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NEWSLETTER – October 2025

Presidents Report

Greetings All,

I know it sounds monotonous, but a lot has happened in the last 3 months.

You will recall the outage we had when the power supply was cut and the Club was closed for a week.

Thanks for all the words of support on the way I handled the situation. With my background of Architect and Builder, I am very familiar with building faults and solving the solutions. What I wasn't prepared for was the threatening tactics of the Plumbing CEO. So much so, I had to call the Police to ask him to leave. Thankfully he left of his own accord when he realized I was serious.

Steve Weil, from TBIB, a sponsor of the Club has retired. TBIB are reassessing their sponsorship terms. I will keep you informed.

You might have noticed that there has been plethora of competitions. The Committee has decided that we will have a competition for every session. The object is to help us all to become better Bridge players. That is the reason that there is no extra entry fee and we would like you all to participate and not have a side section. This does not detract from the friendliness and social aspects of playing Bridge.

As I write this column we are preparing for the QBA Teams of Three. At last count, we have 46 teams which is really testing the capacity of the Jill Wilson Building. We are proud to conduct the Tournament on behalf of the QBA, as we have a reputation of good hosts.

Of concern, the Committee and I are worried about the fall in numbers at the Wednesday morning, Thursday morning and both sessions on Friday. If you notice that Members aren't coming, why not call them to see if they are all well and encourage them to come back and play. It is your Club.

Until the next newsletter

Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran, President, Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc

NSBC NEWSLETTER

The next edition is DECEMBER 2025 - published around the last week of December.

The Editor welcomes any & all contributions! Photographs are welcome. Please submit your entries into the office or via email admin@nsbc4011.com.au at any time prior to Christmas week.

NOTICEBOARD



NSBC New Members July, August & September

John Burke, Jennifer Cody, Lynette Rogers, John Rogers, Sharon Markandoo, Joanne Harvey, Trisha Whalen & Mary-Louise North

Also Returning & Away members – Mervyn Eastaughffe, John Henderson & Sonya Pozzi.

Club Membership is currently just over 530 Members

REMINDER – Wear a Mask

As a courtesy to other Members – Please, if you have a cough or cold – Wear a mask. Some members suffer greatly if they come into contact with Respiratory issues.

DON'T Keep your 90th Birthday a Secret

Members are reminded to advise the Club when you turn 90 years of age. At NSBC, members who reach this milestone no longer pay table fees. 90 Year olds pay annual Membership only. Life Members pay Table Fees but not Membership Fees.

CLUB RECORDER

NSBC Committee recently appointed a Club Recorder

The Recorder's role is to consider issues relating to player behaviour referred by any club member or a session Director. Regular bridge matters should be referred to the Director of the session during play.

- The Recorder is an experienced and respected bridge player appointed to the position by the Management Committee of Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc.
- The Recorder's name shall be available on the club's website and prominently displayed in the Club
- On referral, the Recorder will informally and confidentially attempt to resolve the issue through advice to, and if necessary, mediation between the member(s) involved.
- If the Recorder is unable to resolve an issue, the recorder shall make a formal written report to the Management Committee which will then assume responsibility for the resolution of the matter.
- The Recorder will maintain a confidential written record of referred incidents and actions taken to resolve them, which the Recorder will make available to the President of the Management Committee upon request.
- The Recorder will provide a general report to the Management Committee on general trends of behaviour but will de-identify the participants involved.
- The Recorder shall have the support of the Management Committee. Any discourtesy to the Recorder while exercising his/her functions will not be tolerated and the Management Committee will use its disciplinary powers to support the Recorder

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Mollie Jean's 100th Birthday

Complete with a congratulatory message from the Queensland Governor, a lovely afternoon of Bridge was enjoyed at the Club on Saturday 12th of July to celebrate Mollie Jeans Birthday. One of at least 7 cakes/parties arranged around Brisbane to celebrate this wonderful milestone.



Some other members of the 90Plus Club who attended

Recent Results at NSBC

Jill Wilson

Pairs 3 & 10 July 2025

DIV A 1st	Yolande Coroneo	Jane Farquhar
DIV A 2nd	Eugene Pereira	Peter Nilsson
DIV A 3rd	Jeff Borg	Dennis Sullivan
DIV B 1st	Karen Gosney	Suzy Brownlow
DIV B 2nd	Vic Brampton	Maxim Wilson

Friday

Rosebowl 8 & 15 Aug 2025

DIV A 1st	Bert Luchjenbroers	Yolande Coroneo
DIV A 2nd	Gary Mitchell	Judith Mitchell
DIV A 3rd	Ann Roberts	Misako James
DIV B 1st	Kit Duncan	Trish Wright

Presidents

Tray 1 & 8 Sept 2025

DIV A 1st	Ann Sauer	Rex Meadowcroft
DIV A 2nd	Kerry Malt	Gay Testa
DIV A 3rd	Michael Macrossan	Bert Luchjenbroers
DIV B 1st	Maree Huxley	Elaine Jones



Newstead Novice Shield 15 & 22 July 2025

DIV A 1st	MAGDALENA KOWALCZYK	GEOFF DOYLE
DIV A 2nd	KERRY DIGGLES	CHESNE MCGRATH
DIV A 3rd	BRIAN CLARK	SUZY BROWNLOW

Congratulations to all Competitors & winners in NSBC Club Competitions. Each of our 9 weekly sessions has one annual competition. Competitions are open to all members. Regular table fees apply to all competitions and there are no side tables at the session time of each competition. Prize money paid in ABF Credits.

Tuesday Pairs 9 & 16 Sept 2025

DIV A 1st	Jacqui Field	Bert Luchjenbroers
DIV A 2nd	Rama Naidoo	Maxim Wilson
DIV A 3rd	Kerry Malt	Gay Testa
DIV B 1st	Peter Grinlaubs	Graham Killoran

UPCOMING EVENTS @ NSBC

Mixed Pairs

Two Wednesdays 8 & 15 October 2025 9.15am Start

Members Only = **Entries Via MyABF**

Regular Table Fees as usual - debited on the day of competition

Competition only - no non-competition section

McLaney Tray PM

Two Fridays 10 & 17 October 1pm Start

Members Only = **Entries Via MyABF**

Regular Table Fees as usual - debited on the day of competition

Competition only - no non-competition section

NSBC 2-Day Pairs Congress

Saturday 1 November & Sunday November 2 Arrive 9am - 9.30am Start

Entries Via MyABF - 2 day Event Lunch provided - Entry \$90 per player/\$180 per pair.

Regular Saturday Club Session in Elizabeth Gibson Centre

Check the Website for updates for-

Pat Clouston Christmas Teams - Sunday 7 December 2025

Members only - Entry limits apply



QCBC July Teams – Under 150 MP
Ranked Last = Came First.



The Victors! Alexia Lennon, Janet Smith, Kit Duncan, Tracey Armour.
Pictured here with Charles Page



WE WANT YOU

**TO PLAY BRIDGE AT NSBC ON
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

(As we need to build up numbers here)

Landscapes of my life

I explored my **Childhood Garden** of creation, imagination and innocence.

With the eyes of the world upon me, scrutinised from every direction, I wandered alone, through the **Jungle of Adolescence**, A victim of peer group pressure and body image, I succumbed to society's demands. From there, I ventured into the **Desert of Adulthood**, alone with other lost souls. My aspirations melted under the desert heat. Accepting my fate of broken dreams, I found my way to a clearing on the edge of the **Forest of Parenthood**. Reminiscent of the garden of my past, I lingered here before I lost my way in the **Dark Woods**. Just like Dante, I found my way back from the Dark Woods to the **Rocky Cliffs of Partnership**. Together we negotiated the precipices before we arrived at the **Shangri La of Retirement**. My new landscape mirrored my Childhood Garden of creation and imagination, albeit, in the autumn of my life, with my soulmate.

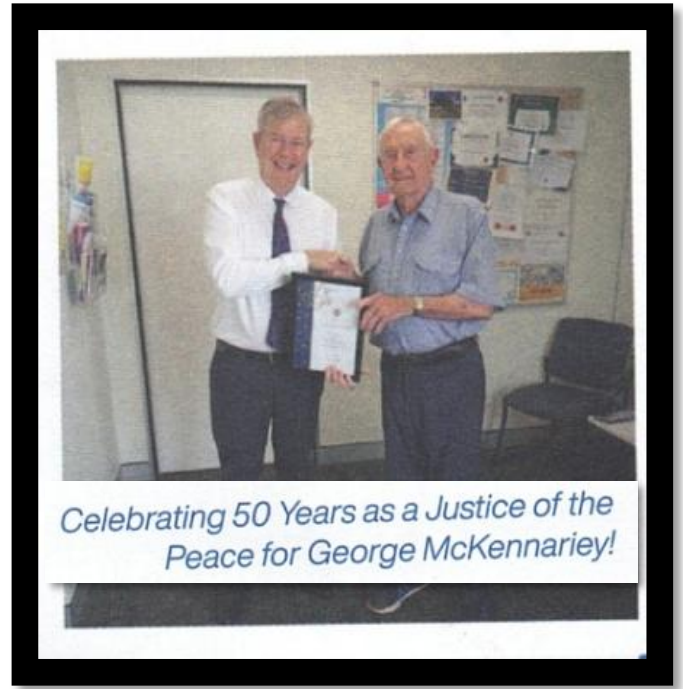
Suzu Brownlow – "I'm in a Creative Writing Class at USA. You might like my latest attempt".

Keep in Mind – moving forward our Club Competitions will be entered via MyABF. This is very simple – start at our website & click Events (will take you to MyABF site – scroll to the bottom) click the **GREEN ENTER** and enter you and/or your team members – click on the down arrow next to your team mates name to "ask them to pay". The Mixed Pairs and the McClaney Tray can be entered this way. A great opportunity to give it a go if you are new to this way of entering a competition. For these comps – the money will not leave your account until the day of play.

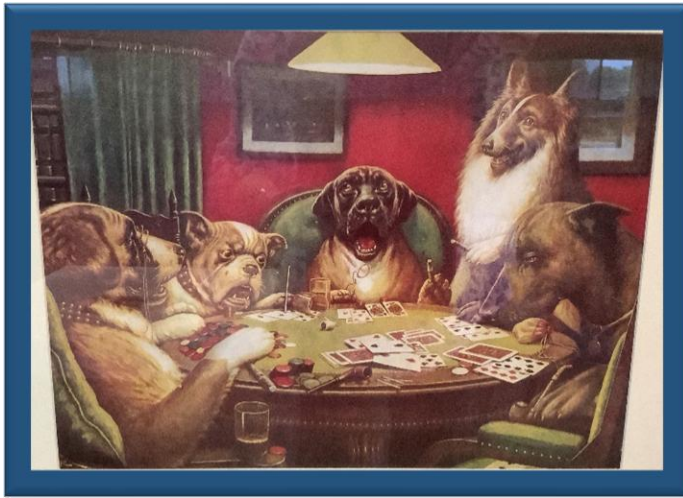
In other News



Robyn Wells' recent discovery on a trip to Scandinavia!



Celebrating 50 Years as a Justice of the Peace for George McKennarley!



Thanks to Anne Johnson for the recent donation of the dogs playing cards picture at the Club.

2025 Horizon Scholar

Lorraine Pescatore's grandson, Matthew Pescatore, has been chosen to take part in the Horizon Scholarship Program. One of only 21 students selected across Australia, Matthew receives a \$10 000 bursary over 2 years to support his studies & living expenses, access to professional development, industry networking & work placements with his Industry Sponsor, Dairy Australia. Matthew studies Veterinary Science at James Cook University in Townsville.



Pat & Peter Macdonald with fellow Life Member, Elizabeth Gibson.

25 Years of Directing - Pat & Peter Macdonald Having directed 2 weekly sessions for over 25 years at NSBC, this extraordinary couple announced their directorial retirement in July. Pat gained her QBA accreditation as a club director in 1998, Peter reached the higher qualification of Congress Director in 2004. Long held in high esteem, becoming Life Members in 2015, we thank generous contributions to our club. We all hope to continue to see you both playing at tables in the future. **Thanks for Everything Pat & Peter!**

PROMOTIONS

NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC				
Jul-25	RANK	TOTAL MPs	2025 MPs	2025 RANK
Gosney, Karen	Bronze State	139.16	25.98	1,398
Kowalczyk, Magdalena	State	68.83	19.61	1,970
Duncan, Kit	Silver Local	39.16	21.8	1,744
Jenkins, Paul	Silver Local	37.73	18.62	2,095
Higgins, Anne	Silver Local	35.07	3	11,282
Jeffery, Barbara	Bronze Local	25.16	4.87	8,178
Wolfenden, Dean	Club	5.34	4.57	8,586
Martin, Tracy	Graduate	2.09	2.09	13,704
Nash, David	Graduate	2.08	0.61	20,496
Macan, Annette	Graduate	2.05	0.42	21,900
Aug-25	RANK	TOTAL MPs	2025 MPs	2025 RANK
Clarke, Anne	Silver Life	500.54	18.51	2,483
Howard, Geraldine	Bronze Life	400.62	10.11	4,863
Stephens, Bruce	State	67.44	7.69	6,250
Grinlaubs, Peter	State	60.32	30.85	1,340
Maher, Budi	State	50.47	10.88	4,511
Killoran, Graham	Regional	51.71	9.5	5,158
Carfrae, Judith	Silver Local	37.22	7.61	6,302
Witt, Sue	Local	15.07	2.93	12,339
Ward, Rowan	Local	15.06	9.28	5,264
McCabe, Helen	Club	5.11	4.48	9,568
Sep-25	RANK	TOTAL MPs	2025 MPs	2025 RANK
Rivers, John	Life	301.8	77.41	345
Crowley, Althea	National	152.93	24.96	2,024
Baran, Helen	National	151.37	30.04	1,588
Barridge, Kerry	Bronze State	165.27	37.55	1,202
Adam, Ron	State	115.53	7.7	7,058
Wilson, Maxim	State	86.47	12.96	4,358
Doyle, Geoff	Bronze Regional	100.89	11.52	4,912
Darken, Rachel	Regional	51.75	6.81	7,855
Salvati, Teresa	Silver Local	35.71	3.64	11,957
Propsting, Jane	Silver Local	35.3	3.64	11,942
Sunderland, Harry	Bronze Local	29.92	13.7	4,099
Von Rotz, Rita	Bronze Local	26.59	10.61	5,304
Kealy, Richard	Bronze Local	26.25	10.77	5,239
Swan, Suzanne	Bronze Local	25.34	2.42	14,737
Cunningham, Belinda	Local	15.62	11.71	4,831
Hardcastle, Liz	Club	6.95	6.95	7,716
Martin, Tracy	Club	6.29	6.29	8,335
Moore, Bernadette	Graduate	2.08	2.08	15,64

Bridge ETIQUETTE

The Northern Suburbs Bridge Club - "Our Bridge Club" - rightly prides itself on the friendly environment provided for members and visitors to enjoy the game of Bridge.

At times people become caught up in the intricacies of the game and their attention remains with the last board they have played.

North/South are the hosts of their table. When a new East/West pair arrive that pair should be acknowledged and made to feel welcome at the table.

Any discussion, by either N/S or E/W, of previous boards is best left until another time.

Please note: many of you are most welcoming, this is a gentle reminder for us all.

Our charter mentions the encouragement of less experienced players – a friendly greeting when people arrive at your table is a great way to begin.

RECOGNITION OF WARREN BROWN'S BOOK 'MEMOIR'

Warren Brown has been a player and supporter of Northern Suburbs Bridge Club for many years. As Tracey says, "Everyone has their story" – and Warren has had an extremely interesting life and faced many challenges as an early pioneering engineer in Queensland. His book, "MEMOIR" reminisces about his early childhood days, and moves on to his career as an engineer in a developing Queensland. His book has had some very positive reviews, hence the decision to make his book easily available to our members. **Our club will host a book 'recognition' in the Elizabeth Gibson Centre on Tuesday October 14 at the end of afternoon bridge.** Drinks and nibbles will be provided, Warren will give a short talk about his book, and copies will be available for purchase and signing. For those who cannot be there for the launch, copies of 'MEMOIR' will be available from the office after that date.

Here is a condensed review of his book by the Online Book Club.

*'MEMOIR' by Warren Thomas Brown is a nonfiction book that delves into the complexities of navigating bureaucracy and business...Set against the backdrop of rural Queensland, the memoir spans from early settlement days to the rise of the mineral industry at Mount Isa. Brown's storytelling reveals the incompetence and corruption within the Civil Service, juxtaposed with the resilience and integrity of individuals working in harsh environments. The memoir captures the essence of human endurance and the fight against systemic obstacles through vivid anecdotes and reflective poetry, making it an engaging and insightful read...The book has no significant flaws, but this is only my impression because I liked the subject matter...I found only one minor grammatical error. Other than that, the book's editing is superb. Overall, MEMOIR is an insightful, unique and witty work. The author wrote a cohesive work that nicely balanced details of his personal life with business dealings. Since I couldn't find any aspect that displeased me, it deserves 5 out of 5 stars. I recommend this work to people like me: history lovers who sympathize with the country of Australia. ******

Writing a book is no small feat. The fact that one of our bridge members has spent a couple of years writing his well-received memoir deserves special recognition.

Hope to see you there on October 14.

QBA TEAMS of 3 at NSBC 21 Sept

A very impressive turnout of 42 Teams enjoyed a fantastic day of bridge at the club last Sunday. Thanks to all the hard working members who made the day so special. Jacqui Dudrovic's ensured a well organised affair start to finish. Greg Gosney & Marg Plunkett assisted the Directors & kept the floor moving seamlessly throughout the entire day. An abundant & delicious variety of food was donated by too many to mention, special thanks to the kitchen assistants, Serena Hughes, Margaret Olsen, Kathleen Sherman, Pam Macrossan & Ann Sargent.

Full results are available at QBA Website [Queensland Events Bridge Club Results](#)

QBA Teams of 3



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3rd

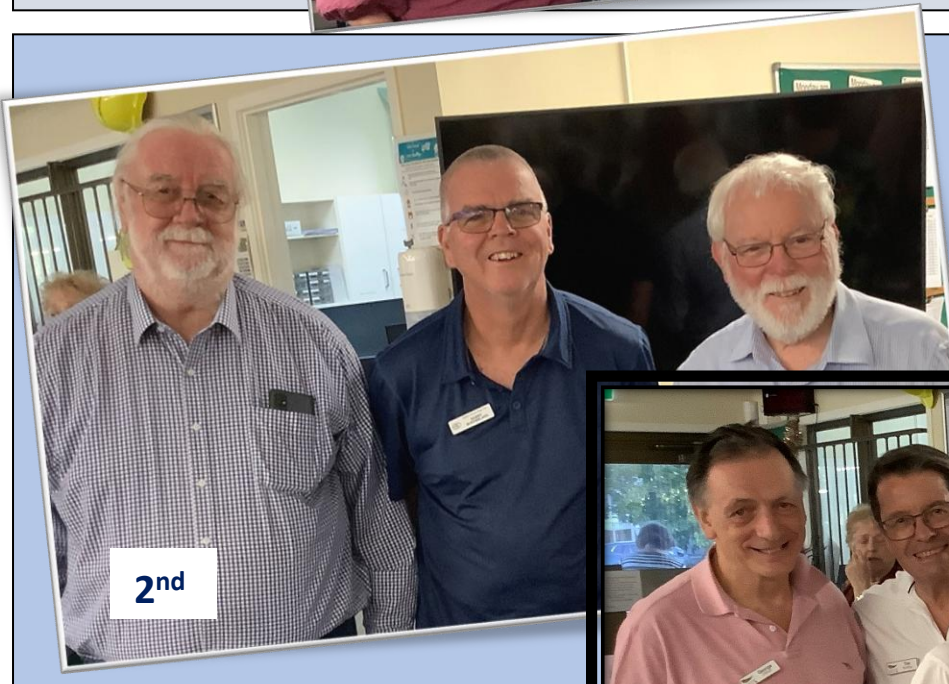
DIV D



1st

QBA Teams of 3

DIV C



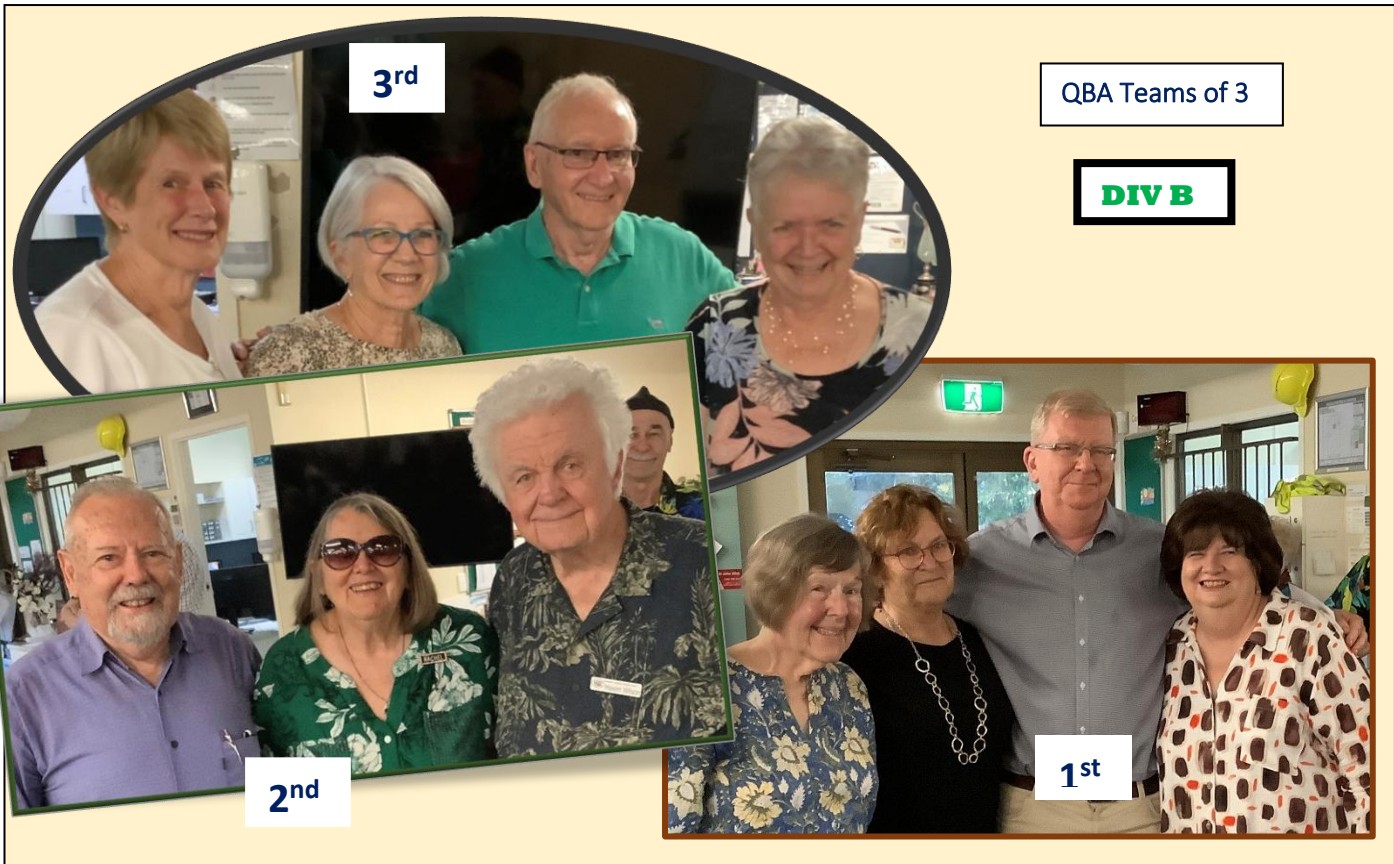
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QBA Teams of 3

DIV B

2nd

1st



1st

QBA Teams of 3

DIV A

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2nd

1972 Munich Memories: 50 Years On For One Of Australia's Greatest Olympic Swim Teams



1972 Australian Olympic Swim Team, Munich. Back row: Roger Pegram, Graham Windeatt, Neil Rogers, Bruce Featherstone, Greg Rogers, Neil Martin, Paul Jarvie, Robbie Nay, Brad Cooper. Middle row: Narelle Moras, Helen Gray, Jimmy Findlay, Shane Gould, Mike Wenden, Leanne Francis, Graham White, Gail Neall, Don Talbot. Front row: Sue Lewis, Deborah Palmer, Sharon Booth, Judy Hudson, Sue Funch, Karen Moras, Debbie Cain, Bev Whitfield. Photo Courtesy Swimming NSW.

NSBC Member – Graham White

Graham has been playing Bridge for a LONG time, his parents were social Bridge players, when Mum Iris made wrong bids – 8 year old Graham was summoned to the bridge table to partner Dad Frank for the remainder of the play at the family home in Kinchella Creek, NSW.

The only thing Graham has done longer than Bridge – is swimming. Born on Valentines Day 1951 in Nowra, the first of 2 sons, Graham started swimming a 1 - & started swimming training at the ripe old age of 3. Sadly, in 1959, Grahams only sibling, Keith, succumbed to childhood Leukaemia at just 12 years of age. The family moved to Melbourne in 1963 – now 14, Graham's swimming continued at Kew Swimming Club under the guidance of Harry Gallagher (previously the renowned coach of Dawn Fraser).

At 17, Graham became an Australian Olympian attending the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. Mr Gallagher was head coach of Australia's team, a team that averaged just 16 years of age – and led to 17 Olympic medals. Graham Qualified 1st in all his heats for 3 Olympic finals, tearing ligaments in his shoulder in the process. Cortisone injections to the rescue. Narrowly missing a medal in 1500m Freestyle (placing 4th) and the 400m free (placing 5th). In the 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay, along with Greg Rogers, Bob Windle & Mike Wenden, and wiping 11 seconds off their heat time, they became Olympic Silver Medallist's. The pesky Mark Spitz and his team members took home the gold 1.4 seconds ahead of the Aussies.

Graham then attended California State University at Long Beach where he did an Arts/History Degree from 1969 to 1972. Graham was now described as a middle long distance swimmer & continued training under Don Gambrill, the American Olympic Coach, at the Phillips 66 Club.

In 1970 Graham represented Australia at the 1970 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games. Bill Devenish replaced Bob Wendle in both the 4 x 200m & 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay teams. Both Events saw the boys win Gold medals. In the 4x200m Event they achieved a World Record, wiping 2 seconds off a six-year-old USA record. (Ian Thorpe later broke this record with team mates 4 times 1998-2001). Graham also won an individual Gold in the 400m Freestyle. He also placed 4th in the 200m Freestyle.

NSBC Member – Graham White con't

Graham attended his 2nd Olympic Games at Munich in 1972. Still considered one of Australia's greatest Olympic Swimming Teams, Graham again qualified well for 5 Swimming Finals. He ended 5th in the final of both the 200m Free & the 200m Free Relay, 8th in the 400m Free, & 5th in 1500m Free. Not too shabby for a Bridge player from Kinchella Creek.

Although he had always loved the swimming world, enjoyed the training, and had a great time in America at University - it was time to return home to Australia. Initially arriving in Melbourne, he was offered a job in Insurance by Bob Lewis in Brisbane. Graham landed in Brisbane in 1973, and soon after, Clem Jones offered him a job in public relations as a Protocol Officer with Brisbane City Council. Graham met lots of famous and interesting people in this position including Sherbet, The Queen, Prince Phillip & Prince Charles. Sharing a common interest in Life Saving, and meeting through this job, Graham became personal friends with Shirley Strachan of Skyhooks fame. Graham stayed with the council until 1986.

Although he stopped swimming "at the top level", Graham still competed in Surf Life Saving Events. At the Valley Swimming Club he met Liz Comadira whom he married in 1974 at St Andrews in Lutwyche. Elizabeth White became an Australian Diamond Netballer & Vice Captain of the Australian team from 1979 to 1983. A knee injury during Australia's 1982 tour of NZ hampered her playing career, but ultimately led to Liz embarking on one of Queensland's most recognised coaching careers. In the 2016 Queens Birthday Honours, Liz received the Medal of the Order of Australia. Liz is a Legacy Life Member of Netball Queensland, Inaugural Member of Netball Qld Hall of Fame, and along with Graham, they are both Life Members of Downey Park Netball. They also both received Australian Sports Medals from the Australian Government in 2000.



Somehow, during all these sporting achievements – Graham & Liz welcomed 2 children. In 1983 the Whites moved to Carseldine & Christopher arrived, Rebecca followed 2 years later in 1985. Sports continued to play a large role in family life, Graham was awarded an OAM in 1984 for services to sport. He is a Member of the Australian Surf Life Saving Hall of Fame & a Life Member of Qld Swimming.

Due to Health issues, Graham retired in 2006 after 20 years as the Grand Secretary of Freemasons. Attending Bridge Lessons with Diana at NSBC, she soon moved him out of lessons

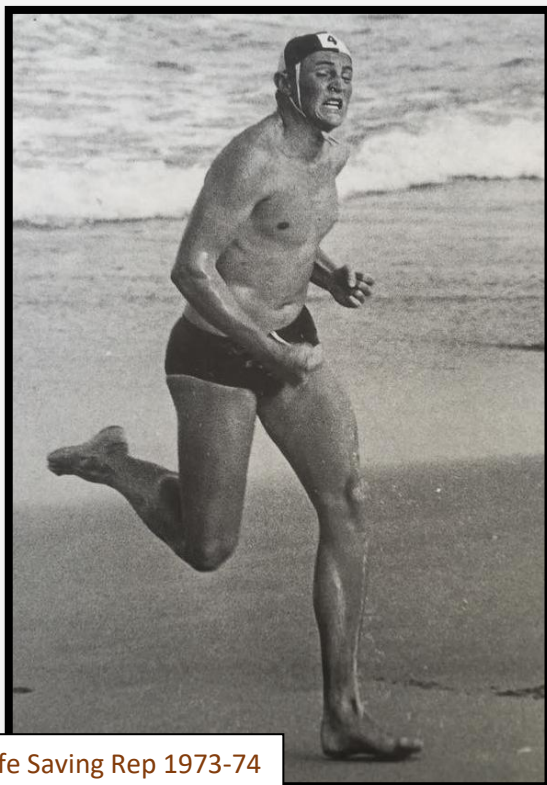
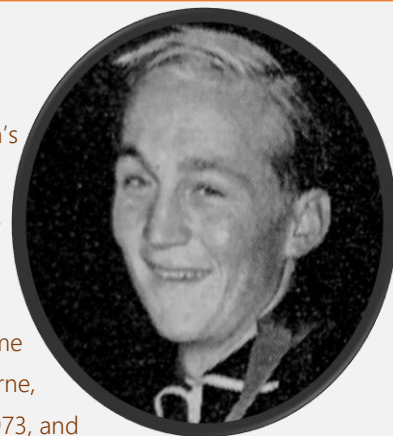
and over to the playing section where he "played with anyone who would play with him, 6 days a week".

Graham & Liz are proud grandparents to Harriet & Alexander, & just a few weeks ago – a wonderful bundle of joy arrived in the form of a 9lb 4oz baby grandson, Rory.

Bridge still plays second fiddle to swimming, as Grahams Bridge partners will attest to. Should there be any form of swimming on the TV, he will sit up 'til all hours enjoying every last splash – he's often then too sleepy for Bridge.

What a life!

*Got a story, or know a member who does?
Let us know for the next Newsletter.*



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