

# PARKES BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 **Venue:** Parkes Lutheran Church **Opened:** 11:32am

**PRESENT:** Tim Baker, Suzie McNamara, Jill Peterson, Gai Baker, Lee McCabe, Wendy Andrews, Barbara Hughes

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Dearden, Kevin Robinson

**CHAIR:** Tim Baker

Acceptance of minutes of previous Committee meeting Moved Tim Second Suzie  
Business Arising

- Club results Central West Festival of Bridge  
Played and enjoyed the day  
Restricted Swiss Pairs - Greig Ball, Gary Somers  
Restricted Swiss Teams - Tim Baker, Gai Baker, Greig Ball, Beryl Twardy
- Up to date Calendar dated April 2025
- Members Contact List now distributed
- Tim meeting with David Schulze regarding ongoing use of hall for Bridge Club and proposal to fix Air Conditioner. See if we can have the back room as area designated to the bridge club. Could possibly set up card dealing machine there.  
Discussed in consultation with the church carpeting hall to reduce noise. Meeting decided against. Will concentrate on etiquette.
- Monthly Medal format clause added "cannot win 2 consecutive months"
- Library Set Up
- Suzie Beginner's Lessons – starting 16<sup>th</sup> June Marg, Graeme, Pauline
- Flowers and Letter of Appreciation to be sent to Jan Freeman along with Jenny Freeman our longest standing members – **Jill working on**
- Pastor James & family now moved to Caboolture

Comms

- see attachment A (3<sup>rd</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025)

Business Arising from Communications

- Dubbo Bridge Club Swiss Teams  
Greg/Tim played and had a good day
- BridgeNSW requesting Parkes Mini Congress Muriel Waddell Trophy Day be loaded onto MyABF – D/W Tim & Jill
- Orange Bridge Club Annual Congress 2 & 3 August  
Tim/Greig/Gai/Jill attending Teams Day 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
Entries now closed
- BridgeNSW State-Wide Pairs  
Cover \$5 entry fee again this year. Moved Jill Second Tim  
Jill to advise BridgeNSW of our participation **8/6 Actioned by Jill on-line**
- Cootamundra Congress 30/31<sup>st</sup> August – anyone going?
- TBIB Insurance Donation \$250 for Mini Congress. We have brochures to distribute on the day. **Will also blow up and laminate some signs.**

President report

- Attached

Treasurer's reports

- No monthly report tabled due to Kevin apology for meeting
- Term Deposit 2588 50126337 reinvested 12months 3.7% Maturity 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- Term Deposit 2588 50126345 due to mature 8 Aug 2025

Dawn, Kevin, Warren feel vouchers increase bookwork. Jill nominating as Treasurer and has asked if system can continue. She sees more work in counting cash. Will try to get more members using vouchers.

#### Business on Notice

- How often do we use Arrowswitch movement. One member commented less members receive Masterpoints. Less encouraging.  
Tim advised this is incorrect. Using Arrowswitch 22% of players receive Masterpoints, 21.2% using Mitchell. Also allow earlier finish with 4 boards.
- Need to set up new committee – Next meeting AGM  
**Still seeking President and Secretary**  
Dawn/Warren retiring as Auditors. Wendy/Lee have expressed interest  
Rick still happy to deal cards.  
Laurie - Public Officer  
**Jill to print nomination forms and advertise AGM with members**
- Parkes Mini Congress Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Ronnie Ng booked as Director. **Tim f/u on card supplies/Compuscore hand helds etc.**  
Hopefully more local directors coming through.  
Cooke Park Pavilion booked.  
**Jill to start Event Document**  
Distribute flyer to our members and other clubs **Jill to action, Tim to action on MyAbf to members on email**
- Confirm our supplies of playing cards, bidding sheets etc – Actioned - plenty in stock
- Jill to order The Principals of Card Play by Paul Marston – 5 books through Paul Lavings  
**Jill to check others required.**
- Meeting discussed moving a Social Thursday to Tuesday. Not enough players and winner of monthly medal usually from Thursday players.  
Melbourne Cup will become a Tuesday Social Event

Meeting Closed 12.17pm

Next Meeting AGM 24th July 2025 at 11am

General Meeting 24th July 2025 at 11.30am

#### Comms

Inward Electronic

Date	From	Distribution
27/03/2025	Remittance Advice Parkes Shire Council – Refund of Bond \$160	Treasurer
15/04/2025	Pam Bradford – List of Directors available for Congresses	
15/04/2025	Dubbo Bridge Club	
	Invitation to attend Swiss Teams Event 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Notice board
28/04/2025	Regional Business Supplies Tax Invoice 158802 \$282.85	Treasurer
	Biscuits/Receipt Book/Coffee Cups	
29/04/2025	Reminder Australia-Wide Novice Pairs 25-31 May 2025	
1/05/2025	Regional Business Supplies Monthly Statement \$282.85	Treasurer
2/05/2025	BridgeNSW AGM Tuesday 6 May from 5:30pm	
5/05/2025	Parkes Shire Council Tax Invoice 008240 \$230	Treasurer
	Hire of Cooke Park Pavillion	
7/05/2025	Dubbo Bridge Club Swiss Teams Day Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Notice Board
10/05/2025	Milica Web Hosting \$99	Treasurer
14/05/2025	Bridgensw Requesting Muriel Waddell Mini Congress be loaded to Myabf	
16/05/2025	Flyer Orange Bridge Club Annual Congress Sat and Sun 2 & 3 August 2025	Notice Board and Club members on email
16/05/2025	Bridge NSW Invitation to 2025 Bridge NSW State-Wide Pairs 1-7 August 2025 Entry Fee \$5 per player	To discuss at Committee meeting 5/6
20/05/2025	Regional Business Supplies Tax Invoice 159890 \$249.95 Toner Cartridge	Treasurer
2/06/2025	Regional Business Supplies May Statement \$249.95	Treasurer
2/06/2025	Flyer Cootamundra Bridge Congress 30-31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	Notice Board and Club members on email
3/06/2025	Peter Dearden – Committee Meeting apology	
Outward Electronic		
Date	To	Distribution
8/4/2025	Parkes Shire Council	
	Application to use Cooke Park Pavillion 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	
27/04/2025	Steve Weil TBIB Insurance	
	Request or Donation of \$250 for Mini Congress Day	
3/06/2025	Parkes Shire Council	
	Payment details for May statement	
Inward Postal		
Date	From	Distributed
9/04/2025	My ABF Magazine	Library
30/05/2025	Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit 2588 50126337 Maturity Advise 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	
30/05/2025	Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit 2588050126337 On hold awaiting maturity instruction	
Outward Postal		
Date	To	
May	Beth Symington – Sympathy Card	
Inward Personal		
Date	From	
Outward Personal		
Date	To	
April	Anne Berkeley – Sympathy Card	

## President report June 2025

We have started preparing for our mini congress in august. We have to pay for a Sydney based director so our cost have increased. This means we have to charge \$40 a person or \$160 a team.

We also changed our venue from the RSL with catering to the Pavilion in Cook Park and self catering to save money.

Greig and Kevin have had some good results when playing away however I have played in 2 team events with Gai, Kevin and Greig and we struggled to come last.

The Orange festival of bridge was one of these and it sold out.

James the pastor has left and we have been assured that things will stay the same. I have a meeting with David Shultz to discuss the future use of the hall.

Numbers on Tuesday and Thursday have been good and we have had 2 Thursdays with 8 tables.

Monday stays about 4 tables.

The social days are well supported and it was pleasing to see some Tuesday players attend on a Thursday. The catering people are doing a great job.

Afternoon tea clean up needs to improve, When there is a sit out the sit out couple will clean the kitchen and ensure everything is packed away. If no sit out, players to wash and dry and put away their own cups, either before sitting down or if running late, after the finish of play.

We still need to improve player etiquette. Maybe the director on the day could focus on a rule each month.

We still need to approach players to join the committee, they don't need to have a major role initially, but we need players to learn what needs to be done.

I feel the year has been progressing very well and I thank everybody for their contribution.

Tim Baker

Club President