

Parramatta Bridge Club: Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 16 July 2026 at 9.15am Venue: Burnside Café.

MINUTES

1. Attendance: Margaret East (President), Ted Richards (Secretary), Bill Doman (Treasurer), Peter Dun (Vice President), Lynn Roese, Loreto Murray, Lyndsay Finlayson.

2. Apologies: Margaret D'Arcy.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting 18th June 2026

Moved: 1 Lynn. 2 Margaret East AIF Carried

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Mitchell movement trial for RB was run once in June 2026. Further application will not be used for special events. Eric will use discretion for further use.

4.2 Congress plans for 1 Nov 2026, 31 Oct 2027 and 5 Nov 2028

4.3 Club badges principle accepted by Committee. Report in preparation by Margaret D'Arcy

5. Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Balance sheet to 30th June 2026 is healthy.

Invoices still awaited for GNOT, Master points and Real Bridge.

5.2 Finance matters

Investment bank account lodged for 3 month period for a favourable interest rate.

The predicted 5% hall hire rates have been applied by the City from 1 July 2026.

50% hall hire paid for Congress 2026 to secure booking with Parramatta City.

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6. Membership:

6.1 Norma Srivastava was registered as home member ABF1263579.

Paul Shaw ABF 608556 transferred back to us since he lives locally again.

6.2 June 2026 ABF promotion to Bronze State rank for Alex Berdyshevski, ABF 811726.

Congratulations

7. Calendar:

7.1 Beginners lessons start on Wed evening 23 Sept 2026 at Burnside . Caimein is the contact.

The fee is a modest \$90 and entries are still open.

7.2 2027/28 Expressions of interest for hall bookings must be lodged with Parramatta City in Sept 2026. Ted and Margaret D'Arcy will work together. Any special dates should be advised to them.

7.3 Don Moore Reserve meeting room dates in 2026 are 8 Aug and 14 Nov.

7.4 Congress Sunday 1st Nov 2026 at Ermington.

7.5 Club Teams on 12 and 18 Sept 2026 to be directed by Bill Doman.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Starter Pairs Congress

Peninsular BC on Sunday 9 Aug 2026 tailored for players with less than two years' experience. Flyer circulated. Flyer at Burnside.

8.2 Hall sound proofing

Adele Mitchell at Maitland BC has sought advice on acoustic ceiling tiles. She will inform us of her progress. We used to have window curtains but they could be a fire hazard and cleaning difficulty. The Committee did not regard this matter as a priority for PBC.

9. Other Business

9.1 Intermediate Bridge Training

The Committee discussed what can PBC do to assist novice players to advance?

- *Publicise our extensive Club library.

- * Margaret East reported that our novice players would benefit by implementing the grounding in Bridge basics such as Stayman and count of total tricks.

- * Bill will look at relevant internet facilities.

- * NSW Bridge and ABF have suitable pages on their websites.

- *Glen Chick, the Wed night director, will be asked for input.

10. Next meeting. Thursday 20 Aug 2026 at 9.15am at Burnside Café.

Meeting Closed:9.55am