

Parramatta Bridge Club: Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 4th September 2025

Venue: Burnside Café.

Time: 9.15 am.

MINUTES (for adoption at next Committee meeting)

1. Attendance: Margaret East (President), Ted Richards (Secretary), Bill Doman (Treasurer), Peter Dun (Vice President), Geoff Henson, Lynn Roese.

2. Apologies: Margaret Darcy.

3. Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting 7th August 2025.

Moved: 1 Ted, 2 Peter. AIF; Carried.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 The teams meeting scheduled for Saturday 30 August 2025 was not held because Parramatta City closed Burnside Hall as the result of a serious sewer choke.

4.2 The Club Teams red point event will be rescheduled to two Saturdays later in the year. Provisional dates are 18 and 25 October 2025.

4.3 A one day red point session will be held at Burnside on Saturday 6 Sept 2025.

4.4 The website will advise the replacement arrangements and the Secretary will contact members by email.

5. Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Balance Sheet to 31 August 2025 was tabled.

5.2 The Treasurer advised that the accounts are balancing month to month. The prediction to the end of 2025 is a small profit or loss.

5.3 By November the Committee will need to set the fees for 2026. Members renewal should be available from December.

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6. Membership:

6.1 New Home Members registered:

Mercedes Smith ABF 1239821,

Lianna Budihardjo ABF 1210785 and

Carmel Been ABF 1240481.

7. Calendar:

7.1 Congress Sunday 9th Nov 2025.

Margaret East has completed the flyer.

Seven teams have been entered by 3 Sept.

Entries are open via MyABF.

7.2 Parramatta Foundation Congress 2026.

Following Margaret East's application, NSW Bridge has allocated Sunday 8 November 2026. Parramatta City has been requested to reserve Ermington Centre all day for that date.

8. Seasonal Hall bookings 26/27

Our bids to renew our seasonal bookings have been submitted to Parramatta City.

The same days and times as present have been requested.

Hire rates will be adjusted after 30 June 2026 in accordance with City procedures.

Easter Saturday which falls on 27 March 2027 has been included.

Burnside will be unavailable on 8 Aug 2026, 14 Nov 2026, 13 Feb 2027, 13 March 2027 (NSW State Election) and 8 May 2027. Our relocation site at Don Moore Reserve meeting room has been requested.

9. President's Day Monday 29 Sep 2025

NSW Bridge Chair Glenda Parmenter has selected Parramatta as one of the locations she will visit throughout the State. Club Presidents in Western Sydney have been invited to attend at our club. Margaret East and one or two Parramatta representatives are invited.

The agenda will include:

engage directly with club leaders to receive their perspectives and feedback

promote networking between clubs

inform clubs about the current Bridge NSW strategy and the ways it will support clubs to thrive.

10. Sessions Conduct

Parramatta club sessions are conducted in accordance with ABF and International Bridge requirements.

The Director oversees each session including allocation of players who need a partner.

11. Beginner Bridge Lessons

Monday evenings in 2026 at Burnside.

7pm to 9pm. Dates 23 Feb, 2 March, 9 March, 23 March and 30 March.

Volunteers for support and assistance will be required.

12. Other Business

12.1 Peter Dun pointed out:

(a) The Club has red points available to be allocated for events in calendar year 2025.

(b) At the 3-minute time clock warning, play should stop on any board not commenced.

(c) Peter will be reimbursed for the annual renewal of the Club modem.

(d) The website Honours board will be updated with the name of Arpit Tandon, for award of the 2024 Fay Manfield Trophy.

12.2 Sydney Spring Nationals

Parramatta Club member Shannon Queree is the coordinator. It is presented as the largest NSW bridge function for 2025. There are 18 events over 9 days for all levels on 18–26 October at Canterbury Park Racecourse. Information poster is displayed at Burnside.

13. Next meeting. Thursday 9 Oct 2025. 9.15am at Burnside Café.

Meeting Closed: 9.52 am.