



Welcomes you to join

# THE RIVERSLEIGH & EAST GIPPSLAND IMMERSION



Renowned bridge teachers, Laura Ginnan and Mary Elson join forces to create the East Gippsland Bridge Immersion. Indulge in this ultimate escape of development workshops, local experiences and the springtime beauty of East Gippsland.

The 4-star Riversleigh Hotel in Bairnsdale offers the luxury of contemporary boutique accommodation with the warmth of a country hotel. The relaxing environment combines with a modern Victorian era feel makes the Riversleigh the perfect home away from home.

## RETREAT DETAILS

### Dates:

- Tuesday 10th October - Sunday 15th October 2023

### Location:

- Accommodation: The Riversleigh Hotel (4 star): [1 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale VIC 3875](#)
- Bridge is played at the Bairnsdale & Painesville Bridge Clubs (own transport)

### Cost:

- \$1095 pp for twin share in Classic Queen Rooms (10 available)
- \$1495 for a single supplement in Classic Queen Rooms (10 available)
- Upgrade options are available - Contact us directly to find out more

**[CLICK HERE to secure your booking today!](#)**

*Want to come play & join the fun but live in the area, can only attend for some of the trip or have found our own accommodation? Email us at [events@realdealbridge.com](mailto:events@realdealbridge.com)*

### Inclusions:

- All bridge lessons & comprehensive notes
- 5 nights accommodation at The Riversleigh (check-out Sunday)
- Deluxe continental breakfast each morning
- Lunch Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Dinners at The Riversleigh on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday only
- Tastings and lunch platters at the Nicholson River Winery on Thursday

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*All beverages are available and are charged on consumption payable to the venue*

# RETREAT ITINERARY

## Tuesday, 10th of October

Settle into the Riversleigh from 2.00pm. The bridge program starts in the charming Riversleigh courtyard with a thought provoking discussion and a golden question and answer opportunity. As the sun sets and the evening unfolds we'll transition into the lounge bar for a delectable grazing dinner and a chance to get to know each other.

After dinner there will be a social bridge game (with a twist).

## Wednesday, 11th of October

Make the short 15-minute trip to the picturesque seaside gem of Paynesville which is renowned as the boating capital of Victoria. The Paynesville Bridge Club welcomes us from 11.00 - 3.45 where we delve into bidding judgement. After bridge, the afternoon & evening are yours to enjoy. You might like to see the koalas on Raymond Island, the silt jetties on Mitchell River or simply relax. If you're looking for a unique culinary experience, consider dining at the chef hatted Sardine Restaurant in Paynesville.

## Thursday, 12th of October

Today we focus on the thing you do the most - defence! These comprehensive workshops are held at the Bairnsdale Bridge Club which is within walking distance of the Riversleigh. We will dive into leads, discards, signals and strategies. A delightful afternoon then awaits at the Nicholson River Winery where we'll enjoy a leisurely lunch and wine tasting in the scenic surrounds. As the day winds down return to the Riversleigh for a delicious meal and more bridge for those who can't get enough!



## Friday, 13th of October

The warm hospitality of the Bairnsdale Bridge Club awaits us again as we explore the intricacies of slam bidding and take part in the Club's regular afternoon game.

After a challenging but rewarding day, your taste buds will be tantalised by the three-course gala dinner at the Riversleigh.

## Saturday, 14th of October

After a lie-in or a rejuvenating walk along the Mitchell River make your own way to St Mary's Parish Centre and compete in the Bairnsdale Congress Pairs.

## Sunday, 15th of October

Our holiday formally ends and we check-out of the Riversleigh. You might choose to play the teams event at the Bairnsdale Congress and even stay another night at the Riversleigh or simply enjoy a leisurely drive home.



## ABOUT LAURA GINNAN & MARY ELSON



Laura has won multiple National Championships and is a regular on the Victorian Womens Team. She is a National level 2 qualified director and has won a bronze medal in the World Junior Championships when representing Australia. As a teacher, Laura is relaxed, approachable, & patient and enjoys the challenge of delivering thought-provoking content with cards in your hands as much as possible.



Mary has been teaching bridge for over 30 years and was named as the first Victorian Teacher Of The Year. Clarity and consistency are her watchwords. Mary has a way of communicating the logic behind 'all those rules' and delivers lessons with patience, humour and flair to ensure that her students enjoy their lessons as they gain skills and challenge themselves.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**[Secure your spot now CLICK HERE](#)**

### **Accommodation details:**

- The Riversleigh Hotel features elegant period fittings with tastefully-appointed rooms, overlooking the peaceful Mitchell River & coupled with the newly renovated lounge bar that reflects the opulence of its Victorian era
- Take a look at <https://www.theriversleigh.com.au/>

### **Getting there:**

- The Riversleigh Hotel is 4 hours from Melbourne's CBD - You will need to organise your own transportation to the retreat and between venues.

### **Payment, refunds & cancellations:**

- Places are strictly limited & full payment is required to secure your spot. In the unfortunate situation that you need to cancel, we will do the best that we can to fill your spot or you might know someone who would like to attend in your place. If your spot can be filled a full refund will be provided. If your place cannot be filled a partial refund will be provided. The partial refund amount deducts all non-refundable costs to external vendors from the full payment amount.

