

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday November 10, 10.00 am, 2025.

Attendance: Anne Beck, Clare Beer, Ian Gunn, Trish Farney, Bruce Morley. Leigh Dunne, Cheryl Mason, Anne Woods, Margaret Whitefield, Brian Hassett, Kaye McFarlane

Apologies: Geoff Dwyer

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Kaye McFarlane

Acceptance of previous minutes (October 13, 2025): moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. Jenny Johnston, Region Novice Pairs: Saturday 8th November, Torquay Bridge Club
2. Western Region Friendly Pairs: Saturday 15th November, Ballarat Bridge Club
Special permission was received from Jenny Johnstone after Anne Beck's request that, 'club members living outside the Western Region zone be able to fully participate in Western Region events'. Anne Beck to request that the constitution for the Western Region be altered to allow for this situation. Aim to set up most of the furniture for the event on Thursday after bridge play. Anne Beck to check with Ballarat Embroiderers Guild to request early access on Thursday 13th afternoon.
3. Report Cup Day November 4
28 participants. \$180.00 expense to Club. A successful day.
4. Ventilation options suggested by City of Ballarat (Brett) .
Still to be inspected??
Pending this inspection, committee members have been requested to work on seeking qualified operators to provide the club with suggestions.
5. Ballarat Bridge Club chairs
60 black, vinyl chairs without arms were purchased with delivery for \$4,289.99. Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried.
10 black, vinyl chairs with arms, purchased for \$1,805.50. Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Anne Woods. Carried
6. Ballarat Bridge Club table cloths
Cheryl Mason has completed 17 new cloths with a further 4 to be completed.

An extraordinary effort on her part for which the Club is very grateful

7. Christmas celebration luncheon. Monday December 1. 2 course meal @ \$37.00 pp.

Members to pay \$25.00 plus their own drinks. The Club will subsidise each participating member by \$12.00

8. Christmas / New Year closure.

Last club bridge day Saturday 20th December 2025.

Reopening Thursday 8th January 2026.

9. Security System is being triggered by the monitor at the Embroiderers Guild Victoria's entrance door. To be inspected and possibly replaced

10. Australian Bridge Federation has established a Teaching Association. Anne Beck participated in the 2nd of these sessions November 9.

Participants will receive accreditation for completing the requirements of this program.

It is expected content will be shared for teaching specific topics.

11. Artificial indoor plants to be investigated. \$100.00 to be a guide.

12. Plaque for Pat Fisker

'Wrought Iron Gallery' Blampied has been requested to prepare proposal. Plaque to be 30 x 50 cm and fixed to wall. 'Pat's Garden to be inscribed. Quote \$400.00.

Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried.

13. Thankyou to Leigh Dunne for the work he is doing in the garden.

Acceptance of President's Report: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Kaye McFarlane. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Trish Farney

Treasurers Report October 31, 2025

The Financial reports for 31/Oct/2025 shows a loss of **-\$2,873.89**
 resulting in a Loss of **-\$6,498.19 ytd**

Monthly Expenditure **\$ 6,758.40**

Exceptional expenses :

Purchase new Bridge Chairs	4289.99
Purchase Material new Table covers	315.00
	4604.99

Monthly Income **\$3,884.51**

Exceptional Income:

EGV - Rent Oct- Dec 2025	1750.00
EGV - Reimburse Utilities April- June	555.01
	2305.01

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	31/Oct/2025	7836.63
Balance Term deposit No 1: 14452879	31/Oct/2025	50000.00
Balance Term deposit No 2: 223737483	31/Oct/2025	12235.28
	Total at Bank	\$ 70,071.91

Fees paid in advance @	31/Oct/2025	\$ 1,566.00
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 Term Deposit #2 -reinvested till 27 Nov 2025 @ 3.8%

Trish Farney moved that '\$10,000.00 be transferred from Term deposit #2 to account 143932572'. 2nd Cheryl Mason. Carried
 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report October 31 : moved Trish Farney, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried.

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. City of Ballarat 2nd instalment rates invoice: \$241.55
2. Central Highlands Water \$347.22
3. Bendigo Bank: Term Deposit review advice. Income interest \$2,521.65 for \$50,000 term deposit
4. Bridge Victoria Club Update
5. Bridge Victoria Calendar of Events 2026

6. Western Region Novice Pairs scheduled for November 8 cancelled due to lack of interest; Jenny Johnstone
7. Remington Insurance Brokers: invoice \$490.00 - Cover for Contents \$35,730. Note theft cover = \$5,000
8. Bridge Victoria November Bulletin Nov 25
9. Australian Bridge Federation 'Give the gift of bridge' campaign
10. Richard Giles: Bridge Club chairs See President's report 5.
11. Embroiderer's Guild Victoria (Ballarat Branch) alteration to some dates in submitted 2026 program. Anne Beck will notify the secretary that these alterations are ok. Will be posted on notice board in office

Outgoing:

1. CAV Annual statement submitted

Acceptance of Correspondence: moved Kaye McFarlane, Trish Farney. Carried

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane - Minutes AGM, CAV Annual statement submitted.
- Anne Beck –
- Trish Farney
- Bruce Morley – Red Point events
One event has occurred, another is planned
- 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.
 - Will set up extra picture frames for social events' photographs – to be hung on wall
 - Garden maintenance – will be assisted by Geoff Dwyer
- Geoff Dwyer –
- Brian Hassett -
- Ian Gunn – Memorial plaque for Pat Fisker
- Clare Beer –
- Margaret Whitefield –

- Anne Woods – Has updated information on web page including photographs Closure and Opening dates
Will include link to 'Model Rules for Incorporated Organisations: Consumer Affairs Victoria', on home page
- Cheryl Mason – Bridge Table Cloths.
see President's Report 6.

Acceptance of Reports: moved Leigh Dunne, 2nd Ian Gunn. 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. Review - Committee member tasks
Adjustments were made to the 2025-26 Ballarat Bridge Club Task description

New Business:

1. Ratification of new members
Full member: Gayle Bennett
Associate member: Fiona Roberts
Associate member: Adam Roberts
Anne Beck moved 'that the above applications for membership be accepted', 2nd Margaret Whitefield. Carried

Business for next meeting:

Review of Contents Insurance cover ie \$5,000 limit for theft claim. Anne Beck to contact Remingtons Insurance Broker

Next meeting: Monday December 8

Meeting closed: 11.45 am