



NEWCASTLEBRIDGE

The Newcastle Bridge Club Incorporated ABN 16 405 302 022

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For meeting held Tuesday 13/10/2026



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COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Location:	Newcastle Bridge Club	Date:	13 October 2026
Chair:	Jenny Bissett	Time:	1:30pm
1. Apologies: Jeff Biddlecombe, Kathleen Drew			
2. Minutes of previous meeting dated 8/09/2026			
3. Correspondence 3.1. Bridge NSW: Email inviting Clubs for expressions of interest to host State Championship events in 2027			
4. Financials 4.1. Treasurer's Brief Report 4.2. P & L for Q1 2027			
5. Business arising from correspondence and previous minutes 5.1. Date for UHMP 5.2. Bridgechampions.com website review (Jenny) 5.3. Report: Education re Laws of Bridge (Peter) 5.4. Report: Club Pairs Championship (Peter) 5.5. AGM Preparation 5.6. Email to members re replacement for Caroline Carey 5.7. Xmas Party (12 th December) – organizer?			
6. New Business 6.1. 2027 Program (Ken)			
7. General Business 7.1. Suggestion box 7.2.			
8. Next meeting: TBA (AGM is 21/11 – do we need a meeting in November)			
9. Notes for future meetings:			



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Attendees:	Jenny Bissett, Les Brien, Julie Butel (minute taker), Ailsa Kearney, James Leitch, Peter Peterson, Effie Roach, Ken Wilks.		

AGENDA ITEM

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Jenny opened the meeting at 1:28 pm.
Apologies: Jeff Biddlecombe, Kathleen Drew

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (8/09/2026)

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

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1. Email from Bridge NSW inviting clubs to put forward expressions of interest to host State Championship events in 2027. This was the second email on this matter with the first email being discussed at the September meeting. As agreed at that meeting, we will not be responding to the invitation.

3.2. Email from member re Tuesday morning session (13/10) requesting that all players be reimbursed with a token due to hold ups and a shortened session.

The situation was discussed. As both Ken Wilks and Peter Peterson were unavailable to direct the session, Peter Wheatley agreed to help. There were issues with the launch which caused delays at the end of the first round, so 30 boards were played instead of 33 (N/S sit out). Results were not available at the end of the session but the issue was resolved shortly after the end of the session and the results were published on the website and in Pianola.

It was agreed that no refund would be given as 30 boards is not considered to be a shortened session. Ken will reply to the member.

4. FINANCIALS (Les)

4.1. P & L for Q1 2027 and Treasurer's Brief Report (see attached)

The report showed that bank balances remain healthy, but table numbers have shown a downturn since August.

Profit is down compared to the same period last year, mainly due to the reduction in table fees. The supervised sessions are performing well.

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Ken advised that there has been a change in MYOB and we now need to go online to use the software for a fee of \$66/month. We have no option but to accept this change.

Ken moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. This was seconded by Peter and agreed by all present.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE / PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1. Date for UHMP

This event will be run on 29/10. No further action is needed except that Ken needs to register us for the event.

5.2. Bridgechampions.com website: Review (Jenny)

Jenny advised that she had reviewed the website, and reported that while it is an excellent website, it is similar to many others. Jenny has responded to Paul Dalley as follows:

- The matter was discussed at our Committee meeting and will be included in the Minutes (which all members have access to)
- We don't have a Newsletter but we will include the website in recommendations for online learning as part of our lessons program

5.3. Education re Laws of Bridge: Report (Peter)

Peter advised that he has addressed players at the start of the Tuesday morning session on 4 occasions. Topics covered to date:

- Alerts
- What to do if you don't know what a partner's bid means
- Protocol for asking about opponents' bids
- Situations where you are allowed to look at cards once they've been played.

Peter still has a few more topics to cover, and can continue the process for as long as needed. To date the initiative has been positively received. He has received an email from a member requesting a whole lot of other topics (not really Laws of Bridge) to be covered. He will forward the email to the Education committee for consideration.

There have been some requests for written summaries of what's been covered. Most of the topics are covered on our website so are readily available to members:

<https://newcastlebridge.org/documents/improve-your-bridge/>

Peter agreed to review the information on our website and update if needed.

Jenny also agreed to work on displaying selected rules on the TV screen and to prepare a hard copy folder of the slides of the rules for people to read at the club.

5.4. Club Pairs Championship: Report (Peter)

The Championship was held on Sunday 23/08 (morning and afternoon session) with 12 pairs participating.

The winning pairs were as follows:

AGENDA ITEM

Open:

1st: Michael Seldon & Chris Dibley

2nd: Peter Wheatley & Peter Peterson

3rd: James Leitch & Pravin Nahar

Restricted:

1st: Graham Woods & Grant Gamage

2nd: Jill Achurch & Jenny Bissett

Peter reported that it was an enjoyable day and thanked Ailsa and the catering team for the food provided at the end of the day.

5.5. AGM Preparation

The AGM is scheduled for Saturday 21/11. ***The following action is required:***

- Notice including agenda, Treasurer's report and financials to be sent to all members by no later than 30 October. The notice will include an invitation to any members wishing to nominate for a position on the Committee ***(Julie)***.

Ailsa advised that she will not stand again – we will miss her input and great work!

- Pizzas to be ordered ***(Jeff)***
- Committee nomination forms to be completed ***(all)***
- Forms for apologies, etc available on the front desk ***(Julie)***

5.6. Caroline Carey replacement

Jenny has forwarded the information from Caroline re the role to Julie.

Action: Julie to send an email to all members to see if a replacement can be found

5.7. Xmas Party (12/12)

The date has been set but we have not yet allocated an organizer for the event. Information from the last 3 years has been well documented and is available to anyone willing to take on the role.

Action: Jenny to see if Kathleen is interested.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. 2027 Program

The following was agreed:

- Club Championships (Teams, Pairs, Mixed Pairs) to be played on a Sunday
- GNOT Qualifying: Hold during Friday morning and Tuesday morning sessions (2 for each)
- UHMP: Retain
- Events with prizes (tokens): Retain the same number as for this year
- GNOT Regional Final: Host this event

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

7.1. Suggestion Box:

There were no suggestions received since the last meeting.

AGENDA ITEM
8. NEXT MEETING: There will be no meeting in November (the AGM is scheduled for 21/11). It was noted that arrangements for the Xmas party will need to be managed outside Committee meetings.

The meeting concluded at 2:15pm

CONFIRMED TO BE A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING:

<i>Moved by:</i>		
<i>Seconded by:</i>		
<i>Signed by:</i>		<i>Date:</i>

Newcastle Bridge Club
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Profit & Loss [With Last Year]
July 2026 To September 2026

	This Year	Last Year	TY - LY
	TY	LY	
Income			
Competitions			
Weekend Club Events	\$768.00	\$608.00	160.00
Hosting Events	\$1,160.00	\$470.00	690.00
Memberships			
Subscriptions	\$280.00	\$350.00	-70.00
Table Fees			
Monday Supervised Play	\$3,574.00	\$3,276.00	298.00
Monday Afternoon	\$1,720.00	\$2,094.00	-374.00
Tuesday Morning	\$5,956.00	\$6,746.00	-790.00
Tuesday Night	\$1,772.00	\$2,224.00	-452.00
Wednesday	\$2,104.00	\$2,264.00	-160.00
Wednesday Supervised Play	\$2,870.00	\$2,370.00	500.00
Thursday Morning	\$5,946.00	\$6,120.00	-174.00
Friday	\$2,296.00	\$3,252.00	-956.00
Saturday	\$2,272.00	\$3,038.00	-766.00
Total Table Fees	\$28,510.00	\$31,384.00	-2874.00
Board Dealing	\$878.00	\$1,048.00	-170.00
Hall Hire	\$10.00	\$0.00	10.00
Lessons	\$378.80	\$405.30	-26.50
Sundry Receipts	\$0.00	\$9.09	-9.09
Total Income	\$31,984.80	\$34,274.39	(\$2,289.59)
Expenses			
Accounting Fees	\$990.00	\$990.00	0.00
Card Dealing	\$520.00	\$536.00	-16.00
Cleaning	\$4,290.00	\$4,290.00	0.00
Consumables	\$2,003.07	\$1,585.39	417.68
Insurance	\$114.84	\$0.00	114.84
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$1,481.21	\$1,861.91	-380.70
Prize Money	\$1,386.00	\$1,628.00	-242.00
Refreshments	\$1,354.58	\$1,553.29	-198.71
Socials	\$285.92	\$478.10	-192.18
Competitions			
Congress	\$168.98	\$136.62	32.36
Other Competitions	\$1,411.46	\$1,512.40	-100.94
Employment Expenses			
Wages			
Office Staff	\$3,314.19	\$3,158.21	155.98
Superannuation	\$929.74	\$875.00	54.74

	This Year	Last Year	TY - LY
	TY	LY	
Non Playing Director	\$4,100.00	\$3,900.00	200.00
Fees & Levies			
Capitation (ABF)	\$103.40	\$91.20	12.20
Masterpoints	\$1,101.00	\$1,148.24	-47.24
Repairs & Mtce			
R&M Air Conditioning	\$0.00	\$220.00	-220.00
R&M Building	\$945.00	\$595.00	350.00
R&M Equipment	\$0.00	\$612.00	-612.00
R&M Grounds	\$327.96	\$99.00	228.96
Utilities			
Electricity	\$285.45	\$820.58	-535.13
Rates - Land / Water	\$3,998.84	\$3,516.60	482.24
Telecommunications	\$385.17	\$368.98	16.19
Computer Systems			
MYOB AccountRight	\$66.00	\$0.00	66.00
MYOB Esentials	\$45.00	\$36.00	9.00
Depreciation	\$1,650.00	\$2,188.25	-538.25
Loss on disposal of NC assets	\$0.00	\$743.75	-743.75
Total Expenses	\$31,257.81	\$32,944.52	(\$1,686.71)
Operating Profit/(Loss)	\$726.99	\$1,329.87	(\$602.88)
Other Income			
Interest Income	\$1,387.53	\$1,735.95	-348.42
Total Other Income	\$1,387.53	\$1,735.95	-348.42
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$2,114.52	\$3,065.82	(\$951.30)

Notes

An estimate has been made for depreciation at the rate of \$550 per month.

The net profit is down by \$951 mainly because the table fees are down by \$2,874

TREASURER'S BRIEF REPORT

	Bank Accounts						Totals	
	ANZ BANK	GREATER BANK			TD 1	TD 2		TD 3
	Cheque	Saver	Access					
Sept 2026	10241	25	677	65972	97188	5102	179205	
August 2026	9622	25	588	65972	97188	5102	178497	
July 2026	9000	25	638	65972	97188	5045	177868	
June 2026	7684	25	769	64642	97188	5045	175353	
May 2026	8784	25	786	64642	95217	5045	174499	

NB NCC due 31/8/26 \$2950 but processed by bank until 1/9/26

	<u>Table Fees</u>	desired target is 70+
	1	2
August 2025	2063	64
September	2138	67
October	2113	66
November	2119	66
December	2112	66
January 2026	2125	66
February	2134	67
March	2120	66
April	2112	66
May	2106	66
June	2106	66
July	2100	66
August	2089	65
September	2046	64

Note the worrying trend from September 2025 {67} to September 2026 {64}.

1 weekly twelve month rolling average

2 average tables per week NB 78 tables per week in 2019