

**Minutes:** Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday August 4, 10.00 am, 2025.

**Attendance:** Anne Beck, Kaye McFarlane, Margaret Whitefield, Annette Pearce, Geoff Dwyer, Ian Gunn, Trish Farney, Leigh Dunne, Bruce Morley, Anne Woods, Brian Hassett

**Apologies:** Clare Beer

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Secretary Kaye McFarlane

Acceptance of previous minutes (June 23, 2025): moved Kaye McFarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Dwyer. Carried

**Reports:**

**President's Report** Anne Beck

1. Western Region Friendly Pairs Sat 9<sup>th</sup> August Ballarat Bridge Club  
Event postponed because support was insufficient from the participating clubs from the Western Region. Rescheduled for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.
2. City of Ballarat Council: Lighting upgrade.  
Lighting to be installed 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August. Building will be closed from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August.
3. Ballarat Bridge Club logo clothing  
Linda O'Hara has organised for outer clothing to be imprinted with the club logo. This opportunity to purchase as required has been enthusiastically received by members. Well done Linda!!

Acceptance of President's Report: moved Anne Beck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Pearce. Carried

**Treasurer's Reports:** Trish Farney

June 30, 2025

The Financial reports for 30/Jun/2025 shows a Loss of **-\$1,667.03**  
resulting in a profit of **\$6,888.48 ytd**

**\_Monthly Expenditure** \$ **1,583.03**

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**Exceptional expenses :**

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**Monthly Income** **-\$84.00**

**Exception Income:**

Fees in advance reversed & reinstated July 2025 -1578.00

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Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	30/Jun/2025	14334.82
Balance Term deposit No 1: 14452879	30/Jun/2025	50000.00
Balance Term deposit No 2: 223737483	30/Jun/2025	12235.28
<b>Total at Bank</b>		<b>\$ 76,570.10</b>

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Fees paid in advance @ 30/Jun/2025 \$ -  
bal of \$1578 carried fwd to July 2025

Term Deposit #1 -reinvested till 14 Nov 2025 @ 4.5%  
Term Deposit #2 -reinvested till 27 Nov 2025 @ 3.8%

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Acceptance of Treasurer's Report June 30 : moved Trish Farney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Gunn. Carried

## July 31, 2025

The Financial reports for 31/Jul/2025 shows a profit of **\$1,879.25**  
resulting in a profit of **\$1,879.25 ytd**

**Monthly Expenditure** \$ **3,155.59**

**Exceptional expenses :**

Club 40th Lunch 1476.00

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**Monthly Income** **\$5,034.84**

**Exception Income:**

Fees in advance reversed & reinstated July 2025 1578.00  
EGV- July-Sept 25 rents 1750.00  
EGV - April-June utilities 332.81

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Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at 31/Jul/2025 16214.07  
Balance Term deposit No 1: 14452879 31/Jul/2025 50000.00  
Balance Term deposit No 2: 223737483 31/Jul/2025 12235.28

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**Total at Bank** \$ **78,449.35**

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Fees paid in advance @ 31/Jul/2025 \$ **1,674.00**

Term Deposit #1 -reinvested till 14 Nov 2025 @ 4.5%  
Term Deposit #2 -reinvested till 27 Nov 2025 @ 3.8%

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Acceptance of Treasurer's Report July 31: moved Trish Farney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Dwyer. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Bridge Victoria Bulletin July 2025
2. Australian Bridge Federation Margaret Cusack: Invoice Nationwide Pairs, \$168.00
3. Celebrity Bridge Cruises 2026 Helen Knespal
4. CAV reminder re reporting annual statement after AGM
5. Bendigo Bank Notice of interest earned Acc. 233737438: \$235.28
6. Telstra invoice for July 3: \$137.49

7. Telstra invoice: \$2.50 (paid)
8. Andy Hung Bridge, Yarra Valley: Oct 25 – 30
9. Bridge Education Made Easy
10. Kelly Kendall: requesting a copy of the Ballarat Bridge Club Constitution
11. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner invoice Ballarat Golf Club: \$1,476.00
12. Central Highlands Water 2 Apr- 1 Jul 2025: Cr \$13 69
13. Telstra dongle rental \$2.50 due Aug 8
14. Telstra invoice \$144.14 due Aug 4.
15. Colin Jasper, Bridge Victoria: request for dates of bridge events planned for 2026

#### Outgoing:

1. Letter from Committee to Tonia Wels
2. Letter from Committee to Kelly Kendall
3. Response to Maree Burns re membership fee for mid year application
4. Welcome letters to new members; Denis Wait, Maria La Grue, Maralyn Miller
5. Response to Kelly Kendall July 21 describing how to access the Model Rules
6. Notice to members: Ballarat Bridge Club closure August 11-15 due to upgrade of lighting to LED standard by City of Ballarat

Acceptance of Correspondence: moved Kaye McFarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Pearce. Carried.

#### Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane - Procedure for endorsing new members and resubscribing lapsed members.

“New members must have played at the Club at least 4 times or been endorsed by at least one member of the Committee, to then be accepted as a new member.”

Moved Leigh Dunne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trish Farney. Carried.

“The Reactivation of the membership of a previous member requires endorsement by the Committee.” Moved Kaye McFarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Pearce. Carried.

- Anne Beck –
- Bruce Morley – Led general committee discussion about alerting
- Leigh Dunne – will again contact City of Ballarat Project Officer (John) about broken window frame and glass x2; request that rubbish be removed from area south of building. Will contact again.
- Geoff Dwyer –
- Brian Hassett - Brian submitted a “A List of Things Not to do at Bridge” - a behaviour guide for players.

This list was issued to members of RACV Bridge Club by Ben Kingham their director.

Moved Annette Pearce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Beck: "That this guide be distributed to Ballarat Bridge Club members". Carried.

- Annette Pearce – Booked the Christmas Function at Ballarat Golf Club. X2 course meal. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.  
Annette announced she will be taking a break from Bridge for health and personal reasons. Her work has been much appreciated; the Committee thanks her and wishes her well.
- Ian Gunn – we may be looking for another badge producer!!
- Clare Beer –
- Margaret Whitefield –
- Anne Woods – is updating website  
Two new menu items have been added to the website's members area.  
the 'New Posts' menu alerts members to new content.  
The 'Social' menu now includes a 'Remembering Friends' section to pay respects to those members who have died.

Acceptance of Reports: moved Ian Gunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Pearce, Carried.

### **Business arising from previous meeting/general business:**

1. Infection Control Plan and Face-to-Face Play:  
Unprotected coughing is a cause of concern. Members are requested to employ the recommended protocol for coughing safely: cough into the elbow; use a clean tissue; dispose of tissues in the the bins provided at each table immediately; sanitize hands. Masks are available.  
Frequent hand washing with soap and water or using hand sanitizer is crucial especially before eating; keeping pens and hands away from face particularly the mouth; after using toilet.

After discussion re ventilation issues a decision was made that Anne Beck would approach the City of Ballarat requesting its input and support.

2. Ballarat Bridge Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration 2025  
11<sup>th</sup> July. 29 members attended.

A very pleasant and successful evening. Well done Annette.

Leigh Dunne was thanked for being the photographer for the celebration and for his work collating and presenting the photographs

**New Business:**

1. New member ratification

- Kevin Arnott

Because Kevin has not attended the Club with sufficient frequency his ratification for membership was not possible this meeting

**Business for next meeting:**

1. Preparation for Ballarat Bridge Club AGM scheduled for October 9, 2025.

**Next meeting:** Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting closed:** 11.17 am