

President's Report for AGM 2026

It's been a real pleasure being your president this past year. I've done my best to make sure bridge at our club stays fun and welcoming for everyone.

This last year at Wodonga Bridge Club has been busy, lively, and full of good times. That's all thanks to our lovely, welcoming members. No matter what the event, there's always a bunch of people pitching in and making sure things run smoothly. We're lucky to have such a great club and fantastic place to meet up.

A low point this year has been the very sad loss of our valued members Marg McClure and Robyn Anderson. Sympathy cards were sent to the respective families on behalf of the club.

One of the highlights this year was getting a new dealing machine and a laptop for the club (and still having money in the bank account!). Next up, we're planning to get a bigger screen for our learn and play days and a printer for the clubrooms.

Events and Activities -

Since our last AGM, we've run six Learn and Play Saturdays. Lots of bridge lovers from all over the district came along, and it's been a great way to learn and have a good time together.

Our newest idea, Play and Pizza Saturday afternoons, has been a hit! Members really enjoyed the chance to play cards and grab a slice. This format generates a very relaxed bridge session.

In October, we introduced The Di Barrow memorial Club Championship - a 2-week redpoint event - which we hope to continue in future years.

Last but not least, we still run our weekly duplicate nights every Tuesday. Always a solid turnout and lots of fun.

Catering and Hospitality

The food at our events and suppers at matches always get great feedback. Huge thanks to Nicola for organising all the goodies, and to everyone who whips up something tasty—we are certainly well looked after!

Acknowledgements

Big thank you to Jane for all her help and for doing such a great job as treasurer, Wendy for all her work as secretary, and Christine for sorting the dealing and publicity, she

prints out handouts and sends our winners to the Border Mail. Thanks to Martin as well for taking on the new dealing machine and becoming such a pro with it.

And thanks so much to the whole committee for always helping out. Everyone's efforts have made our club a real success. We are sorry to lose Jeanette and Penny from the committee and welcome the new nominees.

Happy bridging, everyone! Thanks for coming tonight and for always supporting Wodonga Bridge Club.

Mary Prowse.