

Parramatta Bridge Club: Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 26th March 2026 9.15am

Venue: Burnside Café.

MINUTES (for confirmation at next Committee meeting)

1. **Attendance:** Margaret East (President), Ted Richards (Secretary), Peter Dun (Vice President), Bill Doman (Treasurer), Margaret D'Arcy, Lynn Roese, Loreto Murray.

The President, Margaret East, warmly welcomed new Committee member Loreto Murray.

2. **Apologies:** Nil All present

3. **Confirmation of Minutes** of Previous Meeting 19th February 2026 by members who were present.

Moved: 1 Ted; 2 Lynn. AIF. Carried

4. **Matters arising:**

4.1 ATO Referred later in meeting

4.2 Beginner lessons have been well attended. Last lesson scheduled for Monday 30 March.

Most students will play at the free supervised Bridge session on Wednesday 1 April.

Thanks to Margaret East, Caimein Bowyer and Ann Lawrence.

5. **Treasurer's Report.**

5.1 Balance sheet is attached

The investment bank account has been renewed for 3 months @ 4@ PA.

5.2 Review of fees for guidance of future Committee.

The Treasurer predicts 2026 will be challenging financially with a small loss.

It may be necessary to review fees on a user pays basis with members who regularly play at Parramatta be recognised.

Joining fee for new members (with no ABF number) be kept at \$40. However, the Club bank details will be deleted from our JOIN page. Club procedures require applications to be considered by the Committee before acceptance.

It is possible for new members to redeem any past masterpoints after they join the Club.

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6. **Membership:**

17 members from 2025 were unfinancial. The Committee decided to advise ABF to cancel these names before the closing date of 31 March. If we fail to cancel the club has to pay the annual capitation fee for each.

From 1 April 2026 we shall have 108 home members.

7. Calendar:

7.1 Congress Sunday 1st Nov 2026.

Ermington Community Hall. 10am start. 8am to 6pm hall booking. Next meeting to set fee.

7.2 GNOT 23 and 30 May at Burnside. 1pm start

Entry will be \$25 each player which covers the 2 sessions. The Club may send one or two teams to the Metrop final on 22-23 Aug 2026. The team(s) we send will not be selected just on the results over 2 days. Preference will include regular players at Parramatta.

We aim to encourage regular Parramatta players.

Remember by just playing in a Club GNOT event allows any team to self-nominate and pay to enter the Metrop event.

7.3 Don Moore Reserve meeting room

Next relocation date is Saturday 9 th May 2026.

Lynn suggested we make use of the grassy parkland by inviting members to a picnic as well as Bridge.

We could extend the hall booking by one hour to facilitate in case of rain and access to facilities.

7.4 Christmas Party Saturday 12th Dec 2026 at Burnside.

8. Correspondence

8.1 ATO

Ross Best received an email asking for submission of a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) self review return. Bill and Ross will confer.

8.2 ABF Masterpoint Centre

PBC will not be advantaged with the proposed changes to masterpoints awarded to events with high ranked players. Bill looked at our sessions over the last month. Only two had median masterpoints over 200 and they were Real Bridge on line. Bill intends to compose a letter stating PBC position.

9. Other Business nil.

10. Next meeting. Thursday 16 April 9.15am at Burnside Café.

Meeting Closed: 9.50am