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# CANBERRA CENTENARY INFORMATION

**CANBERRA CENTENARY CONGRESS (2013)**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

## **GENERAL**

For the Canberra Centenary Congress, we have chosen to commemorate three people who were prominent in the early development of the city, *viz.* the visionary King O'Malley, the town planner Walter Burley Griffin, and the botanist Thomas Weston.

The Pairs Championships are named for King O'Malley:



**King O'Malley (1854-1953)**

King O'Malley migrated to Australia from North America in 1888. He won a seat in the first Federal Parliament in 1901. O'Malley played a prominent role in selecting Canberra as the site of the future national capital of Australia. He drove the first peg that marked the start of the development of the city.

The Teams Championships are named for Walter Burley Griffin:



### **Walter Burley Griffin (1876-1937)**

Walter Burley Griffin was an American landscape architect. In 1911 the Australian Government held an international competition to produce a design for its capital city. Griffin's plan was selected as the winner from 137 entries. He remarked of his design — "I have planned a city that will be unlike any other in the world .....

The Swiss Pairs Championships are named for Thomas Weston:



### **Thomas Charles George Weston (1866-1935)**

Thomas Weston migrated to Australia from England in 1896. In May 1913, he was appointed as officer-in-charge of afforestation in Canberra. His task was to create an urban landscape consonant with the capital city of Australia. Weston's execution of the task was successful beyond all expectation.