

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday March 23, 10.00 am, 2026.

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

Apologies: Brian Hassett, Ian Gunn

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Kaye McFarlane

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

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. Lessons: commenced Saturday, 14th March. 10 participants
2. Ventilation options (Brett Anderson) .
Research to be done seeking cleaner for vents in ceiling.
A formal letter was 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. Brett Anderson responded with a 'Letter of Consent Request Form'.
(Because) it has been determined that the top section of the window can be lowered the Ballarat Bridge Club committee decided to wait before responding to the 'Letter of Consent Request Form' to determine if the ongoing limitations of the current structure can be managed successfully ie that the window can be conveniently locked after opening the sash sections.
3. Western region AGM report.
Disappointing participation by the member clubs
4. Security system fault (super sensitivity of one sensor in Embroiderer's Room) is still being managed. Waiting for a quote for a new sensor.

Acceptance of President's Report: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Trish Farney

February 28, 2026

The Financial reports for 28/Feb/2026 shows a profit of **\$1,110.52**
 resulting in a Loss of **-\$4,533.21** ytd

Monthly Expenditure \$ **1,110.52**

Exceptional expenses :

Council Rates 3rd inst	241.55	
web/internet - Jan-June 26	198.00	
		<u>439.55</u>

Monthly Income **\$2,886.50**

Exceptional Income:

Membership Fee Payments	1400.00	
bank int TD #2	69.50	
		<u>1469.50</u>

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	28/Feb/2026	11955.39
Balance Term deposit No 1: 14452879	28/Feb/2026	50000.00
Balance Term deposit No 2: 223737483	28/Feb/2026	10069.50
	Total at Bank	\$ 72,024.89

Fees paid in advance @ 28/Feb/2026 \$ **1,740.00**

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

Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports: moved Trish Farney, 2nd Anne Beck. Carried

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Bendigo bank Term Deposit Renewal advice \$10,069.50
2. Millica Invoice Web Address registration: \$198.00
3. Australian Bridge Magazine Feb 2026
4. City of Ballarat, Brett Anderson Letter of Consent to be applied for w.r.t. request to modify a window sash in bridge playing room
5. Western region AGM Saturday 7th March
6. Australia Post Box invoice: \$192.00
7. Neptic Security quarterly payment invoice 5716: \$130.00
8. Bendigo Bank Term Deposit investment confirmation \$10,069.50 @ 2.75% for 3 months
9. Bendigo Bank Term Deposit Certificate \$10,069.50, Account number 223737438

10. Online photocopier billing: \$110.39

11. Bridge Victoria March: club update – John Walsh Western Region representative; survey of bridge teachers

Outgoing:

1. Letter to Brett Anderson, City of Ballarat: request that one window in Bridge Room be modified to enable top opening for ventilation.

Acceptance of Correspondence: moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Anne Woods. Carried

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane
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- Anne Beck –
- Trish Farney
- Leigh Dunne
- Bruce Morley –
- Geoff Dwyer –
- Brian Hassett -
- Ian Gunn – sign to advertise bridge lessons attached to the front fence. \$60.00.
- Clare Beer –
- Margaret Whitefield –
- Anne Woods – placed coming bridge lessons on Ballarat Bridge Club web page. Now removed
- Cheryl Mason – Sent 80th Birthday greeting to Adrian Morton

Acceptance of Reports: moved Anne Beck, 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.

New Business:

1. 'Membership reactivation to be endorsed by the committee.' Moved Margaret Whitefield, 2nd Trish Farney. Carried
2. Membership reactivation: Lyn and Peter Ure. Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Cheryl Mason. Carried
3. 'Participating in lessons entitles bridge players to play in Tuesday support sessions. Tuesday players must be members unless they are participating in lessons. \$2.00 fee.' Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Anne Woods. Carried
4. Director's decisions not to be questioned at the table. If concerned, a player may request respectfully that any discussion occurs away from the playing group.
5. Easter Saturday (4th April) play as usual
6. 'Food is not to be brought into the club by members.' To be repeated as an announcement as a reminder to membership. Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Margaret Whitefield. Carried

Business for next meeting:

Next meeting: Monday 11th May

Meeting closed: 11.39 am