



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – CANBERRA

4 to 16 July 2026

CANBERRA LABOR CLUB AND MERCURE HOTEL

Club facilities

The Canberra Labor Club is located in the Belconnen Town Centre near the bus interchange. It is the venue for all ANC events. There are two main playing areas: the Fred Daly Room on the ground floor and the Whitlam Room on a lower floor, which is accessed by escalator or elevator. Bridge players are invited to use the club's facilities during the thirteen days of the ANC. There is a spacious main lounge available as a breakout area between sessions.

A multi-story covered car park is available above the Labor Club, at a cost of \$9 per day for bridge players. Entry is from Edmonstone Place. The most convenient parking location is on the 2nd floor, then take the elevator down to the club's main reception area on the ground floor.

The club is usually open every day from 10 am to 4 am. However, the entrances will be open for bridge players from 8 am each day during the ANC.

Mercure Hotel

The Mercure Hotel is attached to the Canberra Labor Club. It offers 125 well-appointed rooms, a gym and guest laundry. The hotel reception is accessed from Cameron Avenue or through a connecting corridor from the Labor Club. The hotel offers a 20% discount for bridge players (see the separate information sheet on ANC accommodation options for the link to access the discount).

Membership and entry

Visiting bridge players are invited to take out membership of the Labor Club at a cost of \$5.50. As membership allows access the discounted menu prices, the cost of membership can be recouped in one meal in the Bistro.

Bridge players are asked to sign in at the club reception area on arrival for the first time. They will be issued with a paper pass that remains current for two weeks without have to sign in again. They should carry this pass at any time they are in the club.

Players may care to arrive a little earlier on the first day to allow time to sign in and/or take out membership.

Dress

The club management asks that members and visitors maintain a minimum standard of dress, described as "smart casual". Smart T-shirts, collared shirts, neat pants/jeans and dresses/skirts for women are generally acceptable, but sportswear, excessively revealing clothing and thongs/flip-flops are not permitted.

Coat racks are available near the playing room entrances for those wishing to remove their outdoor clothing.

Eating

There are four eating options at the venue during the ANC:

- Selections Bistro – located in the Labor Club, open every day between 12 pm and 2 pm and 5:30 pm and 9 pm
- Café on Chandler – also located in the Labor Club, open each day from 10 am (it may open earlier during the ANC)
- Giannis – a restaurant serving Italian cuisine, located in the Mercure Hotel, open every day from 11:30 am to 8:30 pm
- a bridge players lunch option where light lunches can be pre-ordered before the start of play each day.

Players are asked not to consume their own food or drinks on club premises.

Beverages

Complimentary tea, coffee and water will be available from three self-serve stations in the playing areas: two in the Fred Daly Room and one in the one in the Whitlam Room. Speciality hot beverages can be purchased from the Baristas in the café.

Complimentary tea and coffee will not be **not** available in the playing rooms on the 11th floor of the Mercure Hotel (used for the Interstate Teams finals). Hot beverages can be purchased from the nearby bar. However, finalists are also welcome to use the complimentary tea and coffee facilities downstairs in the Fred Daly Room.

There are bars in the lounge area of the Labor Club and on the 11th floor of the Mercure Hotel. The bar and lounge area on the 11th Floor of the Mercure Hotel is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday s from 4 pm. It will also be open before the Presentation Dinner on 10 July for those wishing to purchase a pre-dinner drink. The bar in the Fred Daly Room will open only during the Presentation Drinks function at 5 pm on 16 July. The club and hotel are required to observe the regulations on the responsible service of alcohol.

Wifi

Free Wifi is available in the Labor Club for members and visitors. A password is not required. Bridge players may use this system.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the club, except for the two covered outdoor terraces set aside for smokers.