



# Canberra Bridge Club

## Canberra Bridge Club Committee Meeting

### Minutes

**26 NOVEMBER 2025, 16:30**

#### **1 MEETING OPEN AND ATTENDANCE**

Mary Tough opened the meeting at 16:35.

##### **1.1 ATTENDANCE**

**ATTENDEES:** Mary Tough (President), Alison Russell-French (Vice President), Jenny Bergin (Treasurer), Rob Hurst (Tournament Secretary), Vanessa Brown, Stephen Fischer, Kate Latimer, Lucy Stevenson, Nicole Finn. Jodi Tutty joined for the first section.

**APOLOGIES:** CJ McKenzie (Secretary), Steve Geddes

##### **1.2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No additional conflicts declared.

##### **1.3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (31 October 2025)**

Moved: Alison Russell-French; Seconded: Rob Hurst. Passed.

##### **1.4 ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS**

None

#### **2 OUT OF SESSION MOTIONS**

Out of session motion to approve expenditure of up to \$2,000+GST for promotional activities designed to attract new members, in particular people seeking to enrol in bridge lessons from January 2026.

Moved: Nicole Finn; Seconded: Jenny Bergin. Unanimously accepted by email.

#### **3 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **3.1 Education sub-committee.**

Make-up of sub-committee: Jodi Tutty, Steve Geddes, Vanessa Brown, Kate Latimer, Nicole Finn, Rob Hurst.

Moved: Alison Russell-French; Seconded: Mary Tough. Passed.

Motion: That the Committee endorse the continuation of the Education Program in 2026.

Moved: Alison Russell-French; Seconded: Lucy Stevenson. Passed.

Note: Reassessment of costs of beginners lessons and fundamentals to happen in mid-2026, so that any changes can be flagged well ahead of time.

Noted discussion around accessibility concerns for lesson attendees - in the short term this may be managed by holding the overlapping duplicate sessions in Olive Lott, but longer term will need a better solution.

Thanks to Jodi for her work on this report.

##### **3.2 Governance and ethics sub-committee:**

Make-up of sub-committee: Lucy Stevenson, Alison Russell-French

Moved: Stephen Fischer; Seconded: Lucy Stevenson. Passed.



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## 3.3 House sub-committee

Make-up of sub-committee: Steve Kyburz, David Kenny, Nic Vonthetoff.

Moved: Rob Hurst; Seconded: Mary Tough. Passed.

Action: Mary to speak to the house committee about bringing a budget expenditure proposal to the January committee meeting.

Motion: That the Committee endorse the purchase of a new chairlift up to the amount of \$6,500.

Moved: Alison Russell-French; Seconded: Vanessa Brown. Passed.

Note: Mary would like to thank the house sub-committee for their report.

## 3.4 Youth sub-committee

Make-up of the youth sub-committee: Wendy Boxall (BFACT Rep), Vanessa Brown (CBC Rep), Alexis Wilshire (pending)

Moved: Lucy Stevenson; Seconded: Mary Tough. Passed.

Confirmed that the cost of the catering will be alternated each "session" of Youthish bridge night (not each 'week').

Action: Jenny to confirm expenditure limit for catering for Youthish bridge nights.

Action: Suz to bring a proposal for fundraising: what is the youth sub-committee expecting to spend funds raised through the committee on, what guidelines and principles would they be using to make that recommendation, ensure the funds can be tracked.

Note: Mary would like to thank Suz for the excellent report.

## 3.5 Tournament sub-committee

Make-up of the tournament sub-committee: Jodi Tutty, Ian Robinson, Nike van Vucht, Elizabeth Yoo.

Moved: Rob Hurst; Seconded: Stephen Fischer. Passed.

Motion: That from 2025 onward, the Griffin Trophy be awarded to the player earning the most green points each calendar year from play at the CBC.

Moved: Rob Hurst; Seconded: Alison Russell-French. Passed

Motion: That the club does not proceed with Mentoring in May for 2026 and that the Tournament Sub-Committee in consultation with the Education Sub-Committee be tasked with examining alternative mentoring strategies.

Moved: Rob Hurst; Seconded: Alison Russell-French. Passed.

Action: Rob to explore suitable dates, formats and convenors for Southern Tablelands.

## 3.6 Contract and employment

Make-up of the sub-committee: Mary Tough, Jenny Bergin, Jennifer Yeats.

Moved: Mary Tough, Seconded: Stephen Fischer. Passed

3.7 Note: Christmas lunch details have been organised, will come through the newsletter and signage up at the club.

## 4 **OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS**

The following updates were provided:

Jenny Bergin: ANC email in progress, emailed.



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## 5 CHAIR PURCHASE PROPOSAL

Motion: That the committee approve the full expenditure for 140 chairs (Option 2) for a total cost of up to \$58,000.

Moved: Vanessa Brown; Seconded: Lucy Stevenson. The motion was passed with 8 votes in favour and 1 vote against by JB being recorded.

## 6 BUILDING UPLIFT DISCUSSION FORUM

Carried over to the next meeting

Note: Jenny Bergin raised concerns about the focus of the proposed draft meeting information being on renovation of the building.

## 7 PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

This month I:

- Worked with Stephen to manage the website outage
- Had a number of discussions with members around the out of session motions.
- Going forward, I'd like to remind all committee members to please have discussions by email for the benefit of all committee members.
- A reminder that we have the CBC Committee distribution list (CBCCommittee@canberrabridgeclub.com.au) which automatically distributes to committee members' preferred email addresses.
- Fielded an enquiry from Janet Kahler regarding another new player who uses a wheelchair. Passed this on, and this assisted with resolving the wheelchair access issue for beginners.
- Had a very nice interaction with Morag, thanking us for our response to her email
- Received a number of positive comments on the Christmas decorations.

## 8 TREASURER'S UPDATE

Jenny Bergin has identified an error in the formula line for net profit for July-October 2025 and corrected it.

Note: Jenny to approve steam cleaning.

Action: Jenny to come with a recommendation for additional cleaning expenditure.

The Committee considered the Treasurer's Update for November 2026 and resolved that, in the opinion of the Committee, that CBC is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due and payable.

## 9 MANAGERS REPORT

Holiday period closure has been confirmed - details will be in the newsletter.

## 10 OTHER BUSINESS

Short meeting to discuss building planning: 7 January.

## 11 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

### 11.1 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 January 16:30-18:00.

Action: Secretary to set out a proposed schedule of meetings so members can plan.

### 11.2 MEETING CLOSE

Mary Tough closed the meeting at 18:22.