



**Begonia Open**  
**10 to 12 March 2018**  
*Presented by Ballarat Chess Club Inc.*



<b>Venue</b>	The Sewell Pavilion at Ballarat Clarendon College, 1425 Sturt Street Ballarat. The pavilion is located on Wanliss Street 100 metres from Sturt Street.					
<b>Round Times</b>	Saturday	March 10	Entries Close	12 noon	Opening ceremony	1.30 pm
			Round 1	1.45 pm	Round 2	7.30 pm
	Sunday	March 11	Round 3	9.30 am	Round 4	2.30 pm
			Round 5	7.30 pm		
	Monday	March 12	Round 6	9.30 am	Round 7	2.30 pm
<b>Rate of Play</b>	All moves in 90 minutes per player plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. A forfeit will be awarded if a player is 30 minutes late for a game.					
<b>Entry Fees</b>	Grandmasters and International Masters					Free
	Adults					\$140
	Concession (unemployed and full time students)					\$120
	A reduction of \$20 is available if paid by 23 February 2018					
<b>Prizes</b>			<b>Outright</b>		<b>Rating Groups (3 sections)</b>	
	1 <sup>st</sup>		\$2,500		\$800	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		\$1,250		\$400	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		\$1,000			
	4 <sup>th</sup>		\$750			Several special prizes tba
<b>How to enter</b>	Online at <a href="http://www.begoniaopen.com">www.begoniaopen.com</a> or complete and send the form below.					
<b>How to pay</b>	Online via EFT to Ballarat Chess Club BSB 182 512 # 9632 63561 or PayPal Cheque or Money Order posted to Box 1242 Ballarat Mail Centre Vic 3354					
<b>Half Point Byes</b>	Players may request the Arbiter for 2 Half Point Bye in rounds 1 to 5. This must be done in writing prior to the tournament or before the start of the previous round.					
<b>General</b>	The tournament will be an ACF Grand Prix Class 5 event It will also be rated by both the ACF and FIDE Draws under 15 moves will not be accepted					
<b>Sponsorship</b>	The club appreciates the generous support of: PPT Financial, Tornelo, Chess Microbase, Frangos Cafe, Ballarat College & Friends of Begonia Tournament.					
<b>Further Information</b>	Visit the tournament website at <a href="http://www.begoniaopen.com">www.begoniaopen.com</a> where further information is listed. Alternatively call Patrick Cook (03) 5331 6658 or 0499 255 240 and Kevin Perrin (03) 5331 3711 or 0418 533 517. Email inquiries to <a href="mailto:ballaratchess@hotmail.com">ballaratchess@hotmail.com</a>					

**Begonia Open 2018 - Entry Form**

<b>Name:</b>	.....
<b>Postal address:</b>	..... ..... .....
<b>Email address:</b>	.....
<b>Rating:</b>	.....
<b>Telephone:</b>	.....
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$140 or \$120 (reduction of \$20 if paid by 23 February 2018)      \$ .....
<b>Payment:</b>	Online at <a href="http://www.begoniaopen.com">www.begoniaopen.com</a> via PayPal EFT to Ballarat Chess Club BSB number 182 512 account number 9632 63561 Cheque or Money Order posted to Box 1242 Ballarat Mail Centre Vic 3354