

PARKES BRIDGE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Date: 24th July 2025 **Venue:** Parkes Lutheran Church **Opened:** 11:09am

PRESENT: Wendy Andrews, Barbara Hughes, Tim Baker, Gai Baker, Jill Peterson, Kevin Robinson, Suzie McNamara, Beth Thomas, Lee McCabe, Warren Blatch, Nancye Blatch, Joan Reilly, Margaret Hawken, John Quin, Peter Quin, Greig Ball, Peter Dearden, Jenny Freeman, Steve Morris, Rosemary Morris, Laurie Keane

APOLOGIES: Anita Medcalf, Marlene Freeman, Dawn Phipps

CHAIR: Kevin Robinson

Acceptance of minutes of previous General meeting 21st November 2024

Business Arising

- Annual Fee increased to \$50 per annum to cover increase in fees by BridgeNSW & ABF
- Xmas Party and Awards presentation
Happy with caterer. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event.
Award Winners
Congratulations to all the winners.
These trophies were all awarded at the 2024 Christmas Party.
 - Val Worthington Novice Trophy - Steve Garriock
 - Jenny Freeman Rising Star Trophy - Rick Twardy
 - Sylvia Pearce Tuesday Trophy - Joan Reilly
 - Helen McQuie Monday Trophy - Dawn Phipps and Kevin Robinson
 - 2024 Club Champions - Peter Quin and Louise Payne
- Monthly Socials back to most months and working well
- No progress with advanced bridge lessons.
- Air Conditioner working better
- Members Contact list complete & distributed
- Purchase of small portable wireless speaker & mic hasn't happened. Do we still require?
Use the bell.
- Suzie is currently running a Beginners session with 3 participants

Comms

- see attachment A (18th November 2024 to 16th July 2025)

Business Arising from Communications

- Dubbo Bridge Club Swiss Teams
Greg/Tim played and had a good day
- Orange Bridge Club Congress 2nd/3rd Aug
Greig, Tim, Gai & Jill playing in teams day Sunday
- Cowra Bridge Club Congress 13/14 Sept – anyone going Tim to consider
- Orange Bridge Club have provided us with a list of directors
- Club Profile has been emailed to Marketing & Communications Officer Ben Falkenmire
- Tim asked Steve Weil TBIB for \$250 donation to our Mini Congress – Invoice to be sent with photos after event

Presidents Report

- Covered in business arising previous minutes & communications

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report -Audited report presented at AGM

Budget for 2025/2026

Fees for 2025 to remain at \$50 per annum plus \$7 per game

Acceptance of Budget Moved Jill Second Rosemary

Business on Notice

- Peter Dearden addressed meeting on format for future Club Champions event
Peter previously requested ideas from members and thanked those who responded.
General consensus is the event to be played as pairs with single winner playing rounds.

Motion

That the Club Championships be conducted over three consecutive weeks in July, in a duplicate pairs format as a single-winner event, with the best two results from the three sessions determining the overall winner.

Moved Peter Dearden Second Nancye Blatch

All in favour

- Peter addressed meeting on Monthly Medal format.

Motion

No member shall be awarded the Monthly Medal for more than two consecutive months, nor more than three times in any calendar year.

Moved Peter Dearden Second Barbara Hughes

For 13 Against 3 Carried

Request by Jill Peterson investigation of calculating monthly medal points using an average-based scoring method. Peter advised the Masterpoints would need to be extracted in spreadsheet format. Committee to investigate.

- Tim and Jill will continue with organising of Parkes Mini Congress Muriel Waddell Trophy Sunday 10th August 2025.
- Two of Suzie's beginners will be playing with Tuesday group on 29th July 2025. Suzie has asked for patience from members as new players find their ground.
- BridgeNSW State-Wide Pairs Thursday 7th August 2025
Motion Passed Committee Meeting 5 June we cover \$5 entry fee again this year.
Dealing files are to hand
- Playing of GNOT to be finalised. Regional final in Orange 31st August 2025
Ronnie Ng is conducting a meeting in Orange on Friday 1st August 2025 to discuss format of GNOT with regional clubs. Greig & Kevin attending. Committee will then decide if Parkes Bridge Club will participate in 2025.
- 28th August 2025 Australia Wide Pairs Open. Dealing files due 2nd week August and booklets due in post by 18th August.
Committee agreed to subsidise additional playing fee of \$5
- 30th October 2025 Australia Wide Pairs Restricted (< 300 MP)
Committee agreed to subsidise additional playing fee
- Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 4th November 2025. Normal Tuesday drawing for partners with drinks/snacks/sweeps held throughout the afternoon
- Christmas Party 11th December 2025
- Request to BridgeNSW for 2025 NSW Bridge endorsed events.
Parkes Mini Congress Teams Day - Muriel Waddell Trophy (Sunday 9th August 2026)

General Business

- Kevin thanked outgoing President Tim for his work over the past 2 years.
Also thanked outgoing Committee Member Gai Baker
- Joan asked if we could replace older/dirtier cards. Tim advised to place note under card holder.

Meeting Closed 11.37pm

Next Meeting – Committee Meeting Thursday 11th September 2025

Next General Meeting 20th November 2025

Comms

Inward Electronic

Date	From	Distribution
27/11/2024	Regional Business Supplies Invoice 151359 \$159.95 Biscuits	Treasurer
5/12/2025	Bridge NSW to Tim Baker Acknowledging his participation if Webinar 4 th Dec 2024	
13/12/2024	Tammy Alexander \$1152 Xmas Party Catering	Treasurer
13/12/2024	Parkes Shire Council Hire forms for Cooke Park Pavilion	Secretary
8/01/2025	David Havyatt Bridge NSW Appointed as Calendar Coordinator for Bridge NSW	
15/01/2025	Orange Bridge Club Flyer Valentines Day Teams Event Sunday 16 th February 2025	On Notice Board
20/01/2025	Bridge NSW GNOT Table Levy \$98 & Regional Entry Fee \$180 Total \$278	Treasurer
24/01/2025	Cooke Park Pavilion Bond & Refund Application PSC Application for Credit	Secretary
29/01/2025	Tania Iffland PSC Inv for \$160 Bond for Cooke Park Pavilion	Treasurer
3/02/2025	Wagga Bridge Club Annual congress Invitation 24 th /25 th May 2025	On Notice Board
17/03/2025	Pam Bradford GNOT Regional Final Date Sunday 31st August at the Orange Bridge Club	Committee meeting 3 March 2025
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 th May 2025	Notice board
28/04/2025	Regional Business Supplies Tax Invoice 158802 \$282.85 Biscuits/Receipt Book/Coffee Cups	Treasurer
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 Hire of Cooke Park Pavillion	Treasurer
10/05/2025	Milica Web Hosting \$99	Treasurer
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	Discussed 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 st August 2025	Notice Board and Club members on email
4/06/2025	Regional Business Supplies Invoice 160578 \$44.95 (Sugar)	Treasurer
8/06/2025	Peninsula Bridge Club Warriewood State Championships Event for Restricted & Novice Pairs 24 th August 2025	
9/06/2025	Ronnie Ng – Running format for Parkes Mini Congress	
10/06/2024	Ben Falkenmine Marketing & Communications BridgeNSW Request for a Club Profile for BridgeNSW Newsletter	
25/06/2025	Regional Business supplies June Statement \$169.85	Treasurer
25/06/2025	Paul Lavings Invoice 28470 \$123.41 Book order	Treasurer
25/06/2025	Paul Lavings Invoice 28445 \$764.20 Cards and Bidding sheets	Treasurer
27/06/2025	Brad Coles Invitation to Participate Aust Wide Pairs Open 25-31 August 2025	Committee
28/06/2025	Cowra Bridge Club Congress 13/14 September 2025	Noticeboard
03/07/2025	Brad Coles Notification of State Wide Pairs files	Tim/Rick
12/07/2025	Forbes Bridge Club Jane West now Secretary Contact forbesbridge958@gmail.com	
13/07/2025	Dealing files Information for State Wide Pairs	Tim/Rick

Outward Electronic

Date	To	Distribution
28/11/2024	Worthington Family – Invitation to Christmas Party & Annual Presentation	
20/12/2024	Request for Payment of Membership Fee for Parkes Bridge Club \$50	To all Parkes members on email
13/12/2024	Completed PSC Hire forms to Taylah Burt	
03/01/2025	Reminder Bridge Recommencing Monday 13 th January 2025 with request to pay Membership Fees if still ost	To all Parkes members on email
14/01/2025	Tim Baker to Murray Paterson & Anne Tonna Advising he is Ambassador for Parkes Bridge Club regarding 2025 Central West Festival Gold	
28/01/2025	Completed forms returned to Tania Iffland Cooke Park Pavilion Bond & Refund Application PSC Application for Credit	
31/01/2025	Flyer from Orange Bridge Club Valentine's Day Teams Event 16 th Feb 2025	To all Parkes members on email
31/03/2025	Tania Iffland Parkes Shire Council – Availability Cooke Park Pavilion for Parkes Mini Congress 10 th August 2025	
31/03/2025	Sydney Bridge Centre - Justin Foster Requesting Refund of \$260 paid to them in error 24 th November 2024 to PBC account	

8/4/2025	Parkes Shire Council Application to use Cooke Park Pavillion 10 th 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	
16/06/2025	Parkes Mini Congress Flyer To Orange, West Wyalong, Wellington, Dubbo, Narromine, Bathurst, Forbes, Nyngan, Gulargambone, Mudgee, Cowra, Condobolin, Cowra	
24/06/2025	Paul Lavings Book order The Principals of Card Play & Cheat Sheets	
01/07/2025	Notification regarding round one Club Championships & postponement of GNOT	All Members on email
07/07/2025	Brad Coles – Registration for Australia Wide Pairs 25-31 August	
07/07/2025	Parkes Bridge Club Committee Members Notification of Special General Meeting 10 th July @12:30pm Topic – Running of Club Championships 2025	
15/07/2025	Parkes Bridge Club Members on email Minutes Special Committee Meeting 10 th July 2025	

Inward Postal

Date	From	Distributed
12/11/2024	Finesse Holidays 2025	Bookcase
12/11/2024	Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit Renewal 9 months 4.45% Maturity 8 August 2025	
08/12/2024	ABF Magazine	Bookcase
11/12/2024	Comm Bank Deposit Book	Treasurer
14/01/2025	Comm Bank Term Deposit Statements 2588 5012 6337 1/7/24 to 31/12/2024 2588 5012 6345 1/7/24 to 31/12/2024	Treasurer
9/02/2025	ABF Magazine	Bookcase
9/02/2025	Australia Post – P O Box Renewal \$177	Treasurer
9/04/2025	My ABF Magazine	Library
30/05/2025	Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit 2588 50126337 Maturity Advise 23 rd May 2025	
30/05/2025	Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit 2588050126337 On hold awaiting maturity instruction	
20 /06/2025	Term Deposit 2588 5012 6337 Reinvestment Advice 12mths Due 30/5/2026 3.70%	Treasurer
19/06/2025	ABF Magazine	Library
01/07/2025	Book Order from Paul Lavings Principals of Card Play x 5	Library

	Cheat Sheets x 2	
Outward Postal		
Date	To	
May	Beth Symington – Sympathy Card	
Inward Personal		
Date	From	
Outward Personal		
Date	To	
28/11/2024	Adele Hawke – Invitation to Christmas Party & Annual Presentation	
April	Anne Berkeley – Sympathy Card	
23/06/2025	Kevin Robinson – Sympathy Card	