



Bunbury Bridge Club Inc Management Committee Meeting

10th November 2025

Minutes

- 1. Members Present:** Norm Hoskin, Colin Saunders, Joan Gribble, Gwen Clarke, Chris Hollingsworth, Maria Denton, Fiona Owen, Colleen Skipsey, Mike Van Wyk
- 2. Apologies:** Steve Mellett
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes for the 13th October meeting were:

Moved for acceptance: Mike Van Wyk; and Seconded: Maria Denton.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Swiss Pairs Scoring

Mike Van Wyk gave a short presentation on Swiss Pairs and Swiss Scoring. As an example, five rounds of five boards for nine tables would require approximately 125 boards which is logistically demanding. Also, a comparison of Matchpoint and IMP scoring was provided along with a tabled document detailing the effect of the scoring method has on playing tactics (see Attachment 1).

These two different scoring systems cannot be run simultaneously through Compscore. Directors have to select the scoring method when they set up a session for play.

Action: Mike Van Wyk will check whether its possible for the scores of a Bridge session to be presented in both Matchpoints and IMPs so that players can compare the effect of the different scoring on their result.

The Committee deemed that IMP scoring was unsuitable for BBC sessions. However, merit was seen in conducting a few IMP scoring training sessions prior to the Bunbury Congress in 2026.

Action: Colin Saunders to ascertain if Esther Saunders will conduct a few short sessions on IMP scoring.

4.2 *Cleaning of Floor Tiles in Toilets*

The cleaning is still to be organised.

4.3 *Bunbury Bridge Congress Dates*

The Bunbury Congress dates are the 25th, 26th and 27th April. To allow members to acknowledge Anzac Day traditions in morning ceremonies, the Welcome Pairs will be held on Saturday afternoon. The Swiss Pairs will take place on Sunday and the Swiss Teams on Monday.

4.4 *Six Week Trial Sessions Survey*

The survey closes on the 15th November. The outcome of the survey will be discussed at the 8th December Committee meeting.

4.5 *Capital Works and Maintenance Plan Update*

Mike Van Wyk summarised the expenditure on planned works and maintenance. He reiterated that the Committee has made a substantial effort to plan major expenditure particularly on the building. The kitchen window lintel has been repaired, new chairs purchased and outdoor shade sail repaired. The front entrance portico, while not aesthetically pleasing, remains structurally safe.

The back door needs to be replaced and the barge boards repaired and painted.

Action: Norm Hoskin to obtain quotes for replacement of the backdoor and barge board maintenance.

4.6 *ATO Consultation*

Norm Hoskin has submitted required documentation to ATO related to the Club's financial status and is awaiting a response.

4.7 Purchase of Flat Screen TV

While different views about the size of the Flat Screen TV to install and where to mount the screen were expressed, the estimated cost for the screen was: approximately \$1,500; and to mount approximately \$300.

Mike Van Wyk also demonstrated how a computer clock to time play during session could be used. This may involve the purchase of a laptop.

A Flat TV Screen can be used for power point presentations for teaching purposes such as those introduced at the beginning of Tuesday night sessions.

Colleen Skipsey suggested that a monitor with wifi connection to the Club computer may be an option.

The screen and clock matters were deferred to the 8th December meeting for further discussion.

Action: Colleen Skipsey to investigate the feasibility of the monitor option.

4.8 Key Register

Joan Gribble reported that tracking of keys and security codes had been completed. The number of people who have access to the Club has been recorded. Access to the building is monitored through the Pocket Secure 2 App by Dennis Evans. He is notified of any breach of security by Nightguard Security.

4.9 Christmas Lunch Entertainment

Tom Hollingsworth is unable to lead the singing at the Christmas lunch. An alternative will be planned (see Item 8.2).

4.10 Charity Week Dates 2026

The dates for Charity Week have been confirmed: 17th-24th February.

Monies raised will be donated to a local group.

Action: Norm Hoskin to speak to people who have suggested organisations to receive funds, and may be very worthy causes, are not considered to be solely local.

4.11 *Focus Magazine*

Colleen Skipsey has submitted a contribution to the Editor of *Focus Magazine* for the November issue. The article is based on the Club's nonagenarians.

Several copies of the magazine are sent the Club and it can be accessed online through the ABF and BAWA websites.

4.12 *Social Gathering Once per Month*

The next major social gathering will be held to celebrate the Club's 45th anniversary on Saturday 27th June 2026. It will be a red point day possibly followed by a BBQ.

Other monthly social events will be decided upon on a meeting by meeting basis.

4.13 *Partner Finder*

The Committee agreed that an A3 sized whiteboard be purchased for members' use to find a bridge partner.

Action: Norm Hoskin to purchase whiteboard.

The Committee also endorsed that an WhatsApp group, *Partner Desk BBC*, be established. The Committee expects the group be set up and operate according to purpose.

Action: Joan Gribble to confirm with Carmel Forrest that she will agree to be the administrator for *Partner Desk BBC*.

5. **Correspondence Report**

The Correspondence Report (6th October - 7th November) was tabled (see Attachment 2).

The Report was:

Moved for acceptance: Mike Van Wyk; and Seconded: Gwen Clarke.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer tabled the financial report for October 2025 (see Attachment 3).

One hundred and twelve members have paid their membership for the coming year. However, 22 members still have not paid their Club fees.

These members have been sent a text as reminders to endeavour to include their details in the new Club Handbook.

Some concern was expressed about the outstanding non-payments in terms of possible declining membership.

Action: Chris Hollingsworth and Mike Van Wyk will communicate with newer players to ascertain if they are intending to continue their membership.

The expenditure for the month has been within forecast.

The cash at hand for October was \$24,344.28 and the term deposit \$35,808.03 (total \$60,152.31).

The report was:

Moved for acceptance: Gwen Clarke; and Seconded: Chris Hollingsworth.

7. Bridge Coordinator's Report

The Bridge Coordinator tabled a report (see Attachment 4). The main items reported were:

- ★ BBC Congress dates are confirmed (25th -27th April 2026) with Esther Saunders as the convenor.
- ★ The Geographe Cup is tentatively set for the Sunday 21st June 2026.
- ★ Charity Week dates are set (17th-24th February 2026 inclusive) and funds should be allocated to a local group such one which receives little notice.
- ★ Red Point Days: Three Red Point Days have been allocated to Saturdays in the proposed 2026 calendar to encourage new members and Juniors to attend.

The Committee agreed to trial the Red Point Saturdays over the year.

- ★ Australia Wide Events: The Novice and Open Australia Wide events will be noted in the Handbook calendar. The Restricted Event (<300 MPS) will be held on the 26th - 31st October 2026). A survey will canvas members' interest in the participating in this event closer to the time.

- ★ Junior Members: Three new Junior members have been welcomed into the Club. Esther Saunders is to be congratulated on her work with bringing the Juniors to play at Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday sessions.
- ★ Julien Bradford has attained Club Master Membership and Chris Hollingsworth Silver Local Membership.
- ★ Direction Training is awaiting confirmation.

The report was:

Moved for acceptance: Chris Hollingsworth; and Seconded: Colin Saunders.

8. Other Business

8.1 Acknowledgement of Deceased Members

The Committee agreed that flowers be sent to the family of deceased members. Alternatively, a donation could be made to an organisation in accordance with a family wish.

8.2 Club Motto

Based on a member's note in the Suggestion Book, the Committee agreed that members be canvassed about their ideas.

Action: Colleen Skipsey to organise a table competition at the Christmas lunch.

8.3 Club Honour Boards

The item was deferred to the 8th December meeting.

8.4 Back Door and Carpet Damage

A quote on replacing the back door will be undertaken. Once completed, the ingress water damage to the carpet near the doorway will be assessed.

Action: Norm Hoskin to obtain a quote for door replacement to present at the 8th December meeting (also refer to item 4.5).

8.5 *Reserve Parking*

It was agreed that space be left clear near the the building (Gurinda Street side) for those who require nearest access,

Action: Norm Hoskin to alert members at sessions about leaving space clear for those who require easy access to the building,

8.6 *Support for ABF Youth Bridge*

Esther Saunders noted in the Suggestion Book that the Committee consider supporting ABF Youth Bridge with some funding. After some discussion, the Committee agreed its preference was to directly support the Junior members at the Club in attending special events outside the Club on a case by case basis.

Action: Norm Hoskin to communicate with Esther Saunders about applying for funds to support Club Juniors to attend specific events.

9. Item Tabled at the Meeting

9.1 *Microwave*

A near new microwave has been donated by Carmel Forrest for use in the kitchen. A letter of appreciation has been forwarded to her.

The mounting of the microwave will be investigated to clear kitchen bench space.

Action: Norm Hoskin to obtain a quote for mounting the microwave at a safe height.

9.2 *January Committee Meeting*

While not previously scheduled, it was agreed that a Committee meeting be held on the 12th January 2026.

Next meeting 8th December 2025 10am