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Dear Ms Lim

Proposal for the Creation of "club.au" Second Level Domain

I refer to your recent call for proposals to create second level domains in the Australian name space. In response to this call, please find this submission relating to the second level domain "club.au".

auDA has invited people to submit proposals for a single 2LD, or a group of related 2LDs, either as an "open" or a "closed" 2LD. This proposal is for a closed 2LD.

Please note that the Australian National Clubs Association reserves the right to amend this proposal in consultation with the New Names Policy Panel or with auDA.

Yours faithfully,

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PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A CLOSED SECOND LEVEL DOMAIN “club.au”

Executive Summary of the Proposal

The reasons for the **club.au** second level domain (2LD) are summarised as follows:

- (1) There are 200,000+ clubs in Australia. The existence of **club.au** would give those 200,000+ clubs a less cumbersome and more 'natural' domain name than their existing ones in com.au, org.au, asn.au, etc.
- (2) The **club.au** 2LD is being set up to deliver useful domain names at a low cost to the 200,000+ clubs. Virtually all of those clubs are non-profit, and **club.au** should be a closed 2LD to ensure the domain names are only for qualifying non-profit clubs.
- (3) The sponsoring organisation needs to be a national body for all clubs. There is no existing organisation. The Australian National Clubs Association (“ANCA” or “Clubs Australia”) is being set up to be that sponsoring organisation with a constitution which is specifically designed to provide this role in consultation with auDA.
- (4) Under its constitution, ANCA’s objectives are specifically to be the sponsoring organisation for **club.au**. It will be a non-profit; member based organisation (similar to auDA, and similar to the clubs themselves).
- (5) Clubs get a **club.au** domain name by becoming members of ANCA. The registry details will provide an optional entry in a directory of clubs in Australia.
- (6) As all ANCA members automatically receive a club.au domain name, ANCA itself is both self supporting and self liquidating. ANCA automatically exists if clubs want to keep using their **club.au** domain names, and it ceases to exist if no clubs wish to continue using their **club.au** domain names.

A. The Actual Name of the 2LD

The name of the second-level domain will be **club.au**.

B. The Purpose of the 2LD

Clubs are community-based, not-for-profit organisations that provide a range of recreational and social services to millions of Australians. Most are registered as an “association” or a “co-operative” within their State. A much smaller number are incorporated at a Federal level, as “companies limited by guarantee”.

Available statistics show that there are nearly 4,000 licensed clubs in Australia that employ 70,000 people and turnover more than \$60 billion annually. However, there are a huge number of community clubs most of which do not provide alcohol or gambling services. Most clubs are thus unlicensed.

These clubs have objects which include indoor activities (such as bridge, chess and snooker), outdoor activities such as soccer, netball and athletics) and social activities (such as Rotary, Apex and youth clubs). Many are associated with other organising bodies.

Available evidence indicates that most clubs do not have a website. Many of those who do have a URL provided by their ISP. For those clubs with their own domain name, there is little consistent pattern of use even between clubs of the same type. Clubs have been identified using com.au, net.au, org.au and asn.au as well as the three global TLDs (com, net and org). There appears to be significant confusion among clubs in Australia.

A survey has been conducted showing these patterns of use (**see Appendix 2**).

This suggests that clubs are not well served under the present regime. The **club.au** 2LD provides a common standard for thousands of clubs in Australia. It is important to note that the majority of these clubs are small community groups with low-levels of technical expertise in the DNS. The **club.au** 2LD is an obvious choice whatever the club’s size or status.

The **club.au** 2LD will be differentiated from current 2LDs (e.g. com.au, net.au and org.au) and is not likely to cause confusion. However, **club.au** has the scope to garner a significant number of daily registrations that would have otherwise gone to another 2LD. As such, **club.au** will provide a significant and practical alternative to other 2LDs.

Benefits to Clubs & the Community

For a registrant which includes the word “club” in their existing title, it is unnatural and unduly cumbersome to register a domain name under any 2LD other than **club.au**. As an example, a folk club would prefer to use “afolk.club.au instead of “afolkclub.org.au”. The proposed **club.au** 2LD allows domain names to be suitable, shorter and easier to remember.

Clubs and societies communicate sporting results, upcoming events or other information to their members. Many publish hard copy annual reports, newsletters or magazines. Better access to the internet will assist clubs in the electronic dissemination of information by web or email. Clubs may incorporate other internet activities such as mailing lists.

B. The Purpose of the 2LD (cont'd)

By introducing a substantial proportion of the club community to the internet, this system has the potential to create a huge pool of new internet users. This basic communication channel can be enhanced by the clubs themselves to provide other internet activities.

As a secondary objective, it is also proposed to create an online, database driven directory of all Australian clubs. Such a directory structure is suitable in Australia as most clubs have a name that consists of three parts namely a suburb, and activity and the word "club". Examples, such as *Ashfield Bowling Club* or *Parramatta Leagues Club*, are legion.

With a centralised database consisting of thousands of online clubs, the Australian public will benefit from an improved search and access facility. However, to provide such a service, the starting point is for clubs to register and maintain their own internet domain name.

C. The Intended Users of the 2LD

For non-profit Australian clubs which are registered, incorporated or otherwise established in Australia and which operate in Australia as a membership body with a community focus.

Registrants in the **club.au** second-level domain will have community objectives such as arts, culture, dance, games, recreation, social, sport or other community purposes such as:

- Animal Owners and Breeders Clubs
- Apex and Rotary Clubs
- Aussie Rules and Soccer Clubs
- Badminton, Squash and Tennis Clubs
- Bowling, Bocce, Cricket and Croquet Clubs
- Boxing, Wrestling & Martial Arts Clubs
- Community, Ethnic and National Clubs
- Games and Indoor Activities Clubs
- Motor Cycling and Other Motor Sports Clubs
- Music, Dance and Drama Clubs
- Recreational and Social Clubs
- RSL, Ex-Services and Memorial Clubs
- Rugby Leagues and Rugby Union Clubs
- Police and Military Services (Army, Navy etc.) Clubs
- Sporting and Outdoor Activities Clubs, and
- Many Other Clubs of a General or Community Nature

The **club.au** 2LD will not apply to licensed night clubs or similar commercial bodies with a "for profit" purpose. As many non-profit bodies incorporate commercial aspects, a critical consideration will be the existence, or otherwise, of a genuine body of members.

Non-registrants who use the internet would also benefit from the **club.au** 2LD. These include club members as well as users of community websites generally. Benefits will include easy search and access through a club directory structure.

D. Estimated Number of Potential Registrants in the 2LD

The total number of community clubs in Australia must exceed 200,000. This compares with the approximately 250,000 domain name registrations currently held in the com.au 2LD. It is reasonably expected that a new **club.au** 2LD will achieve 20,000 domain name registrations in the first two years of operations.

The scope and variety of clubs in Australia is truly remarkable. Here are three examples of directory listings showing details of clubs of various types:

Antique Bottle Collectors Clubs in Australia

<http://www.users.bigpond.com/oz-riley/Clubs.html>

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (SAAFWDC)

<http://www.saafwdc.asn.au/members.htm>

The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASSCA)

<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/clubs.htm>

To provide a more comprehensive indication of the scope and variety of clubs in Australia, generic searches have been conducted on the National Names Index of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission at <http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html>

These searches show that many generic terms, such as “aero club” or “sports club” have so many registrations that the database refuses to list them all. Those clubs which have been listed are a small percentage of the total registered (**see spreadsheet as Attachment 1**).

E. The Funding Model for 2LD Operations

The Australian National Clubs Association is being established as a non-profit body whose principal source of income is the license fee for **club.au** domain names. Thus registrants in the **club.au** 2LD will be members of a national “clubs” body established for the purpose. The organisation will be self-liquidating in that membership will create the right to a domain name. Membership fees will forever parallel domain name licence fees.

As registrants are currently required to renew their domain name on a two year cycle, such a period is said to be “biennial”. The Australian National Clubs Association will adopt a similar biennial pattern for membership fees. Should the domain name expire, membership will automatically lapse. All domain name holders will be voting members.

Any eligible Australia club will be allocated a domain in the **club.au** 2LD at a price expected to be similar or comparable to the present level for asn.au or org.au. With the large number of clubs around Australia, some marketing will be conducted through the many peak bodies.

Many of the existing peak bodies are representative of a sporting or community activity rather than of the clubs themselves. Those that represent clubs are mostly State based. For examples of peak bodies for clubs see **Appendix 3**.

Within the structure of “closed” 2LDs, each sponsoring organisation will need to decide how to fund the issue of domain names. However, for any membership based body, the most suitable method is to incorporate the domain name into its normal membership fee.

F. Statement Addressing the Selection Criteria

Proposals in each of the above categories must meet the following selection criteria, in order of importance:

1. The 2LD must be robust, sustainable and viable. For example, in the case of closed 2LDs there should be a clear, long-term commitment from the body which it is proposed would manage the 2LD.
2. The 2LD should serve the needs of users, or a community of users, that are not well served by the existing 2LDs. For example, a proposal should define the user group and indicate clearly why its needs are not as well served at present as they would be with the proposed 2LD.
3. There must be clear support for the 2LD, in particular among the users it is intended to serve, and in general terms from the wider community. Strong evidence of this support should be provided (eg. letters of support, the resolution of a governing body, or survey evidence). There should be clear evidence that user community support is broadly representative of that community. Reasonable objections to the creation of the 2LD from the wider community will be taken into account by the Panel during its public consultation.
4. The 2LD should widen the choice of domain names available to users of the Australian DNS. For example, a proposed 2LD that simply duplicates an existing 2LD will generally not be considered to widen the choice of available domain names.

It is believed that each of these questions has been addressed in this proposal except that there are no letters of support. The “strong evidence of support” has been satisfied by survey evidence of clubs and domain names provided in Appendices and Attachments.

Informal conversations with several peak bodies indicates they would be happy to support the proposal. Evidence, in the form of supporting letters, will be provided if necessary.

G. Indication Why the 2LD Should be Closed Rather Than Open

Whilst open 2LDs may promote competition between registrars, there is a significant potential for abuse of the name space. As well, it has not yet been established that price or service will be satisfactory when registrars have a “for profit” focus. Clubs, themselves, are mostly non-profit organisations most suited to a non-profit sponsoring body.

To be eligible in the **club.au** 2LD, registrants must be registered, incorporated or otherwise established in Australia. They must also conduct operations as a non-profit membership organisation with an arts, cultural, recreation, social, sporting or similar community focus.

In summary, therefore, the **club.au** 2LD is being set up to deliver useful domain names at a low cost to community clubs. Virtually all of these clubs are non-profit, and **club.au** should be a closed 2LD to ensure the domain names are only for qualifying non-profit clubs.

H. The Eligibility Criteria That Would Apply in the 2LD

The **club.au** 2LD is for non-profit Australian clubs.

The following rules are to be read in conjunction with the Domain Name Eligibility and Allocation Rules for Open Second Level Domains (2LDs).

1. To be eligible in the **club.au** 2LD, registrants must:
 - (a) be registered, incorporated or otherwise established in Australia, and
 - (b) conduct operations in Australia as a non-profit membership organisation, and
 - (c) have an arts, cultural, recreation, social, sporting or similar community focus.

2. Domain names in the **club.au** 2LD must:
 - (a) exactly match the name of the registrant's non-profit club;
 - (b) be an acronym or abbreviation of the name of the registrant's club; or
 - (c) be otherwise closely and substantially connected to the registrant.

The domain name eligibility and allocation rules will be those described above. These rules are similar to those now being adopted by auDA except insofar as they relate to clubs.

I. The Policy Rules That Would Apply in the 2LD

As a member of the sponsoring body, clubs will be entitled to one free domain name. The normal policy rules, as established by auDA, will apply and other domain names may be applied for if the club can demonstrate a "close and substantial" connection.

The **club.au** 2LD will adopt the current policy of auDA in all respects of auDRP, Code of Conduct, Transfers, etc. except that a variation will be sought in relation to a small number of "generic" words as described below.

Consideration About the Issue of Subdomains

One feature, which is not well understood, is that the holder of a domain, at any level, has the technical capacity to issue a virtually unlimited number of domains at the next lower level. The present release of generic domain names may make this situation clearer.

Should, for example, an organisation hold the third level domain "bank.com.au", they could, if they wished, issue subdomains such as the following:

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"anz.bank.com.au"  
"national.bank.com.au" or  
"westpac.bank.com.au"
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The introduction of second level domains (or 2LDs) has a still greater potential to reconfigure the internet landscape. Should auDA approve the issue of "bank.au" to the relevant trade association, for example, it would then be possible for that body to issue similar subdomains without the need for the cumbersome "com" component as follows:

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"anz.bank.au"  
"national.bank.au" or  
"westpac.bank.au"
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I. The Policy Rules That Would Apply in the 2LD (cont'd)

Short, easy to remember domain names such as these are widely considered to provide a marketing “edge” and be intrinsically valuable. Words like “bank” or “club” are particularly desirable because they are generic in nature i.e. they identify a product or industry sector to internet users. One important question is that of controlling this new configuration.

Variation in Relation to Generic Words

Whilst it is well-established policy that there will be no restriction on generic domain names generally, a variation to the policy is sought in relation to the **club.au** second level domain because of the naming conventions of clubs in Australia.

As stated earlier, most Australian clubs have a name that consists of three parts namely a suburb, an activity and the word “club”. Domain names are thus based on the club’s brand image. One key feature of this proposal is that each member Club will receive a domain name for their membership fee. The domain name is expected to be in the following format:

“ashfieldbowling.club.au”
“parramattaleagues.club.au”

However, the release of generic domain names like **bowling.club.au** and **leagues.club.au**, for example, would allow subdomains to be issued in the following format

“ashfield.bowling.club.au”
“parramatta.leagues.club.au”

Clearly a licensee holder of such domains will have the capacity to issue subdomains with highly confusing properties in relation to the domain names on issue.

It is therefore proposed that **both** versions will be made available, in parallel, to all member clubs. To achieve this goal, some restriction will be needed in respect of generic domains which can be used to generate subdomains. Any such words, amounting to a few hundred in total, should be treated as reserved for this purpose.

J. The Peak Body That Would Manage the 2LD

The sponsoring organisation for the proposed **club.au** 2LD will be **The Australian National Clubs Association** proposing to trade as **Clubs Australia**.

This body is being established for the purpose of providing Australian clubs with domain name licences in the **club.au** 2LD. It is a non-profit national body constituted as a company limited by guarantee, whose members will be Australian clubs. Membership will be available to any body meeting those requirements for the price of the 2LD.

The Australian National Clubs Association also intends to formulate its constitution or charter on a basis acceptable to auDA. A draft document is being prepared and extracts are provided for consideration by the New Names Policy Panel (see **Appendix 1**).

The objective of this new organisation is to provide club.au domain names to non-profit clubs. Members must be registered, incorporated or otherwise established with a physical presence in Australia. They must also operate in Australia as a membership organisation with an arts, cultural, recreation, social, sporting or similar community focus.

EXTRACTS FROM CHARTER OF NEW CLUBS BODY

Included in its objectives, the draft charter will specifically allow the Australian National Clubs Association to be the sponsoring organisation for the **club.au** second level domain. In this role, it will formulate and set policy and issue **club.au** domain names to its members.

The charter will also allow the new association to provide ancillary services relating to the provision of an optional entry in an online clubs directory.

Principal Purposes Clause

The objective of The Australian National Clubs Association is to promote, provide or carry out activities, facilities or projects for the benefit or welfare of non-profit, membership based clubs which are:

- (a) membership organisation with an arts, cultural, recreation, social, sporting or similar community focus, and
- (b) registered, incorporated or otherwise established with a physical presence in Australia.

Included in these objectives, the association will be administrator of, and the Australian policy body and sponsoring organisation, for **club.au** or any other Second Level Domains (2LDs) approved by auDA.

In this regard, it is accepted that the Internet Domain Name System is a public asset and auDA administers the .au ccTLD for the benefit of the Australian community. This Association concurs with the purposes stated in auDA's constitution and will uphold these purposes diligently and to the best of its ability.

Associated Purposes Clause

In relation to any such approved second level domain, the association will:

- (a) adopt open, transparent, inclusive and consultative processes,
- (b) develop and establish an appropriate 2LD policy framework,
- (c) formulate and set suitable 2LD policies and procedures,
- (d) allocate and issue third level domain names to members,
- (e) establish and maintain appropriate complaints handling procedures, and
- (f) monitor and manage the operation of any critical technical functions.

In relation to the domain name system, generally, the association will assist auDA to:

- (a) develop and administer the domain name system in Australia, and
- (b) maintain and promote the operational stability and utility of the .au ccTLD,

The association will also provide ancillary services including the provision of an optional entry in an online clubs directory. It is not intended that the Association will provide commercial services as an internet service provider.

Appendix 1 (cont'd)

EXTRACTS FROM CHARTER OF NEW CLUBS BODY (cont'd)

Non-Profit Organisation Under Australian Law

Various forms of words can be used to show non-profit character in an organisation's constitution or governing documents. The following clauses, acceptable to the Australian Taxation Office, are included in the organisation's draft charter:

Non-profit clause:

The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the association except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the association.

Dissolution clause:

In the event of the association being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any association with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

Possible Exemption from Income Tax

The income tax law provides that certain types of clubs, societies and associations are exempt from paying income tax. Under subparagraph 23(g)(v) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cth)*, one of these categories is a non-profit society, association or club established for "community service purposes" (except political or lobbying purposes).

Providing it is not a charity, such a non-profit society, association or club will be exempt from income tax if it has a physical presence in Australia and, to that extent, incurs its expenditure and pursues its objectives principally in Australia.

Community service organisations promote, provide or carry out activities, facilities or projects for the benefit or welfare of the community or any members who have a particular need by reason of youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social or economic circumstances.

The main purpose of the organisation must be community service purposes. Community service purposes are altruistic. That is, community service organisations are established and operated with regard to the well-being and benefit of others.

To work out this main purpose, it is necessary to consider the organisation's constituent documents, activities, history and use of funds. Any other purpose of the organisation must be incidental, ancillary or secondary to its community service purposes.

Given this regime, the Australian National Clubs Association intends to formulate its constitution in a way which will, as far as possible, satisfy these requirements. It is expected that the provision of domain names, to non profit organisations on a not for profit basis, will be seen by the Australian Tax Office as satisfying the above definition.

Appendix 1 (cont'd)

EXTRACTS FROM CHARTER OF NEW CLUBS BODY (cont'd)

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Company shall consist of the following categories for which the membership qualifications are set out below.

Statutory Membership

There shall be one only statutory member who must be:

- (a) a resident of Australia, and
- (b) a natural person who is 18 years old or over.

This position is subject to election, or re-election, by the body of ordinary members at any general meeting of members of the association. All other members of the association shall be ordinary members.

Ordinary Membership

An organisation is eligible to apply to be an ordinary member of the Association provided only that they:

- (a) are registered, incorporated or otherwise established in Australia, and
- (b) conduct operations in Australia as a non-profit membership organisation, and
- (c) have an arts, cultural, recreation, social, sporting or similar community focus.

MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Applying for Ordinary Membership

An organisation who wants to be an ordinary member must lodge an application for membership in the form approved by the Board from time to time together with the relevant membership fee approved by auDA from time to time. Each such application must contain:

- (a) particulars of the applicant's qualifications for membership;
- (b) an address and other contact details or information,
- (c) details of the domain name being applied for,
- (d) a warranty that the information supplied is true and correct.

Immediately on receipt of this information, and subject to the availability of the domain name being applied for, such a membership will be provisionally approved.

Board's Discretion to Accept Applications

At its next Board meeting, or other earliest opportunity, the Board must consider all applications for ordinary membership lodged prior to the preparation of the agenda for that meeting. The Board will then approve all such applications unless there is reasonable grounds to consider that:

- (a) the grant of the domain name would be contrary to policy set by auDA, or
- (b) the warranty provided by the applicant is false in a material particular.

Where an application is not immediately approved, the Board may require an applicant to give any further information that the Board desires before approving or refusing an application for Membership.

In the event that the Board refuses an application for membership, the Board must provide the applicant with a written statement of its reasons and refund any application fee paid. Any applicant who has been refused membership may appeal such a decision within the complaints handling procedures approved by auDA.

Voting Rights

Each member of the association recorded in the register of members shall have one vote of equal value to that held by each of the other members.

Appendix 1 (cont'd)

EXTRACTS FROM CHARTER OF NEW CLUBS BODY (cont'd)

Termination of Membership

A person's membership will be concurrent with their holding of a domain name in **club.au** or other second level domain approved by auDA. Should their membership (or their concurrent domain name) expire or be surrendered, membership (and their concurrent domain name) will automatically lapse.

One calendar month before a member's biennial renewal date, a member will be notified that their membership (and concurrent domain name) are about to expire. Where a member fails to pay their renewal fee by the due date, their membership (and concurrent domain name) will be immediately suspended. A second notification will be sent advising the member of their suspension.

Where a member has not paid their renewal fee within one calendar month after their biennial renewal date, their membership (and concurrent domain name) may be terminated at any time. A third and final notification will be sent advising the member of their termination for non payment.

At the association's discretion, a period of grace of not more than one calendar month may be allowed before the member's domain name is removed from the domain name system. This discretionary period will expire on a date two calendar month's after the scheduled membership renewal date.

Expulsion of Members

The Board may terminate the membership of an ordinary member where that member has been found guilty of conduct seriously detrimental to the interests of the association. To accord with the principles of natural justice, a member must be given reasonable time and opportunity to respond to any allegations of misconduct or other impropriety.

Rights and Obligations of Terminated Member

All rights and privileges of membership immediately cease on termination of membership. Any applicant who has had their membership terminated for misconduct or other just cause may appeal such a decision within the complaints handling procedures approved by auDA.

Termination of membership does not relieve a Member from any obligation to pay any membership fees payable on or before the date of termination and does not entitle the Member to any refund of any entrance or membership fees in part or in whole.

Membership Not Transferable

Membership of the association is not transferable whether by operation of law or otherwise.

Register of Ordinary Members

The Secretary shall keep a register of ordinary members in which is entered the details provided by the member at the time of their application as amended by any subsequent advice. This register must show the date or dates upon which Members became Members and the date upon which any Member ceased to be a Member. Information available to the public will be in accordance with the association's privacy policy as determined in consultation with auDA.

Upon the termination of membership of a Member for any reason the name of the Member must be immediately removed from the register.

Membership Fees

The period of membership for ordinary members will be on a two year, or "biennial" cycle starting from the date of that member's initial provisionally approved application.

The Board will determine the biennial membership fees in consultation with auDA. Unless exempted by the Board, each ordinary member is obliged to pay their biennial membership fee in full on the due date for renewal. Payment must be made within one calendar month of the due date unless the Board allows an extension of time on the grounds of hardship or public interest.

EXAMPLES OF URLS USED BY AUSTRALIAN CLUBS

Using “.com.au”

Adelaide Sailing Club	http://www.asc.com.au/
Ainslie Football Club	http://www.ainsliefootballclub.com.au/
Albury Golf Club	http://www.alburygolf.com.au/
Albury Soldiers Sailors & Airmens Club Limited	http://www.ssaclub.com.au/
Avalon Sailing Club	http://www.avalonsailingclub.com.au/
Bendigo District RSL Club	http://www.rslclub.com.au/
Blacktown City Soccer Club Limited	http://www.blacktowncitysoccer.com.au/
Brisbane Polo Club	http://www.brisbanepoloclub.com.au/
Burwood RSL Club	http://www.burwoodrsl.com.au/
Canberra Southern Cross Club	http://www.csccl.com.au/
Canberra Yacht Club	http://www.canberrayachtclub.com.au/
Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club	http://www.chprsl.com.au/
Club Marconi	http://www.clubmarconi.com.au/
Cobram-Barooga Golf Club Limited	http://www.cbgc.com.au/
Collingwood Football Club	http://collingwoodfc.com.au/
Coomealla Club	http://www.coome-club.com.au/
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia	http://www.cyca.com.au/
Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia	http://www.cycsa.com.au/
East Fremantle Football Club	http://www.effic.com.au/
East Fremantle Yacht Club	http://www.efyc.com.au/
Fremantle Dockers Football Club	http://www.fremantlefc.com.au/
Fremantle Sailing Club	http://www.fsc.com.au/
Geelong Football Club	http://gfc.com.au/
German Club, Gold Coast	http://www.germanclub.com.au/
Gliding Club of WA	http://www.glidingwa.com.au/
Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club	http://www.gryc.com.au/
Hornsby RSL Club	http://www.hornsbyrsl.com.au/
Lidcombe Catholic Workmens Club	http://www.lidcombecatholic.com.au/
Maroochy RSL Club	http://www.maroochyrscl.com.au/
Middle Harbour Yacht Club	http://www.mhyc.com.au/
Mooloolaba Yacht Club	http://www.mooloolabayachtclub.com.au/
Peel Thunder Football Club	http://www.peelthunder.com.au/
Perth Football Club	http://www.perthdemons.com.au/
Pittwater RSL Club	http://www.pittwaterrsl.com.au/
Porsche Club of Victoria	http://www.pcv.com.au/
Porsche Club of Victoria	http://www.pcv.com.au/
Revesby Workers Club	http://www.revesbyworkersclub.com.au/
Royal Automobile Club of Victoria	http://www.racv.com.au/
Royal Geelong Yacht Club	http://www.rgyc.com.au/
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	http://www.rmys.com.au/
Royal Perth Yacht Club	http://www.rpyc.com.au/
Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club	http://www.rpayc.com.au/
Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club	http://www.releagues.com.au/
Sandringham Yacht Club	http://www.syc.com.au/index.asp
Scarboro Surf Life Saving Club	http://www.scarboro.com.au/
Shellharbour Workers Club	http://www.shellys.com.au/
South of Perth Yacht Club	http://www.sopyc.com.au/
Southport RSL Club	http://www.southportrsl.com.au/
Subiaco Football Club	http://www.sfclions.com.au/
Sydney Turf Club	http://www.stc.com.au/
Thundercat Racing Club of Australia	http://www.thundercataustralia.com.au/
Toronto Workers Club	http://torontoworkersclub.com.au/
Trinity Beach Club	http://www.trinitybeachclub.com.au/
Tuggeranong "Cowboys" Football Club	http://tuggeranongfc.com.au/
Tuggeranong Valley Rugby Union & Amateur Sports Club	http://www.tuggers.com.au/
Twin Town Services Club	http://www.twintowns.com.au/
West Australian Car Club	http://www.wacarclub.com.au/
West Coast Eagles Football Club	http://www.westcoasteagles.com.au/
WhitSunday Sailing Club	http://www.whitsunday-sailing-club.com.au/
Yarrawonga & Border Golf Club	http://www.yarragolf.com.au/

Using “.net.au”

Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia	http://www.cmca.net.au/
Club 80 Melbourne	http://www.club80.net.au/
Fever Niteclub	http://www.fever.net.au/
Moonee Valley Racing Club	http://www.mvrc.net.au/
Mornington Racing Club	http://www.mrc.net.au/
Victoria Racing Club	http://www.vrc.net.au/

EXAMPLES OF URLS USED BY AUSTRALIAN CLUBS**Using “asn.au”**

Adelaide Club	http://www.adelaide-club.asn.au/
Alice Springs Yacht Club	http://www.aliceyacht.asn.au/
Avoca Beach Surf Club	http://www.avocabeachslsc.asn.au/
Berwick Obedience Dog Club	http://www.berwickodc.asn.au
Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	http://www.bsyc.asn.au/
Hobson's Bay Yacht Club	http://www.hbyc.asn.au/
Multihull Yacht Club of Victoria	http://www.mycv.asn.au/
NSW Sea Kayak Club	http://www.nswseakayaker.asn.au/
Perth Bushwalkers Club	http://www.perthbushwalkers.asn.au/
Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club	http://www.pfsyc.asn.au/
Peugeot Car Club of NSW	http://www.peugeotclub.asn.au/pccnsw.htm
Porsche Club of South Australia	http://www.pcsa.asn.au
Renault Owners Club of Canberra	http://www.renaultcanberra.asn.au/
Royal Aero Club of Western Australia	http://www.racwa.asn.au/
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club	http://www.rfbyc.asn.au/
Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron	http://www.squadron.asn.au/
South Australian Road Runners Club	http://www.sarrc.asn.au/
South Fremantle Football Club	http://www.sffc.asn.au
Sydney University Hockey Club	http://www.suhc.asn.au/

Using “.edu.au”

ANU Chess Club	http://cs.anu.edu.au/~Shaun.Press/anuchess.html
ANU Mountaineering Club	http://bohmanu.edu.au/Clubs/Mountaineering/
Belconnen Chess Club	http://cs.anu.edu.au/~Shaun.Press/belconnen.html
Bendigo Chess Club	http://www.bendigo.latrobe.edu.au/biolsc/bradly/chess/bcchome.html
Benowa Chess Club	http://www.benowass.qld.edu.au/chess.htm
Combined Universities Athletics Club	http://coombs.anu.edu.au/~dnissen/athletics/index.html
Sandy Bay Sailing Club	http://www.tased.edu.au/tasonline/sbsc/
Tuggeranong Chess Club	http://cs.anu.edu.au/~Shaun.Press/tuggeranong.html
University of Western Australia Triathlon Club	http://www.sport.uwa.edu.au/~triclub/

Using “org.au”

Albert Sailing Club	http://www.albertsc.org.au/
ANARE Club	http://www.anareclub.org.au/
Australian Jockey Club	http://www.ajc.org.au/
Baulkam Hills Scrabble Club	http://www.bhsc.org.au/
Bird Observers Club of Australia	http://www.birdobservers.org.au/
Border Collie Club of Victoria :	http://www.bordercollie.org.au
Chillagoe Caving Club	http://www.chillagoeclimbingclub.org.au/
Citroën Car Club of NSW	http://www.citroencarclub.org.au
Citroën Classic Owners Club of Australia	http://www.citroenclassic.org.au
Clarence District Kennel Club	http://www.cdkc.org.au
Cumberland Bird Observers Club	http://www.cboc.org.au/
Dapto Greyhound Racing Club	http://www.daptodogs.org.au/
Gove Yacht Club	http://www.goveyacht.org.au/
Illawarra Folk Club	http://www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au/
King River Pony Club	http://www.kingriverponyclub.org.au/
Kingston Beach Sailing Club	http://www.kbsc.org.au/
Mildura Harness Racing Club	http://www.mildura-hrc.org.au/
National Press Club	http://www.npc.org.au/
Peugeot Car Club of Queensland	http://www.peugeotclubqld.org.au/
Porsche Car Club of NSW	http://www.porscheclub.org.au/
Porsche Club of Canberra	http://www.porshecanberra.org.au
Porsche Club of NSW	http://www.porscheclub.org.au
Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania	http://www.ryct.org.au/
South Brisbane Sailing Club	http://www.sbsc.org.au
St George Leagues Club	http://www.stgeorge.org.au/club/
Sydney Striders Road Runners' Club	http://www.sydneystriders.org.au/index.shtml
Tuggeranong United Soccer Club	http://www.tusc.org.au/
Tuggeranong Valley Cricket Club	http://www.tvcc.org.au/
Tuggeranong Vikings Hockey Club	http://www.vikings.org.au/
Ulysses Club	http://www.ulysses.org.au/
Victorian Climbing Club	http://www.vicclimb.org.au/
West Australian Marathon Club	http://www.wamc.org.au/
West Australian Turf Club	http://www.waturf.org.au/

EXAMPLES OF URLS USED BY AUSTRALIAN CLUBS**Using “.com”**

Balmain Sailing Club	http://www.balmainsailingclub.com/
Border Collie Club of NSW	http://www.bccnsw.com
Claremont Football Club	http://www.claremonttigers.com/
Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club	http://www.cottsurf.com/
Fraser Coast Agility Dogs	http://www.frasercoastagilitydogs.com
North Bondi Surf Club	http://www.northbondisurfclub.com/
North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club	http://www.ncslsc.com/
Pearce Flying Club	http://www.pearceflyingclub.com/
Porsche Club of WA	http://www.porscheclubwa.com/
Porsche Club of Western Australia	http://www.porscheclubwa.com/
Renault Car Clubs of Australia	http://www.rccaustralia.com/
Swan Districts Football Club	http://www.swandistrictsfootball.com/
Wanderers Cricket Club, Townsville	http://www.wandererscricket.com/
Werriwa All Breeds Dog Training Club	http://www.werriwa.com/

Using “net”

Exporters Club of South Australia	http://www.exportersclub.net/
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Using “org”

Hills Speleology Club	http://www.hillsspeleos.org/
Penshurst RSL Rugby League Football Club	http://www.penshurstfooty.org/
Peugeot Car Club of Victoria	http://www.pccv.org/
Southport Yacht Club, Gold Coast, Australia	http://www.southportyachtclub.org/
SR500 Club	http://www.sr500club.org/
Whitehorse Pole Vault Club, Melbourne	http://www.whitehorsevault.org/

EXAMPLES OF URLS USED BY AUSTRALIAN CLUBS**Using “bigpond”**

Campbelltown Jogger's Club http://www.users.bigpond.com/conor6/public_html/
 Indooroopilly Canoe Club http://www.users.bigpond.com/zola_man/
 Mingara Chess Club <http://www.users.bigpond.com/murrell/>
 Multihull Yacht Club of South Australia http://www.users.bigpond.com/MSN/Rob_Dunn/Default.htm
 Port Macquarie RSL Club <http://www.users.bigpond.com/portrs/page/>
 Tuggeranong Dog Training Club <http://www.users.bigpond.com/tdtc>
 Whitehorse Canoe Club <http://users.bigpond.net.au/whcc/whcchome.html>

Using “geocities”

100 Marathon Club <http://www.geocities.com/fickelab/club.html>
 Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club http://www.geocities.com/altona_dog_club
 Australian Shepherd Club of Victoria : <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Park/9972/index.html>
 Cronulla RSL Youth Softball Club <http://www.geocities.com/cronullars/>
 Hastings & District Obedience Dog Training Club <http://www.au.geocities.com/hastingsob>
 Queanbeyan District Cricket Club <http://au.geocities.com/queanbeyancricket/index.html>
 Rotary Club of Noosa <http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Promenade/3305/>
 South Canberra Tuggeranong Athletics Club <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Field/8499/clubinfo.html>
 Southern Obedience Dog Club <http://www.geocities.com/southernobedience/sodc>
 Sunbury & District Obedience Dog Club <http://www.geocities.com/sdodcweb>

Using “gov cdse”

Coffs Harbour Catholic Club <http://www.chcc.nsw.gov.au/CDSE/CCC.htm>
 Park Beach Bowling Club <http://www.chcc.nsw.gov.au/CDSE/PBB.htm>
 Sawtell RSL Club <http://www.chcc.nsw.gov.au/CDSE/Sawtell.htm>

Using “iinet”

Armadale Cricket Club <http://www.armadalecc.iinet.net.au/>
 Australian Knife Collectors <http://www.akc.iinet.net.au/>
 Hillarys Yacht Club <http://members.iinet.net.au/~hyc/hyc.html>
 Lions Club of Bull Creek <http://www.lions.iinet.net.au/>
 Maylands Yacht Club <http://www.iinet.net.au/~myc>
 Perth Training & Obedience Dog Club <http://www.ptodc.iinet.net.au/>
 Peugeot Car Club of WA <http://members.iinet.net.au/~shotime/page2.html>
 Shelley Sailing Club <http://www.ssc.iinet.net.au>
 South African Club of WA <http://www.saclubwa.iinet.net.au/>
 Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>
 Swan Yacht Club <http://www.syc.iinet.net.au/>
 Swanbourne Nedlands Surf Life Saving Club <http://www.swannysurfclub.iinet.net.au/>
 West Perth Football Club <http://www.wpfc.iinet.net.au/>
 West Perth Football Club <http://members.iinet.net.au/~falcons/>
 Western Australian Naturalists Club <http://www.wanats.iinet.net.au/>

Using “optus”

Richmond Harriers Athletic Club <http://members.optushome.com.au/richmondharrier/home/>

Using “ozemail”

Albert Park Yacht Club <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~apyc/index.htm>
 Central Coast Leagues Club Chess Club <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~kfarrell/chess/gosford/index.html>
 Companion Dog Club <http://www.members.ozemail.com.au/~paulashorse/cdc/default.htm>
 Concord & Ryde Sailing Club <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~crsc/>
 East Perth Football Club <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~epfclub>
 Ettalong Chess Club <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~kfarrell/chess/ettalong/EttIntro.html>
 Peugeot Car Club of South Australia <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~pccsa>
 Rooty Hill Chess Club <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~nswca/clubs/rootyh.htm>
 Toukley White Knight Chess Club <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~kfarrell/chess/whiteknight/index.html>
 Townsville Canoe Club <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~bailey/>

EXAMPLES OF URLS USED BY AUSTRALIAN CLUBS**Using "rotarnet"**

Rotary Club of Bennetts Green
 Rotary Club of Morisset
 Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise

<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96747/index.htm>
<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96721/index.htm>
<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96751/index.htm>

Using subdomains

Geelong Obedience Dog Club
 Hornsby Dog Training Club
 Parramatta International Agility Club
 South Central Coast Bodyboarding Club
 Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club

http://www.members.tripod.com/geelong_odc
<http://www.hdtc.8k.com>
<http://www.piac.freesevers.com/>
<http://members.tripod.com/bodyboardingdad/>
<http://www.wollondillydogs.freesevers.com>

Using "vicnet"

Beaumaris Yacht Club
 Lilydale Radio Yacht Club
 Moorabbin & District Obedience Dog Club
 Somers Yacht Club
 Sugarloaf Sailing Club

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~beamar/>
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lryc/>
<http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~mdotc>
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~somersyc/>
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~slsail/>

Using Other Services

Adelaide Land-Yacht Club
 Ainslie Dragons Water Polo Club
 Ballarat Chess Club
 Beaudesert RSL Club
 Blacktown Workers Soccer Football Club
 Bunbury Golf Club
 Burley Griffin Canoe Club
 Burley Griffin Canoe Club
 Central Coast Dog Obedience Training Club
 Citroën Car Club of Queensland
 Citroën Car Club of Victoria
 Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club
 Eastern Goldfields Kennel Club
 Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club
 Hunter Bird Observers Club
 Illawarra Dog Training Club
 Illawarra Master Builders Club
 Investigator Canoe Club
 Lesmurdie Junior Cricket Club Inc.
 Lions Club of Lavington
 Marathon Canoe Club of South Australia
 McCrae Yacht Club
 MG Car Club of South Australia
 Mornington Yacht Club
 Mounts Bay Sailing Club
 Narrogin Gliding Club
 Nordek West Belconnen Water Polo Club
 North Albury Football Club
 North West Canoe Club, Mount Isa
 Perth Canoe Polo Club
 Pittwater RSL Soccer Club Inc.
 Puckapunyal BMX Club
 Renault Car Club of Queensland
 Renault Car Club of Victoria
 South Canberra Tuggeranong Athletics Club
 St George's Toastmasters Club
 St Marys RSL Club
 Ton-Up-Boys Motorcycle Club
 Tuggeranong Chess Club
 Tuggeranong Tornadoes Gridiron Club
 Tuggeranong Vikings Cycling Club
 Tuggeranong Vikings Water Polo Club
 Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club
 Wangaratta Cross Country Club Inc.

<http://www.nettiser.com.au/Alyc/>
<http://www.actwaterpolo.asn.au/dragons/ainslie.htm>
<http://www.auschess.org.au/ballarat/bccindex.htm>
<http://www.xcel.com.au/beaudesertrsl/>
<http://www.bdsfa.com/clubs/08.htm>
<http://www.gateway.net.au/~bungolf/>
<http://www.sportnet.com.au/canoeing/act/burleygriffin/>
<http://www.pcug.org.au/~cairnsmid/>
<http://www.meldean.com.au/ccdotc>
<http://www.doublechevrons.aunz.com/Home.htm>
<http://www.cybernex.net.au/clubs/cccv>
<http://www.members.fortunecity.com/cdodc>
<http://www.emerge.net.au/~hollow/egkc.htm>
<http://www.westnet.com.au/gslsc/>
<http://users.hunterlink.net.au/hboc/home.htm>
<http://www.wollongong.apana.org.au/~sue/>
<http://www.illawarra.net.au/builders/>
<http://www.canoesa.asn.au/clubs/icc.html>
<http://www.notout.com.au/Clubs/lesmurdie-jcc.htm>
<http://www.angelfire.com/vt2/lavingtonlions/LavingtonLions.html>
<http://www.canoesa.asn.au/clubs/mcc.html>
<http://www.surf.net.au/mccraeyc/>
<http://www.mgccsa.org.au/racing.html>
<http://sailingsource.com/myc/>
<http://www.freeyellow.com/members/mbsc/>
<http://www.gfa.org.au/narrogin/>
<http://www.actwaterpolo.asn.au/nordek.htm>
<http://www.eteamz.com/northalburyfc/>
<http://www4.tpgi.com.au/jbaxter/index.htm>
<http://canoewa.asn.au/club/pcpc/>
<http://www.sneaker.net.au/pittwater.soccer/>
<http://bmxultra.com/pucka/>
<http://www.renaultclubs.org/rccq/index.html>
<http://www.renaultclubs.org/rccv/>
<http://www.actathletics.webathletics.com.au/SCT/default.htm>
<http://www.bizinternet.com.au/StGeorges/>
http://www.pdrc.org.au/guide/stmarys_rsl.html
<http://www.dropbears.com/t/tonup/>
<http://www.auschess.org.au/actca/tuggcc.htm>
<http://www.tornadoesgridiron.asn.au/tornfrme.htm>
<http://www.conceptis.com.au/tvcc/index.html>
<http://www.actwaterpolo.asn.au/tuggeran.htm>
<http://www.powow.com/waggabidgee/>
<http://home.netc.net.au/~giljones/>

EXAMPLES OF PEAK BODIES ASSOCIATED WITH AUSTRALIAN CLUBS

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

The following links are provided by the Australian Sports Commission. The list does not cover all national sporting bodies in Australia but the main sports are included. In many sports, the “national” body is merely a figurehead with most of the detailed work being performed at State level.

A-B	Aero - Boxing	http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/publications/nsoa-b.htm
C-F	Calisthenics - Football	http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/publications/nsoc-f.htm
G-K	General – Kung Fu	http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/publications/nsog-k.htm
L-R	Lacrosse – Rugby Union	http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/publications/nsol-r.htm
S-T	Sailing – Tug of War	http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/publications/nsos-t.htm
U-W	Universities – Wrestling	http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/publications/nsou-w.htm
	Other Sports Agencies	http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/publications/nsoother.htm

ASSOCIATION FOR LICENSED CLUBS IN AUSTRALIA

The following links relate to trade associations for registered clubs in their respective States. These bodies, which are registered as “associations” in their respective States, represent clubs which are licensed for liquor and poker machines. Available data shows there are 3,500 registered clubs in Australia of which 1,550 are in NSW. Of these 1,550 about 1300 (85%) are members of ClubsNSW.

Registered Clubs Association of NSW	http://www.clubsnsw.com.au/
Registered and Licensed Clubs Association of Queensland	http://www.clubsqld.com.au/

It should be noted that these club associations are limited in scope to those clubs which are licensed for liquor and poker machines. They do not intend to widen their scope to cover the large number of unlicensed clubs which exist in suburbs all around Australia.

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

The Returned and Services League is very well known in Australia through its representation of ex-service men and women. The RSL has its own State branches. RSL clubs are separate bodies which are associated with sub-branches of the RSL itself. Most RSL clubs are registered as companies limited by guarantee and, as such, each club has its own constitution as well as its own management structure.

National Body	http://www.rsl.org.au/
Australian Capital Territory Branch	http://www.act.rsl.org.au/
New South Wales Branch	http://www.rslnsw.com.au/
South Australian Branch	http://www.sa.rsl.org.au/
Queensland Branch	http://www.qld.rsl.org.au/
Tasmanian Branch	http://www.rsl.org.au/branches/tas.html
Victorian Branch	http://www.rslvic.com.au/
Western Australian Branch	http://www.rslheadquarterswa.com/