



# NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB

Hendra, Brisbane

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC  
HELD AT 116 GERLER ROAD, HENDRA  
SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026 COMMENCING AT 11:30AM.**

## **Welcome**

The President, Graham Killoran, thanked everyone for attending and declared the Annual General Meeting open.

Attendance was accepted as per the Attendance Book.

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies were read out and accepted as per the Apologies Book.

## **2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes had been circulated and were taken as read. The minutes for the meeting held on 12 April 2025 were CONFIRMED as a true and correct record of that meeting.

MOVED: Graham Killoran

SECONDED: Catherine Flowers

CARRIED

## **3. Presidents Report**

The President's Report was read out by Graham Killoran and is included below for completeness.

*In the words of Queen Elizabeth 11, this has been my annus horibilis.*

*On the morning of June 24 th, the morning I was due to fly to Bali, Jacquie Dudurovic emailed me to inform me that Pat and Peter McDonald were to retire in the first week of July and suggested a presentation and granting of free games in perpetuity. I replied. "I agree but we should talk when I get back". We never did. I went to Bali on instructions from my wife, to forget all about Bridge. I did.*

*In the next weeks, a smell was reported coming from the Women's toilet in the Jill Wilson building. I immediately engaged a company of Plumbers to investigate. They came back with an estimate of nearly \$30,000.00 to fix it. I accepted the quote. They started work on Wednesday 23 rd July. While playing we heard a big bang and some of the lights went out. The plumber was cutting into the concrete path below the main switch board. I immediately called an electrician but meanwhile the Plumber kept cutting and removing some of the path. The electrician arrived and shut the building down. The plumber had severed the main electrical cable and was within 2mm of death. I instructed the electrician to fix the power. The plumber continued to repair the broken sewerage pipe. I attended the Club every day to ensure they continued to work and get the Club operational as soon as possible. Although the Plumbers were demanding that we pay their daily invoices, I delayed payment. I was threatened by the Plumber's foreman so much so I had to call the Police to get him to desist. I notified our insurers of the incident who agreed to pay for the electrical repairs and loss of income due to the closure.*

*On the following Thursday I arrived to be greeted with the presentation to Pat and Peter MacDonald completely unaware of the email of the previous month. When I reported the incident to the Management Committee they were not happy. I conveyed this to Jacquie who immediately reminded me of her previous email. On reading the email I immediately apologized to Jacquie and later to the Management Committee. The Management Committee were insistent that the granting of the free games was not acceptable and despite the submission of a petition signed by 156*

*Members stood by this decision. I informed Pat and Peter and Peter who accepted the decision. In recognition of their long service in directing the Thursday and Friday sessions the decision was made to rename the Thursday Pairs Competition to The Pat and Peter McDonald Thursday Pairs. The first occasion of the Competition has just been completed with Margaret Plunkett and Greg Gosney as winners. In protest, the new Directors of the Thursday and Friday sessions withdrew their services. I took on both of those roles. After several weeks, Greg Gosney took over the role of Director of the Thursday morning session. I am still directing the Friday morning session.*

*Karen Gosney has taken on the role of teaching the Beginners, Denise Taylor has taken on the role of Convenor of Congresses and competitions. The Wednesday morning sessions of Assisted Play continue to be conducted by Greg Gosney and Jason Cooney. We still have difficulty convincing the participants transferring to the regular Wednesday morning sessions which continues to struggle for numbers.*

*At the January Committee meeting, Tracey, your Treasurer presented facts that the Club was losing money with falling table numbers and rising costs. We immediately cancelled the Gardening contract, agreeing we could maintain the gardens with working bees and then looked at the cost of the tea ladies. We are the only Club which pay tea ladies. The cost is approximately \$35,000.00 a year.*

*The real positive event of the year was the appointment of Barry Witham as Club Recorder. He has dealt with three incidents efficiently and effectively since his appointment.*

*Your Management Committee of only eight Members have supported me in a most difficult year and I thank them all most gratefully. We currently have a submission with the Gaming Commission for the purchase of 50 new updated Bridgemates.*

*To all the other Volunteers, I extend on your behalf our thanks for keeping our Club running efficiently and effectively. As I am not standing again as President, I offer my congratulations to the incoming President, David Lehmann, and I assure him of my support in the future.*

*I thank you all for the privilege you have afforded me for the last 3 years and wish you all the best in the coming year. Happy bridging.*

The President's report was ACCEPTED.

MOVED: Graham Killoran

SECONDED: Catherine Flowers

CARRIED

#### **4. Adoption of Annual Balance Sheet and Financial Statement**

The Financial Statements and Balance Sheet had been circulated and were taken as read. The Treasurer's report was read out by Tracey Armour and is included below for completeness.

##### **AUD Profit & Loss**

*The 2025 year was not a good year financially for NSBC. The clubs audited financial statements show our income was down \$18,000 on the previous year and our expenses were up about \$24,000.*

*The club has run at a loss for the last three financial years - 2023 the loss was \$35,424 & 2024 \$8,000. This year the plumbing issue under the toilet block saw our closure for over a week and the financial loss, after insurance payout, was \$31,000. In the previous financial year a water leak cost the club over \$12,000 and the year before that the air conditioning cost was just over \$6,000. This clubhouse is 35 years old and these things cannot be planned for, but it seems - will happen.*

##### **Member Fees**

*Apart from the slow, yet steady, decline in Membership each year, Table fees income was impacted by the decision to reduce fees to \$7. There wasn't much in the expenses side of things that didn't increase last year – including our biggest expense - Wages and Superannuation.*

### **Wages cost**

The out-going management committee has begun to implement measures to increase income and reduce cost. Using last year's data, in this new financial year, the return of \$8 table fees should yield about \$17,000. By reducing the gardener and cleaner's hours we hope to save up to \$10,000. The current trial of reducing the tea ladies by two shifts per week will save the club a further \$10,000 per annum.

Some things to keep in mind is that although table fees are \$8, the club really only nets just over \$7 – as the \$8 includes GST. Regardless of how fees are paid – we either pay Suncorp Bank or MyABF a percentage bank fee. Last year each session should have 10 paying tables to be cost effective and up to 15 paying tables to cover the cost of a tea lady.

### **Free Games**

Free games are also a factor to consider. Last year committee members free games were \$280 per month, about the same for session directors & 90 year olds were nearly double that at \$530 per month.

Expenditure forecast for the future could be new bridgemates. The cost to upgrade 4 sets would be a minimum of around \$20,000. Moving forward the committee will continue to monitor our finances and make changes to safeguard the future of NSBC.

The Annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet was ACCEPTED for the year ending 31 January 2026.

MOVED: Tracey Armour

SECONDED: Andrea Parkins

CARRIED

## **5. Appointment of Auditor for year ending 31 January 2027**

The Treasurer requested that Cleave Accounting continue to audit the financial accounts for the Club.

It was APPROVED that Cleave Accounting be appointed as auditor for the year ended 31 January 2027.

MOVED: Tracey Armour

SECONDED: Graham Killoran

CARRIED

## **6. Election of Office Bearers**

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominator One</b>	<b>Nominator Two</b>
David Lehmann	President	Bert Luchjenbroers	Roy Davenport
Catherine Flowers	Secretary	John Bagster	Graham Killoran
Tracey Armour	Treasurer	Kit Duncan	Denise Taylor
Alan Hayman	Committee	Graham Killoran	Denise Taylor
Anne Sauer	Committee	Robn Wells	Francis Price
Daina Geise	Committee	Denise Taylor	Graham Killoran
Denise Taylor	Committee	Tracey Armour	Beveley Fawcett-Smith
Greg Gosney	Committee	David Lehmann	Margaret Plunkett
Jenny Dickson	Committee	Graham Killoran	Ghislane Green
Kerry Barridge	Committee	Barbara Moni	Dennis Sullivan
Kit Duncan	Committee	Tracey Armour	Denise Taylor
Trish Wright	Committee	Tracey Armour	Belinda Cunningham
Robyn Wells	Committee	Ann Sauer	Francis Price
Sheena De Jager Miles	Committee	Graham Killoran	Denise Taylor

The nominations for President, Treasurer and Secretary were carried unanimously.

A ballot was undertaken for the election of the eight Committee members. All nominations were accepted with the exception of Anne Sauer and Daina Geise.

There was a discussion about nominating a Vice President from the floor. Graham Killoran advised that nominations were due seven days before the date of the AGM. He further advised that the appointment should be considered by the incoming Committee.

## 7. General Business

### **Honorary Life Member – Gay Testa**

Joan Schuh submitted a motion for Gay Testa to be admitted as an Honorary Life Member. Joan took the floor and outlined the reasons for the nomination including the loyal and hard work she had provided to the Club over many years.

*MOVED: Joan Schuh*

*SECONDED: Barbara White*

**CARRIED**

### **Honorary Life Member – Margaret Plunkett**

Greg Gosney submitted a motion for Margaret Plunkett to be admitted as an Honorary Life Member. Greg took to the floor and outlined the reasons for the nomination including her many years of outstanding and meritorious service to the Club, her ongoing Committee involvement, Masterpoints Secretary, managing annual membership invoices and her deep history of the Club.

*MOVED: Greg Gosney*

*SECONDED: Elizabeth Gibson*

**CARRIED**

### **Free Games – Committee Members**

Robyn Wells submitted a motion that a free game is only given to the Director of each session. Currently the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Masterpoints Secretary receive free games at all sessions which has been in place since 2015.

Robyn spoke to the motion outlining that these are all voluntary positions and individuals taking them on should not expect payment in kind (free games). There was considerable discussion from the floor with views for and against the motion.

It was AGREED that the free games given to the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Masterpoints Secretary be rescinded effective immediately.

*MOVED: Robyn Wells*

*SECONDED: Catherine Flowers*

**CARRIED**

### **Annual Membership Numbers**

A motion was submitted by Tracey Armour to discuss the annual membership fee of \$15 which has not been increased since 2000. She advised that the QBA and ABF levies have increased over the years while the NSBC membership fee has remained constant. Some of the other local clubs membership fees range from as low as \$10 to \$40.

Incoming President David Lehmann asked for a show of hands for increasing the membership fee and most attendees were happy with circa \$30. He advised that this would be a topic for discussion by the incoming Committee. It would then need to go to a Special General Meeting during the year.

### **Bridgemate Score availability during play**

Graham White asked when individual board scores would be reinstated on the Bridgemates. John Bagster advised that the Committee had agreed to a trial through to the end of May 2026. The decision had been included in the Committee Minutes which are put up on the notice board each month. David Lehmann advised that it would be a matter for the incoming Committee to consider.

### **8. Presentation of trophies**

There was no time for the presentation of trophies. The winners of the various competitions are below.

President's Tray	Ann Sauer & Rex Meadowcroft
Monday Shield	Magdalena Kowalczyk & Geoff Doyle
Tuesday Pairs	Jacqui Field & Bert Luchjenbroers
Hoffmann Tray	Eugene Pereira & Errol Miller
Thursday Pairs	Margaret Plunkett & Greg Gosney
Newstead Novice Shield	Magdalena Kowalczyk & Geoff Doyle
Friday Rosebowl	Bert Luchjenbroers & Yolande Coroneo
McLaney Tray	Richard McLauchlan & Natalie Bloch
Jill Wilson Pairs	Yolande Coroneo & Jane Farquhar
NSBC Club Championship Teams	Eugene Pereira, Peter Nilsson Trish Tritton, Alan Smith
NSBC One Day Open Teams	Janeen Solomon, Maha Hoenig Sarah Strickland, Jan Malinas
NSBC One Day IMP Pairs	David Smith & Anthony Hutton
NSBC Two Days IMP Pairs	Alison Dawson & Ken Dawson
NSBC Mixed Pairs	David Lehmann & Gayle McCarthy

### **9. Close**

There were no further items of business and the meeting was closed at 12.32pm.

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Signed

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Date