



The Newcastle Bridge Club Incorporated ABN 16 405 302 022

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For meeting held Tuesday 14/07/2026



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COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Location:	Newcastle Bridge Club	Date:	14 July 2026
Chair:	Jeff Biddlecombe	Time:	1:30pm
1. Apologies: James Leitch			
2. Minutes of previous meeting dated 12 May 2026			
3. Correspondence 3.1. Email from Effie re venue for our June Congress (circulated) 3.2. Australia Wide Open Pairs (26 – 31 August) 3.3. Ron Klinger workshop (6 th January)			
4. Financials 4.1. P & L to June 2026 (circulated) 4.2. Treasurer's report for July meeting (circulated)			
5. Business arising from correspondence and previous minutes 5.1. NBC website – update (Ken) 5.2. Honour Boards / Restricted Pairs Honour Board – update 5.3. Tuesday night supervised play 5.4. Community notice board – review 5.5. Accessing members' contact details / overview of major events (Suggestion box – May meeting)			
6. New Business 6.1. Date for AGM 6.2. Badges (Ken) 6.3. Suggestion re director for Wednesday Bridge session (Jenny) 6.4. Teaching subcommittee update (Jenny) 6.5. Education re rules (Jenny)			
7. General Business 7.1. Suggestion box 7.2. Savoury Biscuits 7.3. Club Teams Championship 7.4. Pot Luck Sunday – help needed 7.5. GNOTs Regional Final – 2 nd August 7.6. Visitors and Cancelled Sessions			
8. Next meeting: TBA (scheduled for Tuesday 11 th August)			



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Attendees:	Jeff Biddlecombe, Jenny Bissett, Les Brien, Julie Butel (minute taker), Kathleen Drew, Ailsa Kearney, Peter Peterson, Effie Roach, Ken Wilks.		

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Jeff opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Apologies: James Leitch

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (12/05/2026)

Ken moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted and Ailsa seconded the motion which was agreed by all present. Jeff then signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1. Email from Effie Roach re alternative venue for our June Congress.

Effie proposed that we investigate Wests Newcastle as a possible venue for our June Congress - it is a nicer venue, can accommodate more players and can provide catering. The manager has given \$52 per player as an indicative cost. This would include lunch, refreshments throughout the day and food at the end of the day, but not alcohol.

Several questions were raised including what would be considered an acceptable registration cost, logistics (what would we need to provide) and parking.

Action: Effie is away for the next 6 weeks, so Kathleen agreed to meet with the manager of Wests to obtain further information. It was noted that the date for next year's Congress (12-13 June) is fixed.

3.2. Australia Wide Open Pairs (26-31 August).

Ken advised that we will not participate as there was insufficient interest shown.

3.3. Ron Klinger Workshop (6th January).

Jeff will contact Ron to see if he is interested in running the workshop on a Sunday so as not to interfere with a regular session.

4. FINANCIALS (Les)

4.1. P & L to June 2026 (see attached)

AGENDA ITEM

4.2. Treasurer's Report for July meeting (see attached)

Les tabled his report for the 12 months to June 2026, stressing that the results were preliminary and will most likely change. The result at this stage is a loss of \$1010 compared to a profit of \$6643 last year. However, without depreciation there is a cash profit.

Assuming that expenses will continue to increase over the coming year, Les has estimated that we will need an additional 5 tables per week to cover costs.

Les suggested a change in his reporting format for the new financial year – a quarterly P & L, and a monthly cash position and Table Fee exercise. Les will ask for feedback after the first quarter. This was accepted by all present.

Les moved that the P & L and Treasurer's report be accepted. This was seconded by Julie and agreed by all present.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE / PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1. Newcastle Bridge Website – update

Ken advised that he has arranged for Jezweb to take over hosting of our website from 1st October. He is hopeful that we will get a refund for the last quarter from Redback as per our arrangement with them. The hosting costs will be similar to current.

5.2. Update of Honour Boards (including new Restricted Pairs Honour Board)

The new Honour Board has been paid for and as of 10th July, our job is fourth in the queue. Jenny advised that she will arrange to have any other boards where the results are available to be updated when Purnell are on site.

5.3. Tuesday Night Supervised Play

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest and support, this is no longer available. An email will be sent to all members.

5.4. Community Notice Board

The 3 month trial has finished. It was agreed by all that the board has been well managed with no issues, so will remain.

5.5. Accessing Members' Contact Details / Overview of Major Events.

This was a request received in the Suggestion Box prior to the May meeting. Solutions are available for both issues and were communicated to all members via email.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Date for AGM

Due to clashes with other club's Congresses and committee member absences, the first available date for the AGM is 21 November, so it was agreed to hold the meeting on that day.

6.2. Badges

The supplier (Purnell) has advised a price increase from \$15 to \$17.20. It was agreed to charge members the cost we are charged (within reason in the case of a part dollar amount).

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6.3. Suggestion re Director (paid) for Wednesday Bridge session

Jenny advised she had received a suggestion re a possible paid director for the Wednesday Bridge session. The idea was discussed but there was no support. Jenny will advise the proposer.

6.4. Teaching Subcommittee Update

Jenny advised that good progress has been made with respect to planned lessons on the Teaching calendar:

Ken: Lessons on **Bergen raises** and **Card Play**. Completed

Christo: Lessons on **Take Out Doubles** and **Multi 2s**. Completed. Lesson on **Signalling** - scheduled.

Jenny and Vincia (follow up to Beginners Lessons): Lessons covering **Weak 2s** and **Strong Bids**. Complete (18 attendees for each). **Card Play** lessons will happen over the next 2 weeks (20 people have enrolled).

The next course of **Beginners Lessons** (Neil and Greg) will commence at the end of July.

6.5. Education regarding Bridge Rules

Christo emailed Jenny suggesting that an education campaign regarding some Bridge Laws may be warranted. Discussion followed and the following topics were identified as being the biggest issues:

- *Making a claim*
- *Hesitation*
- *Asking for the meaning of a bid*
- *Insufficient bids (Including correction without calling the Director)*
- *Alerting*

It was felt that the most effective way to communicate the information would be via a short discussion at the start of a session, similar to what Peter had done previously. While not appropriate for all sessions, the Tuesday morning session was considered to be the one that would benefit most. Peter was open to the idea of delivering the information to the session at 4 – 6 week intervals. It was also suggested to have a 'rule of the month' displayed on the screen.

Action: Peter to address the Tuesday morning session; Jenny to investigate the use of the screen.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

7.1. Suggestion Box:

A request was received that the Club make a donation to the Philip Robinson fund on the Mark Hughes Foundation website. While the Committee acknowledged the emotion behind the request, it was decided not to donate noting that members could donate personally if they wished to do so (details available on the Community Notice Board). This is consistent with decisions made in the past relating to such matters.

7.2. Savoury Biscuits:

Effie requested that a savoury biscuit option be available as an alternative to sweet biscuits. It was agreed that this was a reasonable request and that biscuits should be available as single serve packs.

Action: Ken to investigate COS for available options and order.

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7.3. Club Teams Championship

The Club Teams Championship was held on Sunday 12th July. 6 teams participated and the winning team was Team McGrath (Chis Dibley, Paul McGrath, Wayne Smith, Michael Seldon). Congratulations to the winners and all participants.

The event was a qualifier for the State Regional Finals which is being held at Tomaree on 27/9. 2 teams from the Open Grade and 1 team from the Under Grand will be sent.

Peter thanked Ailsa and Julie for arranging the after play food and drinks.

7.4. Pot Luck Sunday – help needed

The Pot Luck Sunday session is going well with good attendances. However, there is only one person (Vincia) who regularly attends to score and run the session. It was agreed to set up a roster so that the load can be shared.

Action: Jenny to arrange the roster.

7.5. GNOTS Regional Final – 2nd August

Peter advised that there are 28 teams involved in the event which we are hosting. There was discussion about whether we could accommodate this many. While it was agreed that it will be a squeeze, it was agreed to go ahead with 28 teams. We have sufficient tables but we will need to use some of the fold up chairs. Food will be provided at the end of play, but the amount of hot food will probably need to be limited due to the constraints of space. Morning and afternoon tea will not be supplied (except for the usual biscuits and tea and coffee) and players will need to bring their own lunch.

7.6. Visitors and Cancelled Sessions

There was a situation recently where visitors arrived to play in a session that had been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. It was agreed that we need to find if there is a way to inform visitors how to check if a session will be run.

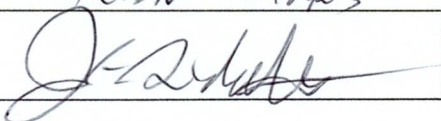
Action: Ken agreed to have a look at the website to see what can be added.

8. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 4/8/26 commencing at 1:30pm.

Note: This is the 1st Tuesday of the month. The change of schedule is due to a clash with the Coffs Harbour Congress the following week.

The meeting concluded at approximately 3pm

CONFIRMED TO BE A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING:

Moved by:	Jenny Bisset	
Seconded by:	Ken Wicks	
Signed by:		Date: 4-8-26

Newcastle Bridge Club 12 Young Road Broadmeadow 2292 Profit & Loss [With Year to Date] July 2025 To June 2026				
	This Year		Last Year	TY - LY
	TY		LY	
Income				
Competitions				
Congress	\$9,880.00		\$8,420.00	\$1,460.00
Weekend Club Events	\$1,494.00		\$1,564.00	(\$70.00)
Hosting Events	\$470.00		\$470.00	\$0.00
Memberships				
Subscriptions	\$14,430.00		\$11,485.00	\$2,945.00
Table Fees				
Monday Supervised Play	\$11,656.00		\$9,680.00	\$1,976.00
Monday Afternoon	\$5,950.00		\$9,022.00	(\$3,072.00)
Tuesday Morning	\$26,444.00		\$23,086.00	\$3,358.00
Tuesday Night	\$7,106.00		\$8,456.00	(\$1,350.00)
Tuesday Night Supervised	\$342.00			\$342.00
Wednesday	\$6,640.00		\$6,924.00	(\$284.00)
Wednesday Supervised Play	\$7,652.00		\$2,194.00	\$5,458.00
Thursday Supervised Play			\$741.00	(\$741.00)
Thursday Morning	\$23,104.00		\$21,738.00	\$1,366.00
Friday	\$10,706.00		\$10,908.00	(\$202.00)
Saturday	\$11,148.00		\$11,514.00	(\$366.00)
Total Table Fees	\$110,748.00		\$104,263.00	\$6,485.00
Board Dealing	\$3,325.00		\$2,356.00	\$969.00
Hall Hire	\$130.00		\$160.00	(\$30.00)
Lessons	\$2,368.03		\$915.00	\$1,453.03
Soft Drink Surplus	\$300.00		\$1,100.00	(\$800.00)
Sundry Receipts	\$14.09		\$80.00	(\$65.91)
Total Income	\$143,159.12		\$130,813.00	\$12,346.12
Expenses				
Accounting Fees	\$990.00		\$935.00	\$55.00
Card Dealing	\$2,032.00		\$1,856.00	\$176.00
Cleaning	\$17,160.00		\$15,697.00	\$1,463.00
Consumables	\$7,214.89		\$7,304.16	(\$89.27)
Insurance	\$10,363.99		\$7,796.38	\$2,567.61
General Expense	\$57.00		\$136.00	(\$79.00)
Smaal plant items	\$405.96		\$0.00	\$405.96
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$6,160.04		\$5,207.09	\$952.95
Prize Money	\$5,180.00		\$6,788.00	(\$1,608.00)
Refreshments	\$5,425.06		\$4,706.13	\$718.93
Socials	\$2,379.43		\$2,956.52	(\$577.09)
Competitions				
Congress	\$7,667.85		\$5,472.35	\$2,195.50
Other Competitions	\$1,887.40		\$2,034.81	(\$147.41)
Employment Expenses				
Wages				
Office Staff	\$13,490.62		\$12,421.20	\$1,069.42
Office Staff LSL	\$533.94		\$1,064.37	(\$530.43)
Superannuation	\$3,434.91		\$2,769.91	\$665.00
Non Playing Director	\$15,200.00		\$11,600.00	\$3,600.00
Fees & Levies				

	This Year		Last Year	TY - LY
	TY		LY	
Affiliation (NSWBA)	\$5,720.00		\$5,300.00	\$420.00
Capitation (ABF)	\$8,159.95		\$6,245.10	\$1,914.85
Masterpoints	\$3,789.62		\$2,166.85	\$1,622.77
Repairs & Mtce				
R&M Air Conditioning	\$440.00		\$163.64	\$276.36
R&M Building	\$870.00		\$424.44	\$445.56
R&M Equipment	\$1,399.48		\$1,322.77	\$76.71
R&M Grounds	\$529.00		\$628.00	(\$99.00)
Utilities				
Electricity	\$1,556.65		\$2,643.64	(\$1,086.99)
Rates - Land / Water	\$13,218.30		\$13,261.55	(\$43.25)
Telecommunications	\$2,866.94		\$2,797.78	\$69.16
Computer Systems				
Events Calendar	\$170.50		\$170.50	\$0.00
Microsoft 365	\$179.00		\$179.00	\$0.00
MYOB Eentials	\$156.00		\$144.00	\$12.00
Pianola	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$0.00
Depreciation	\$9,000.00		\$5,778.00	\$3,222.00
Loss on disposal of NC assets	\$3,000.00		\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00
Total Expenses	\$151,238.53		\$132,270.19	\$18,968.34
Operating Profit	\$8,079.41		\$1,457.19	\$6,622.22
Other Income				
Interest Income	\$7,069.18		\$8,100.36	(\$1,031.18)
Total Other Income	\$7,069.18		\$8,100.36	(\$1,031.18)
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$1,010.23)		\$6,643.17	(\$7,653.40)
Table fees to -		Weeks to	Wkly Avge	Est for Yr
July	11014.00	5	2203	114546
August	20326.00	9	2258	117439
September	31384.00	13	2414	125536
October	39624.00	18	2201	114469
November	48310.00	22	2196	114187
December	57038.00	27	2113	109851
January	65262.00	31	2105	109472
February	74040.00	35	2115	110002
March	82298.00	39	2110	109731
April	92200.00	44	2095	108964
May	100368.00	48	2091	108732
June	110748.00	53	2090	110748
NB Total table fees for the year ended 30th June 2025				104159
NB for 2019 tables				
Membership at		March 26	June 2025	April 2024
Home members		278	274	255
Alternate members		37	33	38
Total		315	307	293
June 2025 includes 6 life members				

Newcastle Bridge Club – Treasurer's Report for July 2026 meeting

P&L for year ended 30th June 2026 shows a result of \$1010 loss compared to a profit of \$6643 last year. See excel file P&L months of 26 year, sheet JUN 26. In relation to expenses, the major increases over last year are cleaning (\$1463); insurance (\$2567); non playing director (\$3600); depreciation and loss on disposal of NC assets (\$4522); and decrease in electricity (\$1086).

An estimate has been made for depreciation at the rate of \$750 per month allowing for the new solar panels and battery installation and purchase of new chairs. An allowance has also been made for the loss on disposal of the old solar panels at the rate of \$250 per month. There are also some explanations noted in the spreadsheet. **NB The usual year-end adjustments including the depreciation charge have not been completed, so the final result will be different from that shown above.**

Also see **Table Fees** exercise showing table fees to end of each month and a weekly average. Table fees are up by 6%. The total table fees of \$110748 represents an average of 65 full paying tables per week for the year. If we assume an increase in expenses of approximately 5% (\$7600) we will require an average of 5 additional tables per week for the year to break even.

Funds at end of June – cheque account \$7684 Online saver account \$25
Greater Bank business access account \$769

Greater Bank Deposit \$64642 for 6 months at 4.15% pa (matures 10th July 2026); \$97188 for 6 months at 5.00% pa (matures 29th December 2026); and \$5045 for 3 months at 4.50% pa (matures 26th August 2026).