

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday September 8, 10.00 am, 2025.

Attendance: Anne Beck, Clare Beer, Brian Hassett, Geoff Dwyer, Bruce Morley, Kaye McFarlane, Trish Farney, Ian Gunn, Anne Woods, Leigh Dunne.

Apologies: Margaret Whitefield, Annette Pearce

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Kaye McFarlane

Acceptance of previous minutes (August 4, 2025): moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. carried

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. City of Ballarat Council: Lighting upgrade to LED standard
Lighting installed 11th – 18th August.
2. 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!!
3. Ventilation options suggested by City of Ballarat (Brett) .
Still to be inspected
4. Jenny Johnston, Region Novice Pairs: Saturday 8th November, Torquay Bridge Club
5. Western Region Friendly Pairs: Saturday 15th November, Ballarat Bridge Club

Acceptance of President's Report: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Ian Gunn. Carried

Treasurer's Reports: Trish Farney

The Financial reports for 31/08//2025 shows a loss of **-\$1,193.92**
 resulting in a profit of **\$685.33 ytd**

Monthly Expenditure \$ **2,245.92**

Exceptional expenses :

Annual rent City Ballarat 355.60
 355.60

Monthly Income **\$1,052.00**

Exception Income:

neg - payment for windcheaters to be reimbursed to club **-355.00**
 -355.00

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at 31/08//2025 15020.15
 Balance Term deposit No 1: 14452879 31/08//2025 50000.00
 Balance Term deposit No 2: 223737483 31/08//2025 12235.28
Total at Bank \$ 77,255.43

Fees paid in advance @ 31/08//2025 \$ **1,710.00**

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

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report August 31 : moved Trish Farney, 2nd Leigh Dunne.
 Carried.

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Rate notice annual \$966.22
2. Neptic Security Invoice \$255.00: – Call out service x3 Sept, Oct, Nov 2024
3. Millica Web Hosting service July-Dec 2025: \$198.00
4. Bridge Victoria Update for August: Fee increase for members 2026. From \$20.00 for 2025 to \$23.50 in 2026
5. Telstra invoice due September 2: \$142.49
6. Neptic Security Invoice monitoring July August September: \$130.00

7. Seniors Awards City of Ballarat: Close September 10
8. Bridge Victoria Bulletin: September
9. Australian Bridge Magazine: September
10. Telstra dongle rental: \$2.50

Outgoing:

1. Colin Jasper – Ballarat Bridge Club does not require event dates in Bridge Victoria Program for 2026

Acceptance of Correspondence: moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried.

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane - Discussion re Dealing Machine. Issues: needs servicing; difficulties organizing servicing; is at least 12 years old
Ian Gunn moved, "That the dealing machine be replaced" 2nd Clare Beer. Carried.
Anne Beck to contact Martin Wilcox to discuss options.
- Anne Beck –
Due to poor member attendance for Bridge on AFL's Grand final Day Clare Beer moved "That the Bridge club be closed for that day". 2nd Anne Woods. Carried
- Bruce Morley – has prepared a guide for ALERTING.
Clare Beer will prepare x2 double sided, laminated guides for each bridge table. A List Of Things Not To Do at the Table and Alerting will be included.
- 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 -
- Ian Gunn – we may be looking for another badge producer!!
- Clare Beer – To achieve the Club's aim to protect our cards and dealing machine Clare Beer put the motion "Only plain biscuits to be provided by the Club for afternoon tea. The only cake will be the special birthday cake eaten with a spoon and accompanied by a napkin". 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried
- Clare Beer – A plaque to commemorate Pat Fiskens contribution to the establishment of a garden along Eyre Street frontage. Moved Clare Beer, 2nd Geoff

Dwyer. Carried. Ian Gunn to investigate options

- Margaret Whitefield –
- Anne Woods –New posts re ‘Events and People at the Bridge Club!’, is linked to the Home Page. Member are encouraged to look at the contributions made by (and about) members

Acceptance of Reports: moved Ian Gunn, 2nd Leigh Dunne. 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.
2. Ballarat Bridge Club AGM scheduled for October 9, 2025
Notice of AGM ready to be sent to full members: Kaye McFarlane.
3. Alerting at the Bridge table.
An ongoing challenge!

New Business:

1. New member ratification
 - Kevin Arnott Accepted as a new member. Moved Bruce Morley, 2nd Kaye McFarlane. Carried
2. Previous member Reactivation: Lois Lowe, Neville Lowe, Karen Walsh?, Maree Burns.

Business for next meeting:

Next meeting: Monday October 13

Meeting closed: 11.10 am