

# Special guest to attend birthday celebrations Grandmaster to make move on Dubbo's castle

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The Dubbo RSL Chess Club will be hosting its 10th Anniversary Dubbo RSL Open Chess Tournament on the weekend of March 20 and 21 at the club.

It will also incorporate the NSW Country Championship.

According to the club's Alexander Aich, Grandmaster Zong Yuan Zhao, and International Master George Xie are confirmed entries.

"Zhao is the current

Australian champion and is Australia's number one ranked chess player," he said.

"Xie is ranked not far behind. He already has two grandmaster norms and only needs one more grandmaster norm to also be awarded the title of Grandmaster.

"Dubbo's number-one player, Trevor Bemrose, will be vying to be the NSW Country Champion.

"This tournament is a first for Dubbo.

"Our committee has been working very hard and never before have we had such

super heavyweights of the chess world play in our regional tournament.

"I'm really excited that our 10th anniversary tournament will be something special. There will be chess players of all ages and abilities so don't think you're too young or too old, or not good enough. It's not an elimination tournament. Everyone will play six rounds."

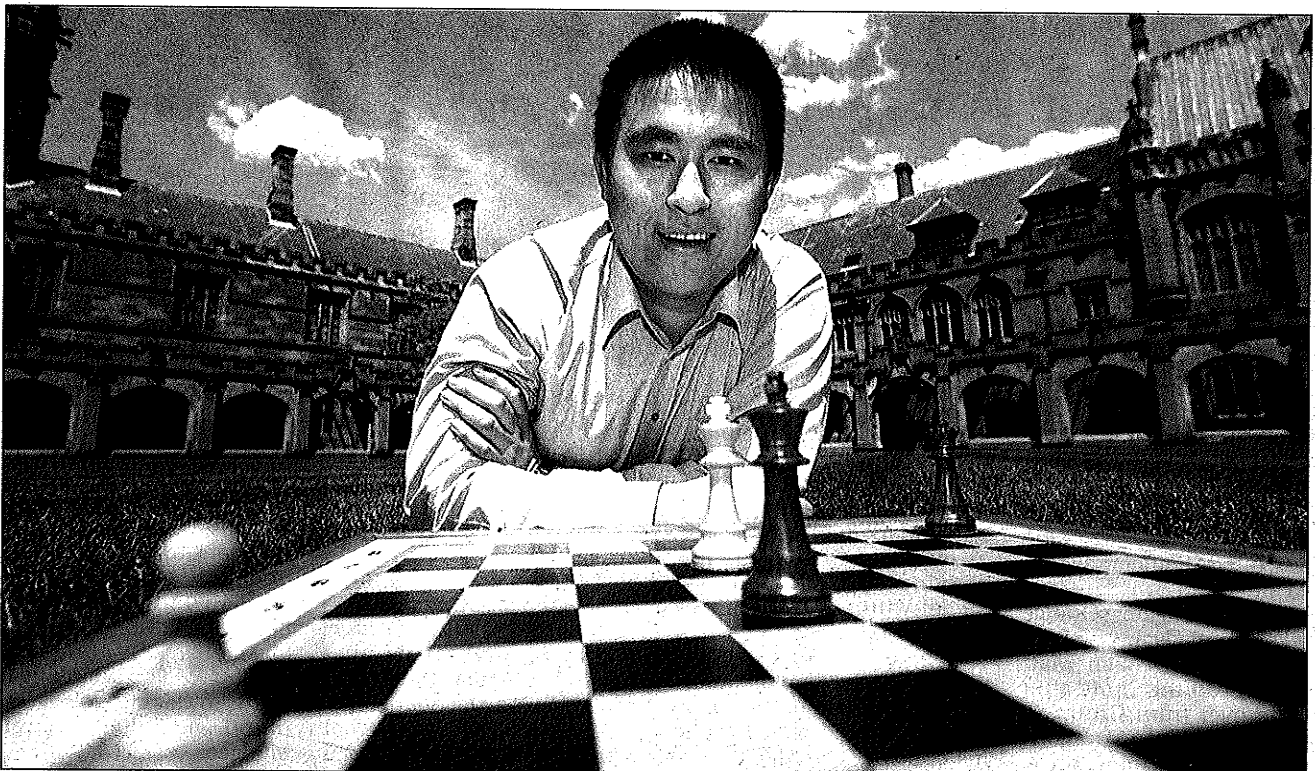
Quiet spectators are most welcome to see the Grandmaster in action.

On the Saturday evening of the tournament the

Grandmaster will be giving a talk and demonstration to juniors.

"I know there are a lot of chess played in schools these days. So I imagine there would be quite a few juniors who would love to come along and listen to Grandmaster Zhao, who being in his twenties was a junior himself not too long ago," Aich said.

Any juniors wishing to listen to Grandmaster Zhao's talk should contact Alexander Aich on 0408 200 564.



Grandmaster Zong Yuan Zhao with Sydney University in the background. He will be coming to Dubbo on the weekend of March 20 and 21 to compete in the Dubbo RSL tournament.