

Parramatta Bridge Club: Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 24 September 2026 at 9.15am. Venue: Burnside Caf6.

MINUTES

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

2. Apologies All present.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting 20 August 2026

Moved: 1 Bill, 2 Margaret East. AIF Carried.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Margaret D'Arcy has received 23 orders for Club name badges. The list will remain open until early October. Another batch can be ordered later.

4.2 Player improvement opportunities to be reviewed after the present beginner lessons are completed. Caimein may have suggestions. Glen Chick has been asked for possibilities. Peter has investigated trial hands on NSW Bridge.

5. Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Balance sheet to 31 August 2026 shows steady growth.

5.2 Finance Matters

* Congress payments and expenses for beginner lessons to be included.

* Our current bank Suncorp has been taken over by ANZ. Bill will review the interest offered and the convenience of the branches for our Club. It may be necessary to have part funds in term deposit.

* 2027 fees to be determined at next Committee meeting.

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6. Membership:

6.1 Loreto Murray provided her written resignation from the Committee.

The letter was tabled. After due discussion, Loreto's resignation was accepted.

The President thanked Loreto for her significant contribution. Especially appreciated was her liaison with Wednesday players and new members. Loreto was invited to continue with her support and welcomed to attend Committee meetings.

6.2 In accordance with Section 18 (1) of the Club Constitution, the Committee appointed Lyndsay Finlayson to fill the casual vacancy. The appointment is current until the next AGM. Lyndsay was welcomed to the Committee by the President and members.

6.3 Club membership currently stands at 122 home and 32 away.

6.4 Alfred Cauchi rejoined as a home member.

6.5 Lesley Guo who was a club member before Covid is interested in rejoining for 2027

7. Calendar:

7.1 Ted and Margaret D'Arcy have lodged applications for Parramatta City hall bookings 27/28.

7.2 Caimein Bowyer and Ann Lawrence conducting beginner lessons at Burnside from 23 Sept 2026.

7.3 Anne Ashmore Pairs red point F2F event on 10 and 17 Sept 2026 was well attended.

Anne's great continuing support for the Club is appreciated.

7.4 The red point teams over 12 and 19 Sept was a success.

In accordance with Club requirements the overall winners must all be members of PBC.

Thanks to Bill who directed and Lyndsay who dealt the boards.

7.5 Parramatta Foundation Teams Congress at Ermington on 1 Nov 2026. Play starts at 10am.

17 teams entered to date. Still open for entries. We had 24 teams in 2025.

7.6 Picnic available before Bridge on Saturday 14th Nov 2026 at Don Moore Reserve. Access available from 11.45am. That gives adequate time for picnic before Bridge at 1pm.

7.7 Christmas party 12 December at Burnside Hall. The booking to be extended by 30 minutes until 4.30pm.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Access to our Word Press website increased in August by 7% visitors (to 576) and 9% views (to 2411).

Peter and Lynn have the account password. Peter will liaise with Bill to facilitate future payments.

8.2 The City booking office has accepted the Club submission for off peak 50% hall hire rates, 11am to 3pm weekdays. Since we are not exclusively for senior members further rate reduction is not available. The 50% rate applies until 30 June 2027.

9. Other Business

Red Points in 2027

Peter reported we have been allocated 14 red points.

10. Next meeting: Thursday 15 Oct 2026 9.15am at Burnside Café. (Lynn apologises in advance)

Meeting Closed: 10am