

Kiama and District Bridge Club Incorporated

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 15 August 2025

Time: 9:00 am

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 9:00 am by the Chair, Ann Blue, who welcomed all members present.

2. Attendance

Present:

Wayne Courtney, Christopher Dawes, Julie D'Amico, Helen Stirling, Carolyn Evans, John McClellan, David Evans, Jeanette Horrocks, Rhonni Garven, Dawn Kaehler, Julia Rollinson, Cathie Cook, Margaret Martin, Pam Bingle, Bronwen Jones, Narelle Kelly, Ian Blue, Ann Blue, Angela Pellegrino, Joe Pellegrino, Mary Ife, Anita Teesdale, Sandra Gentle, Judy Sheehan, Chris Huddle, Cathy Cole-Clarke, Leanne Roberts, Carol Wett, Finn Rijsdyk, Hans Rijsdyk, Annette Fisher, Jan Griffiths, Judy Hori, Gwen Hinchliffe, John Hetherington, Sonia Van Hoof.

Apologies:

Val Gregory, Eric Lindt, Patricia Phillips, Fiona Wilmot, Anka Saundry, Peter Saundry, Lynda Johnson, Marilyn Wright, Diana Davison, Kari Kristensen, Judy Adams, Dot Blomley. Rhoda Pooley

3. Confirmation of Previous AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were accepted and approved.

Moved: John Hetherington

Seconded: Wayne Courtney

Carried

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report

The Annual Report of the Kiama and District Bridge Club was presented by the President (file attached). The report was received with acclamation.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

The Annual Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Rhonni Garven.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted and approved.

Moved: Sandra Gentle

Seconded: Wayne Courtney

Carried

5. Special Resolution

Treasurer Rhonni Garven presented the following motion:

That the Kiama and District Bridge Club Incorporated adopt the current Model Constitution for incorporated associations prepared by NSW Fair Trading, with the following amendments:

(1) Delete clause 16(3), which reads:

"There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms for which a committee member may hold office"

and replace it with:

"The maximum number of consecutive terms for which a member may hold the office of President is three. There is no maximum number of consecutive terms for which any other committee member may hold office."

(2) Amend clause 45(1), which states:

"Subject to the Act and the Regulation, in a winding up of the association, the surplus property of the association must be transferred to another organisation:

(a) with similar objects, and

(b) which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its members.”

by adding the following sentence:

“Any surplus financial assets of the association are to be transferred to an organisation nominated by the committee that meets the definition of a charity under the Charities Act 2013.”

Moved: Dawn Kaehler

Seconded: Carolyn Evans

Carried

6. Election of Office Bearers

All office bearer positions were declared vacant. Wayne Courtney was appointed Returning Officer.

The following were elected unopposed:

- President: Ann Blue
- Vice President: Bronwen Jones
- Secretary: Christopher Dawes
- Treasurer: Rhonni Garven
- Committee Members: Judy Adams, Angela Pellegrino, Helen Stirling

7. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20 am.

President's Report for Kiama Bridge Club 15th August 2025

It is my pleasure, as President of the Bridge Club, to present this report.

We have had a very good year.

Membership

Our club's membership remains strong. Over the past year we have had some sad farewells and welcomed many new members.

Recently 20 new members joined the club after the Beginners' course in March. Our total membership now stands at 220, a number that speaks to the appeal of the game of bridge and our reputation as a very friendly and welcoming club. Special thanks to Richard who takes care of all our new members and the membership renewals every year, not to mention all those masterpoints we earn every session.

The weekly session numbers have grown and it's pleasing to see the newer players on a Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoons.

When the AFL games were being played, we played at the Gainsborough Neighbourhood Centre. This involved a lot of setting up and transferring of tables, stools, cards and refreshments by several of the Committee members and helpers. A very big thank you to Dawn for directing on these days. It didn't always run smoothly with unreliable internet, but she always managed to get a result. It certainly made us appreciate the comfort of our own clubhouse.

Events

This year we held two Hi-Lo events and there will be one more in September. These days are very popular with the less experienced players who get to play with another club member. They all enjoy the afternoon, especially the drinks and nibbles afterwards. Many thanks to Judy and Bronwen for their catering skills on the day.

A teams' event was also held and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are very grateful to John Hetherington and Wayne Courtney for all their effort and organising the smooth running of this event.

The quiche nights were very popular and thanks to Ruth, Bronwen and Christopher for organising these nights and making them a very enjoyable evening.

Our Christmas dinner was a great night. Once again thanks to the catering team for a superb meal and plenty of liquid refreshments. There were so many compliments about the night. This year will be another good night I'm sure as we have locked in Penny Hartgerink (a local singer/guitarist) as our entertainment for the evening.

Tournaments

Recently the club held the NSW State- wide Pairs. Currently, Marilyn Wright and Julie Rollinson are in 2nd place with over 70%. A great effort from these two ladies for flying the flag for Kiama Bridge Club.

Challenges

Kiama Council is proposing changes to the Lease agreements for Council owned properties.

Rhonni and Helen compiled a list of questions for Council and last month Rhonni and I met with Donna Flannagan and her assistant to discuss our concerns. The meeting went well, and we were assured our rent will be the least amount of all community properties. It will be \$500 per annum and will not happen until the end of our lease in a couple of years. We were told that we use the facility more than any other community building and the Council has not received one complaint from residents about the operation of our clubhouse which was pleasing to hear.

Financial Overview

The club remains on solid financial footing. Detailed financial statements, prepared by our treasurer, are available. Rhonni does an

exceptional job with the finances and keeping the club running smoothly. She is a tireless worker, and I truly appreciate the amount of work she does. She certainly makes my job as President much easier. Thank you Rhonni for all that you do.

Acknowledgements

A club's success rests on the shoulders of its volunteers, directors, board dealers, event organisers and every member who has helped in any way. I am confident that Kiama Bridge Club will continue to thrive.

My gratitude goes to our current Committee who give up their time to ensure our club runs smoothly. We have worked well together and on behalf of the Committee I wish all members an enjoyable year ahead – filled with engaging play and friendly competition.

Ann Blue

President, Kiama Bridge Club

TREASURER'S REPORT TO JUNE 2025

Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for 2024/2025 financial year are tabled.

Our profit for the year was approx. \$18 850. This is around \$6 000 more than the previous 2 years. The interest on our term deposits was up some \$3 200. The increase in our membership fees from \$35 to \$50 per annum to cover increases in fees charged by the ABF and NSW Bridge accounts for the rest. The \$50 comes close to covering all the current charges however the ABF has already advised increases of \$3.30 per member for the next two years as well as a 25% increase in Masterpoint levies.

We purchased a subscription to the Xero accounting package this year. This not only makes it easier to manage our finances but, because it is cloud-based, allows another committee member to record our income and expenses, reconcile the accounts and prepare monthly reports for the committee when the Treasurer is away.

Cleaning and maintenance are significant costs. We pay for a weekly clean and occasional deeper cleans and paid someone to clean the ceiling fans, hanging lights and pressure hose the building this year. We recently had the air conditioners fully serviced and replacement of the northern shutter motor was also a significant cost. Repairs to the chair arms were also carried out earlier in the year. Gutter cleaning is an on-going cost.

Our biggest expense is refreshments, both for morning and afternoon teas and for social occasions. And gas, electricity and insurance are ongoing costs. Our \$5 table fees cover all these costs.

We are able to keep costs down only because our members volunteer their services and expertise.

The Committee continues to review the table fee collection system and we are actively looking at what other clubs are doing and waiting to see what the ABF comes up with.

We are still very cash-based. More than half of our table fees were paid in cash, almost 80% of voucher packs were paid in cash so less than 10% of our table fee transactions were paid by EFT. This is similar to last year. Approximately a third of memberships were, however, paid by EFT.

I would like to thank Angela for starting to job share the Treasurer role with me - doing the banking and being the Xero backup person; Bronwen for paying or approving the bills when Ann or I am not here. And I would also like to acknowledge the members who collect table fees – Bronwen, Angela, Ann Blue, Judy Adams and others who take the initiative to collect the fees when the regular collectors are away.