



## **NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB**

ABN 58 564 012 908

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting**

held at Online on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 at 9:00 am

#### **1. Attendees and Apologies**

**Attendees:** Sharon Thompson (Chair), Peter Marshall, Jenny Madden, Jo Ampherlaw, Russell Spear, Terry Dunne

**Apologies:** Robyn Rogers

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were approved.

#### **3. Presidents Update**

The President discussed several matters:

- **MyAccount** – has been successfully implemented with over 90% of members already using the enhanced prepayment system. Both the number of overdrawn members and the total overdrawn amount is now at record lows. There was some discussion about offering discounts to members who signed up, but no decision was reached.
- **Education Hub** – is proving to be successful with sales to both members and affiliates (i.e. other clubs) gaining momentum.

- **September Beginner Lessons** – General discussion around this. It was decided to only run this course at this time of year during the week.
- **Staff and Volunteers Christmas Party** – the Committee were in the main attending with absences only due to travel.

#### 4. Finance Update

- The Club's financial performance continued to exceed budget in spite of a few unbudgeted once only expenses.
- There was some discussion about the Barista Buddy – it appears that a significant proportion of members using it were not paying. It was agreed to discontinue it's use and to revert to a small machine.
- A general discussion was held around the 2026 budget. It was agreed that the Treasurer should prepare the draft budget on the basis that Membership Fees and Table Fees remain unchanged, but that Congress Fees increase by \$5.

#### 5. Project 2070

There was a discussion about the changes to the MOU document to meet legal recommendations and to satisfy the Bowling Club, the main one being a further reduction in Green Fees.

The Committee members unanimously reasserted their support for the planned Amalgamation.

#### 6. Sub Committees

- **Social** - Jenny Madden reminded the Committee that the next social event is due to take place on October 29 at the Chatswood Hotel.
- **Education** – The President noted that the Education sub-committee needed more members and that this was a key area in the ongoing growth of the Club.
- **Sponsorship** – No change since the prior Committee meeting.

- **Reserve Fund** – Given slower progress than planned in resolving the Amalgamation one way or the other, the Treasurer was given authority to invest funds longer term to enhance revenue. This was unlikely to cause any cash flow issues should the Amalgamation go ahead as the installation of synthetic greens was now expected to take somewhat longer than originally thought (the greens are now likely to be done sequentially rather than simultaneously).
- **Health & Safety** – two incidents were noted, both involving motor vehicles and both without injury. There was a general discussion about requiring people to reverse into parking spaces, but no final decision was reached.

## 7. Willis Rental Renegotiation

No progress has been made with the renegotiation due to unavailability of key employees of the Willis. Mike Prescott expects significant progress by the time of the next Committee meeting.

## 8. Any other Business

- **Claiming** – considering some recent disputes about claims (i.e. the claimant not clearly stating their line of play), it was decided that Directors should make a point of reminding/explaining the correct method to members prior to the beginning of sessions.
- **Intermediate Categories at Congresses** – The Committee agreed that Intermediate events should be available at future congresses whenever practical.

## 9. Next Meeting

The next Committee is to be held online at 9:00 on Wednesday 26th November.