Trans Tasman Team for Stephen; a tournament that he enjoys. He is looking forward to another tough competition as well as catching up with the players.

### BRUCE FLEMING (MANAGER)

Bruce lives in Brisbane and is a member of the East Brisbane Croquet Club.

He is the Australian Croquet Association's High Performance Manager and Manager of the Australian Trans Tasman Team.



Bruce has played in six Trans Tasman competitions which were all won by New Zealand, so it is probably best that he is on the sidelines this time. However, all that hard won experience is invaluable to him as he guides this very talented Australian Team.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Hosting a tournament requires the involvement of many people. We have been very fortunate to have many who are willing and capable to help.

First and foremost a special thanks to all three clubs for working together to make this event successful. Thank you Nelson Hinemoa, Richmond and Riwaka Croquet Club members for all your contributions. Their contributions are too numerous to list. We thank our local businesses sponsors and those who have donated towards the tournament. Not only is the financial support appreciated but their generous response when asked.

A special thanks is given to Andrew Livingstone, the grounds person for Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club. Andrew has worked tirelessly in preparing the lawns. Thank you Andrew! The support of Andrew Cavill, Sportgrounds Supervisor for Nelson City Council, and Peter Gray, Turf Manager for Nelmac, have been instrumental in ensuring the lawns and grounds are in the best possible condition. Their expertise is valued.

Murray Taylor, Executive Director for Croquet New Zealand, has been a wealth of information and assisted whenever needed.. Lester O'Brien, CNZ Council manager liaison, has been a supportive throughout the process. Marion Prentice, Croquet Nelson Publicity Officer, has done a superb job of letting the public know about this important event.

The tournament manager, Betty Winterburn, and the referees will have a full week. We appreciate all their work to make the tournament run well. We appreciate Manly Bowater, who is the tournament referee, for securing the senior referees for the week and everything else that is done for the tournament. Thank you goes to Brian Boutel, Liz Fleming, Ann Masters, Lester O'Brien, John Wall, Brian Wislang, and Bev Worrall for using your knowledge and best judgment during the tournament. Thank you to Doug Nottage and William Rush for resetting all the lawns. All of the organization and much of the food preparation for the eight days has been done by Thelma Creighton. Thank you Thelma! Bryce Wild organized the barbeque on Wednesday night. Thank you Bryce!

An enormous thank you is given to the Organising Committee who has taken their responsibilities with great care and enjoyment. A heartfelt thanks is given to Dennis Bulloch, Thelma Creighton, Doug Nottage, Marion Prentice, Bryce Wild, and Betty Winterburn for making everything possible. Preparation has run smoothly because of all of you.

Warmly,

D. Annie Henry  
Chair  
Trans Tasman Organising Committee

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