

# ANZAB intermediate training courses for 2024

## What are these “intermediate” courses?

ANZAB is planning to hold some “intermediate” training events, somewhat along the lines of the existing 8- and 12-bell events. We hope to hold maybe five this year (2024) and then decide what to do after that, based on how these go. Please contact [David Smith](#) if you are interested in arranging one in your area.

## How do I apply to attend?

Applications are open only for those courses that are listed below with a definite date. There is no formal registration form. The local organisers will approach those ringers for whom they think the course is best suited, but you may also **contact the local organiser** directly to express interest. But please note that places are limited, so it may not be possible to include all who wish to attend.

## Dates and locations

Events provisionally planned for 2024 are as follows. Currently only Bundaberg and Melbourne dates are definite, with the others still being decided. This list will be updated as plans become definite.

		Local organiser	Applications open?
Bundaberg	14th to 17th March	<a href="#">Matt Farthing</a>	Yes
Melbourne	27th to 30th June	<a href="#">Andrew Cole</a>	Yes
Bathurst, Orange, Lithgow, Katoomba	TBC	More details later	No
Adelaide	TBC	More details later	No
Sydney	TBC	More details later	No

## What level?

It is very much up to the leaders in the locality to say what level will best suit local ringers, but the potential range of levels is described below. As a rule, a given course will stick to just one of these levels, rather than trying to cover too wide a range.

**Typical level:** aimed at ringers who can ring Plain Bob Doubles or Grandsire Doubles, including touches, though not necessarily with complete confidence. Preferably also Plain Bob Minor. The aim would be to start by ringing these to consolidate, then move on to a few other methods, doubles or (more likely) minor. Obvious possibilities for minor would be St Clement’s, Double Oxford and Little Bob. Attendees would not need to have any prior experience of these methods. Surprise methods would not be included.

**Maximum level:** the very top level that might be covered in this “intermediate” category would be leading up to surprise. So Treble Bobbing, Kent, then Cambridge Minor.

**Minimum level:** while handling errors might be noticed and corrected, these courses are not for people still learning to ring well-struck rounds. So the minimum standard is for ringers who wish to improve their call changes and plain hunting on 5 or 6, achieve accurate striking, and then perhaps move on to starting simple method ringing.

## Who attends, and how does one apply?

Each course will consist of students, helpers and tutors. The “students” are those local ringers for whom the course is primarily designed. The “helpers” will be ringers, predominantly local, who will assist chiefly by providing a solid band for students to ring with and by acting as advisors and by standing behind as needed. On occasion the dividing line between students and helpers may be a bit blurred. The “tutors” will run the sessions. The term “attendees” will be used to mean everyone, in all these categories.

## Costs

The intent is that these courses are much more local affairs than the 8- and 12-bell events, so that travel costs will be comparatively low. With fewer visiting “experts”, accommodation should also be easier, with only a few visitors, if any, requiring billeting. However, if you have a particular desire to attend but need financial assistance to do so, please contact me.

*David Smith, February 2024*