



CANBERRA CHESS CLUB

CHANGE OF PREMISES

This is to advise that our Club has been successful in obtaining premises at the Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden (CSCC), as part of that Club's annual Community Sporting Program.

What does this mean?

- This offer is for free premises in Community Rooms 1 and 2 in the CSCC. These rooms have been visited and are assessed as suitable for the purpose of competition chess (see photos) with acceptable tables and lighting.
- The rooms are only available on Thursday nights, requiring our Club to change its meeting night.
- Our Club has signed a contract with CSCC for use of the premises until end of June 2023. There is no guarantee of placement for the following financial year; we would need to reapply.
- We are guaranteed the use of either Community Room 2 (the larger one) or Community Room 1 for every Thursday night until 29 June 2023 EXCEPT for Thursday 15 September. This would require a minor alteration to our Club calendar.

Other Issues

- Our participation in the CSCC's Community Sporting Program requires that we encourage our members to become CSCC members (annual subscription is \$10.00 single, \$8.00 concession).
- The CSCC reserves the right to reschedule our meeting night if they need the room for other purposes, and will give us two weeks' notice. This uncertainty is a feature of using Club premises and also happened (rarely) in our previous placement in the Hellenic Club in Civic.
- The two Community Rooms in use are adjacent, meaning that we are likely to have other Community Groups as neighbours during our use of the rooms.
- Parking is plentiful, both on-site and in adjacent car parks.
- The CSCC has asked that no external catering or homemade food or beverages be taken in (CSCC facilities are excellent and there is hot water in the Community Room).

Way forward

- This is a great opportunity for us to move to premises which are free (saving our Club \$2,350 pa in rent), suitable for purpose, and with excellent facilities.
- If the premises prove unsuitable eg, our Community neighbours are disruptive, we can advise the CSCC of this unsuitability and quit the contract.
- A trial over several weeks is indicated, during which time we maintain the existing link to our current premises in Dundas Court as a fallback position.
- We will commence play at the CSCC Woden on Thursday, 1 September at 6.45pm.

Your Committee members are available to address any questions you may have.

Gary Trevean (Secretary)
Brian Butler (Treasurer)

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