



2019 Australia Day – Government House Open Day

Croquet NSW has been asked to showcase Croquet on the lawns of Government House on Australia Day (26th January 2019). We have accepted the invitation!!

Government House will be open from 9am to 6pm with approx. 2500 visitors expected.

We will be having 2 half lawns with, for the safety of spectators, black irrigation pipes around and between the lawns. On one lawn we'd like to show a game of Golf Croquet played by members with other members explaining the process to the spectators gathered. The other lawn will be set as a "Come n Try" day with mallets, balls, hoops and members showing the intricacies of our great game.

After lunch, if enough interest is shown, we'll change one lawn from Croquet to Gateball. For this to happen we will need a group of Gateball players to be in attendance to help with the setup and explanation for our spectators.

We will also be having handouts with information and contact details about Croquet NSW.

For this day to be a success we will need an army of volunteers throughout the day. If members can give us 1-1.5hrs, or more, throughout the day our plans are that members play for 20-30 minutes, answer spectators' questions for 20-30 mins and have a rest for 20-30 mins. Naturally we'll be most pleased and thankful with whatever time our members can give. Please remember this is for the benefit of the Sport of croquet in NSW.

If members could email me brenda.wild@croquet-nsw.org or phone **0438 586 655** (leave a message please) with their availability during the day I'll organise a roster closer to the day. I've already received offers of help from members who'll be joining us during the day – thankyou.

Members of CNSW will be setting up the lawns, gazebos etc the previous day (Friday 25/1).

On the day there will be no car parking available at Government House but the closest train station (Circular Quay) is a leisurely 10 min walk away.

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