

Parramatta Bridge Club: Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 4th December 2025

Venue: Burnside Café.

Time: 9.15 am.

Minutes

1. Attendance: Margaret East; (President), Peter Dun (Vice President), Ted Richards (Secretary), Bill Doman (Treasurer), Lynn Roese, Geoff Henson.
2. Apologies: Margaret DÁrcy.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting 6th November 2025.

Correction: Peter Dun advised that we have been allocated 14 red points in 2026.

Moved: 1 Margaret, 2 Bill. AIF carried.

4. Matters arising: For discussion further in this meeting where appropriate.
5. Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Balance to 30th November 2025 shows a steady financial position. The ABF credit has been received.

5.2 Prepaid system for table money is being eliminated. MyABF is the only method for online sessions. The alternative of cash for F2F table money is available.

5.3 The Club investment account with the bank falls due and will be reinvested with the bank.

5.4 Parramatta City invoices for hall hire have been difficult to reconcile. The Treasurer and Secretary will review and have further communication the City staff as required.

5.5 Members are renewing their annual fees for 2026. Direct transfer to the Club bank account is preferred. The alternative is cash to the F2F session Director.

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6. Membership:

Maria Di Martino ABF 1245295 (Home)

Giorgio Giacomini ABF 1245309 (Home)

David Duke ABF 848875 (Home reactivated)

Diane Hobden ABF 586854 (Away from Carlingford BC)

7. 2025 Calendar

- Christmas Party & Presentation at Burnside, 1pm Saturday 13th Dec.

8. 2026 Calendar:

- Anzac Day Saturday 25 April: we have Burnside booked for 1pm session start.
- AGM: 12.15pm Saturday 14 March 2026 at Burnside Community Centre. Hall booking to be increased by 30 minutes at the start to allow setting the tables and chairs. Bridge session will follow the AGM.
- The Secretary confirmed that the PBC Constitution provides that Committee members are eligible for re-election at the next AGM.

- GNOT 23 and 30 May 2026.
- Beginner lessons over 5 weeks commencing Monday 23 Feb 2026. Details on Club website.
- In March there are no school holidays; no Don Moore unless there is a by-election, no NSW public holidays, (Long weekend on Sat 7 March 2026 in ACT, SA, Tas and Vic)

9. Honorariums

Same as previous year. \$200 each to President, Treasurer and Secretary. \$100 to Vice President.

10. Club Teams Knockout Championship, (a National event).

Congratulations to Peter Dun, Carlyn Dun, Kerry Rymer and Kit Meyers.

The team won the open consolation and were semi-finalists for players with less than 750 MPs.

Gold points awarded!

Prize money to be distributed through PBC MyABF.

Look for the report and their photo in the ABF publication.

11. Correspondence

- Cedric Parker (ABF 1041940 Wollstonecraft BC) offered use of a results performance spreadsheet programme he has developed. After discussion the Committee asked the Secretary to advise Cedric that PBC is declining the offer.
- Cedric and his wife, Felicity Aldred, (ABF 1041959) intend to apply for PBC Away Membership.
- The power outage on Wednesday 26 Nov 2025 affected much of Oatlands and play was not possible. The Parramatta City has granted a credit of the hall hire fee for the night.
- Parramatta City has asked if organisations would be interested in hiring new hall facilities at Lidcombe, near Olympic Park. The Committee saw no advantage to Bridge generally or PBC since there are several established Bridge clubs to the east of us. There is a void of Bridge clubs to the west and south west of us. Service extension in that direction could be considered by a future Committee.
- Bridge NSW invited Bridge teachers and others to a webinar on teaching Bridge to beginners on Thursday 11 Dec 2025. Margaret East, Caimin Bowyer and Ann Lawrence intend to participate.

12. Next meeting: 9.15 am Thursday 15 Jan 2026 at Burnside Café.

Meeting Closed: 9.55am