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WORLD'S BEST TO PLAY IN BENDIGO

Australia's world snooker tournament, the Australian Snooker Goldfields Open, welcomes eight of the top 16 snooker players in the world and two Australian wild card entrants to play in Bendigo from July 8 to 14.

The Australian Snooker Goldfields Open is pleased to announce world #1 Mark Selby and home favourite, world #2 Neil Robertson, will contest defending champion and 2013 World Championship finalist Barry Hawkins for the 2013 trophy.

The following eight seeded players are confirmed to play the 2013 Australian Snooker Goldfields Open:

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| 1. Mark Selby (England) | 5. Ricky Walden (England) |
| 2. Neil Robertson (Australia) | 6. Barry Hawkins (England) |
| 3. Shaun Murphy (England) | 7. Ding Junhui (China) |
| 4. Stuart Bingham (England) | 8. Mark Davis (England) |

Victorian Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Louise Asher, is pleased to welcome back to Bendigo, Australia's only international snooker tournament.

"The Australian Snooker Goldfields Open showcases Bendigo to key international tourism markets including China and the UK" Ms Asher said.

The RACV Club hosted the 2013 City of Melbourne Snooker Championship on Sunday 19th May, where best placed Australian, Shaun Dalitz, and best placed Victorian, Steve Misud, secured the opportunity to compete as wild card entrants in the 2013 Australian Snooker Goldfields Open.

Neil Robertson is pleased to see fellow Australians provided an opportunity to join the UK dominated field of contenders in Bendigo

"Interest in Snooker is growing in this country and I am excited to see more Australians competing at an international level.

"I love playing in front of a home crowd! Following my recent win in China, I am determined to bring some strong competition to the Australian Snooker Goldfields Open," Mr Robertson said.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bendigostadium.com.au/tickets.shtml or by calling Bendigo Stadium on 03 5440 6214.

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