

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday February 9, 10.00 am, 2026.

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

Apologies: Brian Hassett

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Kaye McFarlane

Acceptance of previous minutes (February 9, 2026): moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried.

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. Lessons: Scheduled to commence Saturday, 14th March
2. Ventilation options suggested by City of Ballarat (Brett) .
Research to be done seeking cleaner for vents in ceiling.
Geoff Dwyer to seek tradesman to build a window frame with top opening for back corner window of bridge room. A formal letter to be sent to Brett Anderson requesting permission for Ballarat Bridge Club to seek removal of an existing window frame and replacing it with one able to be opened at the top to provide ventilation.
3. Croquet Club (ref: Jenny Leviston) has removed rubbish behind bridge building.
4. Bendigo Ashes: No interest expressed by either club to continue with this annual competition
5. Christmas celebration luncheon. Monday December 1. x2 course meal @ \$37.00 pp. Members to pay \$25.00 plus their own drinks. The Club will subsidise each participating member by \$12.00. x 26 members participated. \$365.00 was paid.
6. Memorial plaque for Pat Fiskien
'Wrought Iron Gallery' Blampied prepared plaque 30 x 50 cm and fixed to wall. 'Pat's Garden to be inscribed. \$400.00.
A commemoration of Pat and her contribution to the Ballarat Bridge Club occurred Thursday 20th December, 4.30.
7. New Year's Eve Pizza and Bridge \$15.00. Commence 5.00 pm. Minimal participation.

8. Future of Tuesday Supported Play. Committee discussion. Will continue in current format
9. Security system fault (super sensitivity of one sensor in Embroiderer's Room) is still being managed
10. Bruce Morley initiated the donation of a wheel chair for club members use from a local Op Shop
11. Service of drinks after play. The number of members indicating interest in participating are not viable

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

Treasurer's Report: Trish Farney

December 31, 2025

The Financial reports for 31/Dec/2025 shows a loss of **-\$406.15**
 resulting in a Loss of **-\$9,175.31 ytd**

_Monthly Expenditure \$ **1,336.15**

Exceptional expenses :

Club special events -Christmas Lunch	365.00	
		365.00

Monthly Income **\$930.00**

Exceptional Income:

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Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	31/Dec/2025	7394.79
Balance Term deposit No 1: 14452879	31/Dec/2025	50000.00
Balance Term deposit No 2: 223737483	28/Feb/2026	10000.00
	Total at Bank	\$ 67,394.79

Fees paid in advance @ 31/Dec/2025 \$ **1,584.00**

Term Deposit #1 -reinvested till 14 Nov 2025 @ 4.5%
 Term Deposit #2 -reinvested till 27 Feb 2026 @ 3 2.75 %

**Bank Dep of \$ 637.00 28/11 - Xmas party payments was not taken up in Nov P & L
 will be accounted for in Dec when Payment made to Ballarat Gold Club**

January 31, 2026

The Financial reports for 31/Jan/2026 shows a profit of **\$3,531.58**
 resulting in a Loss of **-\$5,643.73** ytd

Monthly Expenditure \$ **1,817.21**

Exceptional expenses :

Liquor Licence 2026	343.17	
Premises cleaning Dec & Jan	560.00	
		<u>903.17</u>

Monthly Income **\$5,348.79**

Exceptional Income:

Membership Fee Payments	1766.00	
EGV- Rent Jan- March 26	1750.00	
EGV- Utilities reimb- Oct- Dec 25	400.79	
		<u>3916.79</u>

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	31/Jan/2026	10233.37
Balance Term deposit No 1: 14452879	31/Jan/2026	50000.00
Balance Term deposit No 2: 223737483	28/Feb/2026	10000.00
	Total at Bank	\$ 70,233.37

Fees paid in advance @ 31/Jan/2026 \$ **1,596.00**

Term Deposit #1 -reinvested till 14 Nov 2025 @ 4.5%
 Term Deposit #2 -reinvested till 27 Feb 2026 @ 3 2.75 %

Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports: moved Trish Farney, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried.

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Bendigo Bank - Confirmation of withdrawal \$2,469.66 from Account number 223737438
2. Australian Bridge Magazine Dec 2025
3. Bridge Victoria Club Update: sale of Poath Road announced
4. Australian Bridge Federation Membership finalization list for 1st April
5. Australian Bridge Federation Invoice 66985 \$205.38
6. Andy Hung Bridge Holiday Noosa, May 2026
7. Bridge Victoria December Club update – See reports Kaye McFarlane below
8. Bridge Victoria Club and Player surveys/ Upcoming Events
9. 08/01/26 Masterpoint Centre reports
10. John Walsh (Western Area Rep on Bridge Victoria)
11. Director's Workshop Saturday/Sunday 21/22 February; Victoria Bridge Centre
12. Australian Bridge Federation; NWP invoice 2025Q4, \$106.00

13. City of Ballarat rate installment notice No 3 \$241.55
14. Central Highlands Water: inv no 4396556, \$345.70
15. Croquet Club: notice that rubbish has been removed
16. Embroiderer's Guild request for two extra access days (Jan 22nd and Frid 30th)
17. Bridge Victoria Bulletin Feb 2026

Outgoing:

1. Notice to members re: payment of annual fee

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

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane
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- Anne Beck –
- Trish Farney
- Leigh Dunne
- Bruce Morley –
- Geoff Dwyer – Pat Fiskén's memorial plaque has been fixed on wall of garden pavilion.
Yellow paint has used to indicate places of danger in club precinct.
- Brian Hassett -
- Ian Gunn – will investigate a sign to advertise brldge lessons that can be attached to the front fence
- Clare Beer – request that Anne Woods place advertisement for coming bridge lessons on 3BA notice board
- Margaret Whitefield –
- Anne Woods – will place coming bridge lessons on Ballarat Bridge Club web page
- Cheryl Mason – sympathy cards sent to di Varvel and Bruce Morley

Acceptance of Reports: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Cheryl Mason. 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.

New Business:

Business for next meeting:

Next meeting: Monday March 23rd

Meeting closed: 11.30 am