

PARKES BRIDGE CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 23rd July 2026 **Venue:** Parkes Lutheran Church Hall **Opened:** 11.10am

- 1. CHAIR:** Peter Dearden welcomed all and Quorum present.
- 2. PRESENT:** Peter Dearden, Grieg Ball, Wendy Andrews, Jill Peterson, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Hawkin, Suzie McNamara, Dawn Phipps, Salva Harris, Bill Burke, Vicki burke, Steve Garriock, Beryl Twardy, Peter Quin, Warren Blatch, Nancye Blatch, Michael Reilly, Joan Reilly, Laurie Keane.
- 3. APOLOGIES:** Tim Baker, Gai Baker, Margaret Robinson, Lee McCabe, Beth Thomas, Bruce Wiggins, Jenny Freeman.
- 4. Acceptance of previous minutes 20th November 2025**
Moved - Suzie Seconded - Grieg

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	BY WHOM
5.	<u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</u> <u>Club Christmas Party and Award Presentations</u> Congratulations to Trophy winners - <u>2025 Club Champions</u> – Peter Quin & Louise Payne - <u>Val Worthington Novice</u> – Robin Dean - <u>Jenny Freeman Rising Star</u> – Rick Twardy - <u>Sylvia Pearce Tuesday</u> – Joan Reilly - <u>Helen McQuie Monday</u> – Greig Ball & Gary Somers <u>Bradman Awards</u> <u>Restricted over 100 MPS</u> – Louise Payne <u>50-100 MPS</u> – Kevin Robinson <u>25-50 MPS</u> – Peter Dearden	No action Information sharing	
	<u>Local Congresses</u> - Dubbo Swiss Teams 2 ½ Teams attended Gary and Greig won restricted - Orange Congress 1st/2nd August 2026 - Cowra Congress 12th/13th Sept 2026	Encourage members to support other clubs	

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	<u>UPCOMING Club Events</u> <u>Muriel Waddell Mini Congress 9th August</u> <u>BridgeNSW State-Wide Pairs 6th August</u> <u>ABF Australia Wide Pairs Open 27 August</u> <u>ABF Australia Wide Pairs Restricted 29th October</u> <u>Melbourne Cup Tuesday 3rd November</u> <u>BridgeNSW StateWide under 100MPS</u> <u>26th November</u> <u>Christmas Party 17th December</u>	Encourage local Teams to nominate Need members to help with catering and Help with setup on Saturday 8 th August Dealing files received Club will cover \$5 charge for all these events. Dealing files will be received soon Caterer booked	Club members and Committee Rick Rick
	New Equipment purchased	10 Bridgemate 3 10 new tables Laptop designated for Secretary Laptop for Bridge sessions	
	Training for more members to run sessions and more directors	Mark Olson, Stephen Garriock and Peter Dearden learning to run sessions. Grieg, Peter D, Jill and Tim attended Directors workshop in Orange	

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	New members following Suzies Lessons	Judy Chambers, Ros Alexander, Kay Henderson have joined. Players registered in MyABF for ABF Number. Players details entered in Compscore	Peter Jill Wendy

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6.	<u>BUSINESS ON NOTICE</u> a. <u>Agnes Hewitt Teams Day Debrief.</u> All issues with scoring sorted b. <u>Constitution</u> There is an update of Club Constitution from Fair Trading. Discussion on whether to adopt. Discussion on whether to change the constitution to enable the Secretary and Treasurer to serve more than 2 years. Discussion whether to allow associate members to join the committee and have a role. c. <u>Using myABF to organise club sessions and use for payment.</u> Grieg spoke about using Bridge credits in my ABF instead of vouchers. After much discussion it was decided to leave it as the status quo for now i.e. Vouchers and cash. Grieg volunteered to do presentation so	Email sent to all participants explaining what happened, apologizing and letting them know RED points have been allocated Compare old and new constitutions to assess if there is a need to update and report to special meeting Convene a special meeting on September 10th to decide. Send out notification of the meeting 21 days before. Presentation on Bridge credits.	Peter Vicki Wendy Wendy 20/8/26 Grieg

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	people would have a better understanding of what is involved. Bridge credits would replace vouchers. Cash would still be accepted <u>d. Movements</u> Grieg spoke about different movements and the considerations that have to taken into account before a movement is chosen eg. One winner, North South winners, players mobility, time, fairness etc. <u>e. Facebook Page</u> Discussion on whether to keep our page and who will be responsible for the updating of the page. Also discussion on using a Whats App group for registering for sessions. It was decided not at this time. <u>f. Social Bridge Days to help new members gain confidence.</u> Discussion on how to help new players learn and gain confidence. <u>g. A list of all members and their years of membership has been compiled by Jill.</u> <u>h. A reminder for all members to treat each other with respect.</u>	No action After the discussion it was decide to close our facebook page. Some suggestions. Social Days Supervised play regularly say once a month Stage 2 level lessons from Suzie Posted on the notice board Peter reminded players	Those new players interested to canvass members to participate. Dawn volunteered to help.

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7.	General Business without Notice a. Peter thanked retiring Committee members for their years of dedication to the club. Particularly Tim and Gai Baker and Jill Peterson who have gone above and beyond. b. Joan noted that members speaking to an agenda item should stand when speaking.		
8.	Meeting Closed at 12.35pm Next Meeting 19th November 2026 at 11.30am		