



## **Announcement - 2019 Australian Senior Championships**

Dear Members

The committee would like to provide some information to our members regarding the 2019 Australian Senior Championships.

Due to actions beyond our control, the ACT will no longer be hosting the 2019 Championships. Early last week, Darts Australia contacted Darts ACT to advise that the 2019 Australian Seniors Championships will not be held in Canberra. A sponsorship deal has been secured for the next 3 years which means the Australian Championships will be held in the same location. As a result, the decision has been made to move the Championships from the ACT to NSW.

From 2019, Moama in NSW will host the event at the Rich River Golf Club Resort. Moama is 2 ½ hours from Melbourne, or about 6 hours by road from Canberra.

Darts ACT is disappointed by this decision for our members. We were not consulted over these negotiations until a week ago. Planning had been well underway for this event in the ACT and the committee has been working hard behind the scenes to host a championships which we could all be proud of. This is no longer possible.

We have notified the Southern Cross Club of this decision and we have cancelled our booking. We thank the Canberra Southern Cross Club for their ongoing support and we hope we can continue to build on the fantastic relationship that we have with the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

It is regrettable that this has occurred, but Darts ACT remains committed to continue the hard work that we have put in to help grow Darts in our region. This is a setback, however will not let this stop us from what we have worked so hard to achieve.

Not hosting the event here directly impacts our players financially as there is a greater cost that is required for players to represent the ACT. Darts Australia is working with Murray River Council to secure a full range of accommodation at the best rates. This is little consolation to players as hosting a home championships helps to reduce these costs for our players who have travelled and competed or to support the team over the years.

Once again, we are disappointed by this decision, but would hope that this does not deter members from wishing to trial for the Championships in 2019. When information becomes available, the committee will plan for the Championships and will start working with Darts Australia to look at the best possible options for accommodation and transportation to and from the event. We are hoping to provide to members an estimate of costs for the championships by the end of the selection trials next year.

Thanks

Darts ACT Committee  
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