

Parramatta Bridge Club: Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 9th October 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), Geoff Henson, Margaret Darcy.
2. Apologies: Peter Dun, Lynn Roese.
3. Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting 4th September, 2025.

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

4. Matters arising:
Congress and Christmas party (see below).

5. Treasurer's Report.
 - 5.1 Balance Sheet to 30th September, 2025 was tabled.
 - 5.2 The Treasurer advised that the balances are generally constant month to month. The asset base includes the PC.

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6. Membership:
Home Members on our Masterpoint list is 125.
Away members number 27.
MyABF list is 156 of which 76.9% are registered.

7. Calendar:
 - 7.1 Congress Sunday 9th Nov 2025 at Ermington Community Centre
Entries are open via MyABF.
Bill to borrow and transport tables from Pennant Hills BC.
Ted and Barry Peters to transport PBC tables.
Margaret D'Arcy to take plastic containers for used bidding sheets.
Bill will take ancillary equipment which will be required at Don Moore on the previous day.
Club members are asked to bring a plate.
Margaret East has asked the Director, Ronnie Ng, to be compensated to deal the boards.
Site meeting with City facilities coordinator, Archie, to be scheduled on Monday 3 November.

- 7.2 Christmas Party and Presentation 13th Dec 2025 at Burnside Community Centre
Play commences 1pm. Hall booking 12.30pm until 4.30pm. (30 min extra).
List of event winners (\$50 per player);
President Pairs;
Club Pairs;
Fay Mansfield Trophy;
Brian Mansfield Pairs;
October Pairs.
Members are requested to bring a plate. (with food of course)

- 7.3 2026 calendar

14 red points to allotted in 2026.

Teams of three could return on Wed night supervised.

The possibility of resuming F2F day sessions on Mondays was seen as not viable.

Margaret East and Margaret D'Arcy to meet with Carlyn Dun to compile the 2026 dates.

8. Complaints about slow play.

Slow play affects our sessions.

The issue has arisen from Real Bridge but also could apply to F2F.

Advice has been received from a senior Bridge Director.

The procedure for the guidance and adoption by the session Director is:

1st occurrence: warning.

2nd occurrence; 40-60 score against the transgressor.

3rd occurrence: zero score to transgressor.

4th occurrence: ask the party not to play again.

9. NSW Bridge Presidents Day.

Glenda Parmenter invited western Sydney Bridge clubs to attend an information day at Burnside on 29 September 2025.

Four members from our club attended.

Feedback supplied to NSW Bridge from this and other similar sessions will guide the future of Bridge in NSW.

10. Hall bookings 26/27

Burnside Community Centre has been confirmed for our F2F sessions in 26/27.

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. On those dates we shall meet at Don Moore Reserve meeting room.

Parramatta Congress on 8 Nov 2026 will be held at Ermington Community Centre.

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.

Information available on the Club website and from Margaret East.

12. 2026 fees

ABF fees, NSW Bridge fees, masterpoint fees and hall hire rates have or will increase.

Bill will report to the next Committee meeting. With the current stable financial position Bill foreshadowed that he will recommend all club fees be unchanged.

Bill said the preferred table money payments through myABF is working well. However, he will recommend annual fees be paid into the club bank account by transfer as in 2025

Annual fees are due by 1 January. Payments open in December.

13. Other Business Nil

14. Next meeting. Thursday 6th Nov 2025. 9.15am at Burnside Café.

Meeting Closed: 9.45 am.