



Bunbury Bridge Club Inc Management Committee Meeting

9th March Meeting 2026

Minutes

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

Minutes for the 9th February meeting were:

Moved for acceptance: Steve Mellett; and Seconded: Mike Van Wyk.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 IMPs Scoring Week (Mike Van Wyk)

The Bunbury Congress is on the weekend of 25th - 27th April. There will be two IMP scored sessions during this week on Monday 20th April and Friday 24th April. These two days are the playing days for most of the Club's congress players.

Brian Wade will ensure that the Directors of the two sessions are assisted in setting up the computer program to score IMPs instead of Matchpoints.

At the beginning of these two sessions, Brian Wade and Esther Saunders have volunteered to provide their assistance to explain successful player strategies for IMPs scored events.

At the beginning of the week (Monday 13th April) Brian Wade will post a notice on the website to advertise the Committee's decision to run the two IMP scored sessions and when they will occur.

4.2 Six Week Trial Session (Norm Hoskin)

Brian Hanson is unable now to conduct the Six Week Trial Session on a Saturday morning.

The Committee considered that the idea of an additional session for players with less than 25 Masterpoints was worthwhile and could be re-visited in the future. The Sunday trial over a year ago did not prove successful and did not proceed.

4.3 Assessment of Barge Boards (Colin Saunders and Steve Mellett)

The replacement of the barge boards is considered to be a major and costly undertaking. After discussion, the Committee decided that the preferable option was to repair the barge boards.

Action: Steve Mellett to obtain quotes for the extent and cost of repairing the barge boards.

4.4 Honour Board for Committee Member Positions (Norm Hoskin)

Titles for the Committee Board are still to be completed and another amendment needs to be made to the Club Pairs Championship Honour Board (re Esther and Colin Saunders).

Action: Norm Hoskin to follow up the matter.

4.5 Microwave Mounting (Norm Hoskin)

This microwave mounting remains under consideration.

Action: Norm Hoskin to follow up the matter.

4.6 Review of Insurance Policy (Norm Hoskin and Gwen Clarke)

Following discussion, the Committee decided that contact be made with TBIB who has made a significant contribution to the game of bridge and hence worthy of being considered for a quote.

The upcoming Club's insurance renewal is due in May. It was decided to ascertain the difference in cost of insuring the building at \$900,000 or \$1,000,000. Part of the considerations will include the security of monies and replacement of equipment.

Action: Norm Hoskin to obtain quotes from TBIB.

4.7 Sign for Bunbury Machinery (Colin Saunders)

The sign is under construction.

Action: Colin Saunders to follow up the matter.

4.8 No Parking Sign (Steve Mellett)

Thanks to Steve Mellett for arranging and erecting the No Parking Sign.

5. Correspondence Report

The Correspondence Report (5th February - 3rd March 2026) was tabled (see Attachment 1).

The Report was:

Moved for acceptance: Gwen Clarke; and Seconded: Colin Saunders.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled the financial report for February (see Attachment 2). Particular mention was made about the following.

Bunbury Soup Van Inc

\$600, consisting of table fees and members' personal donations, was donated to the charity. Representatives were attending the 9th March bridge session to outline how the Soup Van operated and accept the Club's donation.

Water Corporation Letter

A letter received from the Water Corporation highlighted the higher than usual consumption of water at the Club compared to the same time the previous year. Norm Hoskin assured the Committee that there was no leakage problem indicated by monitoring the water meter. Instead, a newly installed sprinkler has pushed up the Club's water consumption over summer.

Computer

The computer provided by the Club for the Treasurer's use is no longer functioning. It was proposed that a new computer be purchased up to the cost of \$1000.

The proposal was:

Moved for acceptance: Mike Van Wyk; and seconded by Colin Saunders.

Action 1: Gwen Clarke to investigate the best priced computer to fit the requirements of the Treasurer's spreadsheet work.

Action 2: Gwen Clarke to determine whether the damaged computer is covered under the current Bridge Club insurance policy.

Bunbury Congress Sponsorship

Further sponsorship for the Bunbury Congress has been received from QUBE (\$500) and Howard Wines (12 bottles of Howard Park variety).

Action: Joan Gribble to write letters of thanks to these sponsors.

The expenditure for February has been within forecast.

The cash at hand for February was \$28,872.48 and the term deposit \$35,808.03 (total\$ 64,680.57).

The report was:

Moved for acceptance: Gwen Clarke; and Seconded: Colleen Skipsey.

7. Bridge Coordinator's Report

Beginners and Refresher Lessons

The main activity during February was the nine lesson program for beginners and refreshers. Attendance was generally around 5-6 tables. Esther Saunders devoted considerable time to the delivery of the lessons including offering tuition at her home to participants who could not attend scheduled sessions. Esther was supported by Mike Van Wyk, Colin Saunders and Brian Wade.

The next steps are lesson extensions (x2) to cover more advanced aspects plus individualised play over coming Tuesday nights (separate section) where additional supervised coverage will be required. Beyond that, the beginners will be integrated with the Tuesday participants.

Charity Week

The Charity Week was held during the month with funds raised donated to the Bunbury Soup Van.

Moth Andersson Pairs

The Moth Andersson Pairs Championships event will be held on Saturday 28th March. Advertising is underway and the entry form posted on the notice board. Brian Wade will direct.

Bunbury Congress

Preparations for the annual Bunbury Congress continues. Entries have been a little slow but are progressing.

Future Congress Dates

Examination of potential congress dates, other than the Anzac Day weekend, is being conducted by Esther Saunders and Brian Wade. The Committee will be kept informed.

Player Attendance

Player attendance in February increased compared to January by an average of nine players per week. The most significant increase was Tuesday night with +6 people.

Personal Scorers

Bunbury Print is still to complete the printing of the 5,000 personal scorers. Further follow up is required.

Club Membership

Club membership remains at 118. Eighteen members are scheduled to be deregistered from the ABF at the end of March.

The Report was:

Moved for acceptance: Brian Wade; and Seconded: Mike Van Wyk.

8. Other Business

8.1 Future of Bunbury Congresses (Brian Wade)

Options are being considered for the 2027 congress given that ANZAC Day falls on the Sunday. There are limited opportunities in the BAWA calendar to find an alternative weekend for the Bunbury Congress (also see Bridge Coordinator report).

8.2 Security of Monies (Maria Denton)

The collection, counting and banking of Club monies was raised in terms of whether the Club's procedures were secure and

followed best practice. Several problems with the handling of cash at the Club have been observed. Further, the question of how much cash should be held at the Treasurer's home was discussed.

Based on the discussion by Committee members, it seemed that the current practice was long standing and no evident problems have occurred during that time. Also, it was decided that it was a Treasurer's decision as to whether they kept cash, or not, at their home and how much that might be before banking the amount.

Action: In discussion with TBIB Norm Hoskin to identify the level of insurance coverage the Club should have for security of monies.

8.3 Social Events (Brian Hanson)

An email received from Brian Hanson was tabled. There was a request for the Committee to clarify which sessions would be designated for social events .

In the November 2025 minutes it was recorded that social events would be decided upon on a meeting by meeting basis. The Committee affirmed that in the interest of equity, social events would be across all sessions.

It was decided that the next social event would be on Saturday 21st March after play.

Action: Joan Gribble to organise food and drinks.

8.4 Library Catalogue (Joan Gribble)

Dee Enders has undertaken to catalogue and record the Club's fiction and non-fiction books.

9. Items Tabled at the Meeting

9.1 Fees for Juniors (Colleen Skipsey)

The Schedule of Fees is a standing item at the Club's AGM (set for the 5th September 2026). The Committee will need to consider its recommendations to present to the membership on the matter at the AGM.

Action 1: The item to be placed on the August meeting for discussion (Joan Gribble).

Action 2: An analysis for any changes to the Schedule of Fees to be provided by the Treasurer at the August meeting (Gwen Clarke).

Junior members currently pay minimum Table Fees and no Club Fees. The Club does not pay BAWA capitation fees for Juniors but they are included in the costs to the ABF for the Club's allocation of Masterpoints.

9.2 Mobile Phones at Sessions (Colin Saunders)

Some Directors have expressed concern over the use of mobile phones during sessions. The Committee members were clear that players could bring their mobile phones to sessions but they must be switched to silent mode.

Action: Steve Mellett to organise a sign to remind players to switch their mobile phones to silent mode. The sign will be placed on the front door of the foyer.

9.3 Cleaning of Club Rooms (Colin Saunders)

The matter of cleaning of the Clubrooms was questioned especially the men's toilets. There is a general lack of awareness of Committee members about when different parts of the building are cleaned.

Action: Mike Van Wyk to meet with CleanXtra to identify a cleaning schedule.

9.4 Bridge Timer (Mike Van Wyk)

The Rothwell Bridge Timer software can be used with the current Club TV. The software is available for three months at no cost. It is proposed to run a low key trial to demonstrate the use of the digital timer to Directors and players. During the trial, Directors can elect to use the digital timer or not.

Brian Wade proposed that the Club purchase a bluetooth mouse (approximate cost \$80) to operate the digital timer. The Committee agreed to the purchase.

Action: Brian Wade to purchase a mouse.

It is noted that the digital timer is a lead up to purchasing a flat TV screen in the future.

9.5 Moth Andersson Pairs Championships (Brian Wade)

There were queries raised about the supply of food for the event and the prizes to be distributed. The Committee agreed that morning and afternoon tea will be supplied by the Club and the bar be opened at the conclusion of the event.

Action: Joan Gribble to organise the food/drinks for the event.

Further, it was decided that prizes of four blue tokens be given to each winner for: Best Open Pair; Best Pair with less than a combined 150 Masterpoints; and a Novelty Pair to be decided upon subject to entrants in the event.

9.6 Bunbury Congress Prizes (Brian Wade)

It is general practice across BAWA congresses to award prizes to winners based on 50% on the net proceeds made from a congress. It is predicted that the net proceeds for the 2026 Bunbury Congress will be substantial because directing and dealing costs will be absorbed.

The Committee decided it was appropriate to meet the expectation of participants that 50% of net proceeds be awarded in prizes.

Next meeting: 13th April 2026 10am

Note:

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.