



# World DipCon XXI – Information Pack

World Diplomacy Championship XXI

# Sydney

## Australia

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2011

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**Diplomacy**  
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# World DipCon XXI - Diplomacy Down Under

## Silver Anniversary

Diplomacy has a long and active history in Australia and 2011 will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of organised tournament play. The game was very popular through the 1980s and 1990s with many zines, tournaments, postal games and now legendary characters.

## Diplomacy Association of Australia and New Zealand

DAA was established in 1989 and the DAANZ in 1999 to support the local game. The Australian hobby has the oldest complete record of tournament results in the world. The unique Master Point system dates back to the late 1980s.

## Past World DipCons

Australia has twice hosted World DipCon, in 1992 and 2002. Aussies **Steve Gould** and **Rob Stephenson** respectively won the World Championship Title.

## In the 2000s

Since 2002 hobby participation receded from the Golden Years peak. Currently there are seven FTF tournaments being held each year and more than 60 players included in the Bismark Cup competition for the best overall tournament player.

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DAANZ President Grant Steel



**Australian Championship 2009**  
(l to r) 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Goff,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thorin Munro



# World DipCon XXI – The Tournament

## Track Record

Successful World DipCon events held in 1992 and 2002 demonstrates DAANZ can deliver a world class Diplomacy tournament, this time in Sydney.

## When

World DipCon 2011 will be played over four days (Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct). Monday will be a public holiday in Sydney. The dates were chosen to be in the middle of the Rugby World Cup being held in New Zealand.

## Where

World DipCon 2011 will be played in or near the Central Business District of Sydney. There are many venues and one will be selected prior to World DipCon 2010 to enable full promotion of the 2011 event.

## Tournament Director

Will be an experienced non-playing Australian.



Australian Championship 2009



The DON Challenge 2008



Sydney Challenge 2007



# World DipCon XXI – The Tournament

## Tournament Design

The format for World DipCon 2011 will be determined by the organising committee later in 2010. Design considerations:

- encouraging quality, full-blooded Diplomacy games
- many players travel long distances to participate
- ensuring ample time for social activities.

## Likely Parameters

- Scoring system will be centre based
- At least four (4) tournament rounds will be played
- Playing times: morning (~10am) to early evening (~7pm)
- Electronic game timer located centrally
- Intent is to have no forced time draws
- Entry fee of AUD\$50 (USD\$35)

## Players

Attracting a quality field of at least 70 players will be a primary goal. More than 50 Aussies, 10 Kiwis and 10 Internationals.

## Future benefits

Hosting World Dipcon XXI will energise, mobilise and expand the Diplomacy hobby in Australia and New Zealand. This will provide a fresh base of hobby participation for years into the future.



## World DipCon XXI – Sydney

### **Welcome to Sydney**

Sydney ranks as one of the most attractive cities on the planet. Built around a stunning harbour, Sydney enjoys mild weather, great beaches and a friendly multi-cultural population.

Unlimited attractions exist for those wanting to make the most of their holiday. Take a ferry from Circular Quay to Manly, climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge, surf at Bondi Beach, shop and stop for a beer in the Rocks, head west to the Blue Mountains, visit Taronga Zoo, the Botanical Gardens, galleries, cafes, infinite bars and clubs...

### **Gateway to Australia and New Zealand**

Sydney is well positioned as the gateway to an extended Down Under holiday. See the Great Barrier Reef, Uluru, the Kimberleys, Melbourne and even New Zealand!

Visit the Tourism Australia site: [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com)

Or 100% Pure New Zealand: [www.newzealand.com](http://www.newzealand.com)



## World DipCon XXI – Sydney

### **Sydney International Airport**

The Sydney International Airport is located just a short taxi (15min) or train ride from the city centre.

### **Sydney City Accommodation**

The city centre has many options ranging from budget backpackers to five star, harbour view penthouse suites.

- A 3½ star room in Sydney for 2 adults costs approximately AUD\$150 (USD\$120) per night; there is generally a charge of \$15 per extra adult.
- Budget accommodation options in Sydney such as backpacker hostels AUD\$25 (USD\$20) per night or 2 star hotels.
- For further information: [www.wotif.com](http://www.wotif.com)

### **Transport**

The city has a good public transport system. City accommodation will likely be within walking distance to the tournament venue.

### **Billets**

May be available upon request but are not guaranteed.





## World DipCon XXI – Other Attractions

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### **Rugby World Cup**

The Rugby world Cup will be held in New Zealand from 10<sup>th</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

World DipCon XXI will be positioned in the middle of that event to allow international players the option of attending earlier preliminary games or the later finals.

Teams already qualified for the RWC: New Zealand, France, Tonga, Argentina, England, Scotland, Australia, Ireland, Italy, South Africa, Wales and Fiji. Others likely to qualify: USA, Canada and Japan. Many of these nations fielded teams in the Stabberfou Diplomacy World Cup.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Australian Diplomacy hobby will celebrate 25 years of organised tournament play in 2011. This is an important hobby milestone which we can leverage in hosting World DipCon XXI.





## World DipCon XXI – Organising Team

### **Tournament Organiser**

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### **Tournament Director**

An experienced non-playing TD will be recruited

### **Organising Team Principles**

- Committed to delivering a world class Diplomacy event
- Continuity in roles for duration of producing the event
- Open and inclusive collaboration
- Diplomacy is a game so let's enjoy ourselves!

Ultimately we're encouraging everyone to enjoy the company of local and international Diplomacy playing friends at a great tournament...

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