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## 2017 Australasian Masters

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Welcome to the 2017 Australasian Masters, which is the fifth consecutive year featuring both a GM and IM norm events. This year sees the welcome return of foreign 2 GMs, GM Vasily Papin from Russia and GM Adrien Demuth from France. New to the event are GM Fabien Libiszewski from France and IM Temur Kuybokarov from Uzbekistan. Temur obtained a GM norm earlier this year at the Australian Open held in Brisbane.

Prior to arriving in Melbourne, a number of players competed in the annual Lidums Australian Young Masters GM norm tournament in Adelaide. In hot form are IM Bobby Cheng and IM Kanan Izzat, both finishing equal 1<sup>st</sup> and obtained their 2<sup>nd</sup> GM norm from the event. We hope they can continue their form and obtain their final GM norm.

In the IM norm event, we see the welcome return of CM Alphaeus Ang from New Zealand. His father, IA Keong Ang will be running the DGT boards for the GM norm event. IM Alexey Khamatgaleev (Russia) has recently moved to Melbourne and this will be his 1st introduction to the IM norm event. Also from overseas are IM Eric Rosen (USA), WGM Pauline Guichard (France) and FM Lee Qing Aun (Singapore). IM Stephen Solomon has kindly stepped in to fill a late withdrawal and driving from Queensland of over 2000 Kms.

### Useful Websites:

<https://newzealandchess.nz/2017/Aust...anMasters.html>

<http://www.chessvictoria.org.au/news/the2017australasianmastersgmandimnorminvitationaltournament>

<http://www.chesschat.org/showthread.php?17061-2017-Australasian-Masters-GM-and-IM-Norm-Invitational-tournament>



The last game to finish was an epic struggle between current Australian Champion International Master Bobby Cheng and the youngest Australian Grandmaster Anton Smirnov.



Australian regular Russian Grandmaster Vasily Papin started his fifth Australasian Masters tournament with a nice win against Chris Wallis.



Our guest from Uzbekistan International Master Temur Kuybokarov started his quest for his third GM Norm with a nice strategic win against Ari Dale.



The iron man of Australian chess many times Queensland Champion International Master Stephen Solomon was included in the IM Norm event less than 48 before the start. Stephen drove more than 2200 kilometres from Central Queensland and come on time for the first round! Thank you very much Stephen for your dedication! In the first round he is in typically Solomon style managed to win against top seed and newest Melbourne resident International Master Alexey Khamatgaleev.

## Tournament Details

**History:** published in Wikipedia [Masters link](#)

### Schedule

Saturday December 9 starting at 6:30 pm R1  
Sunday December 10 starting at 4:00 pm R2  
Monday December 11 starting at 4:00 pm R3  
Tuesday December 12 starting at 4:00 pm R4  
Wednesday December 13 starting at 4:00 pm R5  
Thursday December 14 starting at 4:00 pm R6  
Friday December 15 starting at 4:00 pm R7  
Saturday December 16 starting at 6:30 pm R8  
Sunday December 17 starting at 2:00 pm R9

**Venue:** Melbourne Chess Club (66 Leicester St, Fitzroy)

**Rate of Play:** 90 mins + 30 sec increment from move 1

**Forfeit Time:** 30 minutes from advertised starting time for each round

**Arbiters:** IA Peter Tsai, IA Leonid Sandler, FA Chris Zuccala and Tony Davis

### GM Norm Event

**Players** (Rating Order):

#### Title Name Federation FIDE

GM Adrien Demuth France 2543  
GM Fabien Libiszewski France 2540  
GM Anton Smirnov Australia 2525  
IM Bobby Cheng Australia 2483  
IM Kanan Izzat Azerbaijan 2473  
IM Temur Kuybokarov Uzbekistan 2468  
GM Vasily Papin Russia 2453  
IM Ari Dale Australia 2390  
FM Chris Wallis Australia 2380  
FM Karl Zelesco Australia 2361

### IM Norm Event

**Players** (Rating Order):

#### Title Name Federation FIDE

IM Alexey Khamatgaleev Russia 2399  
IM Eric Rosen USA 2379  
IM Stephen Solomon Australia 2370  
FM Eugene Schon Australia 2291  
WGM Pauline Guichard France 2247  
CM Alphaeus Ang New Zealand 2220  
FM Lee Qing Aun Singapore 2206  
FM Gregory Canfell Australia 2174  
FM Domagoj Dragicevic Australia 2161  
FM Eddy Levi Australia 2118

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