



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held at The Willis Recreation Centre on 15th May 2025 at 9.30am

1. Attendees and Apologies

Attendees: Sharon Thompson (Chair), Peter Marshall, Jo Ampherlaw, Russell Spear, Robyn Rogers, Terry Dunne

Apologies: Jenny Madden

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 27th March 2025 were approved.

3. Presidents Update

The President discussed several issues:

- **Biggest Morning Tea** – the Club has had great success with events and sponsorship for the Biggest Morning Tea, raising over \$9,200. The President acknowledged the efforts and generosity of all of the members who were involved, which a special mention to Jenny Madden, Sue Crompton and Mike Prescott for their work in securing wonderful Raffle Prizes.

- **Playing Room Appearance** – The President advised that several changes were being made to the appearance of the playing areas:
 - New tablecloths were being made to replace the current ones, which were worn and marked. The President thanked Carolyn Green for her work on overlocking.
 - At East Lindfield, cushion boxes had been purchased to keep unused cushions safely stored so that there was no longer a potential safety issue. Players were being reminded to take their cushion with them from table to table and to return them to then boxes once they had finished with them.
 - Painting of East Lindfield was delayed while amalgamation discussions were advanced. It wasn't considered wise to paint when it might be that an internal redesign might happen soon should the amalgamation proceed. Peter Marshall and Jo Ampherlaw offered to Paint the worst wall.
 - The installation of cupboards to present a tidier room and make the environment safer couldn't be delayed as manufacture had begun. It was confirmed by Jo and Mike that the cupboards could be moved by the installation Company should we require this further down the track.

- **Retirement of Anita Curtis** – The President advised that Anita Curtis had decided to retire from her role teaching bridge players. The tremendous job that Anita has done in improving our bridge was acknowledged by all. It was also noted that Anita has built a strong personal following through her efforts. The President and Committee wish Anita all the best in the next stage of her life. There was a general discussion about trying to find somebody to take on Anita's role.
- **Process Improvement** – We have now removed the need for Directors to enter credit card charges for Coffee, Books and a total for Deposits. This will save F2F Directors some time.
- **Membership** – The President noted that the work conducted by Mike and his team in membership retention had been very successful, with only 56 members not rejoining for the current year. Coupled with the successful new member programs which had seen 126 new members so far this year, this meant that the Club was already well ahead of its annual target of 50 new members. It is planned to make to some sessions to see if attendance and overall numbers can be improved.
- **Beginner Lessons** – The President updated the Committee on the Beginner Bridge Lesson numbers and reported that the uptake was progressing well.
- **Mentorship Program** – With 31 Mentor Partnerships in total and 134 menotor games having been played, the program was ticking along nicely.
- **WhatsAPP Partnership Groups** – We have over 243 participants and they are connecting and matching up with about 5 or 6 match ups a week.

- **Session Numbers** – East Lindfield saw a 22% increase from this time last year, The Willis was roughly the same and Online Bridge saw a 9% decline.

4. Finance Update

The Treasurer reported that the Club was ahead of budget YTD and that she remained optimistic that the trend would continue. The Purchasing Policy was reviewed and approved by the Committee.

5. Lindfield Rollers

The President explained the progress that has been made to date in negotiations with Lindfield Rollers about amalgamation, although they are still at an early stage. She also walked the Committee through the steps involved to ensure that the Club's assets and rights were protected.

6. Project 2070 Terms of Reference and Budget

Project 2070 is the name given to the potential amalgamation between North Shore Bridge Club and Lindfield Bowling Club. Both Terms of Reference and a Budget for the project were tabled and approved by the Committee.

7. Reserve Fund Committee

The investments of the Club's funds have been moved to more stable and less risky assets, and the Treasurer has negotiated better than average market rates through one of the Club's sponsors, Fixed Income Solutions. The Committee noted its thanks to Fixed Income Solutions and looked forward to a long mutually beneficial relationship with them.

8. Sub Committees

- Jenny Madden was appointed as Chair to the Sponsorship Sub Committee
- Sharon Thompson was reappointed to the Marketing Sub Committee
- Peter Marshall, Jo Ampherlaw and Terry Dunne were reappointed to the Reserve Fund Sub Committee
- Jenny Madden, David Burton, Marina Shteyman and Ian Newton were appointed to the Social Sub Committee
- Sharon Thompson, Peter Marshall, Jo Ampherlaw and Terry Dunne were appointed to the Project 2070 Sub Committee.
- Robyn Rogers was appointed Chair to the Bridge Education Sub Committee
- Russell Spear was added to the Workplace Health & Safety Sub Committee, <ike Prescott, Sue Crompton and Margaret Kelly have all agreed to continue on the Sub Committee

9. Festival of Bridge

It was noted that progress towards this year's Festival of Bridge was excellent and thanked Mike and his staff for their efforts. Entries are currently running well ahead of previous years.

10. Any other Business

- The Committee discussed the suggestion by Marianne Nestor and Linda Temple that players bring their own cups to the Club. While a worthy idea, it was considered impractical as it creates extra work for staff in collecting, washing and storing them. There was a brief discussion about players taking their cups home with them at the end of each session but in practice the number of forgotten cups that need to be managed by the Directors was considered too onerous.
- The Committee endorsed the suggestion by Linda Temple that players tidy their tables at the end of each session. Directors are to remind players to do so.
- The Committee wished to gratefully acknowledge Peter Pan Plumbing who have agreed to be a sponsor of the club.
- It was decided to approach McGrath Lindfield and Kieser to see if they have interest in becoming one of the Club's sponsors.
- It is the 10th Anniversary of NSBC taking over Greg Quittner on 1st July. The Committee discussed whether or not to do something special and after discussion it was agreed that we would do nothing special but add it to both Online and F2F Director announcements. Mike to arrange this.

11. Next Meeting

The next Committee is to be held at 6A/18 King street, Waverton on Thursday 17th July.