GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc

Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 August 2026 at the Clubhouse

The President Uve Anderson declared the meeting open @ 1.01pm

PRESENT Uve Anderson, Wendy Edwards (scribe), Bronwyn Williams, Ian Stewart, Denise Marr, Barbara Richardson, Anne McKay, Carmel Pike, Toni Alexander, Jennifer Turville

APOLOGIES Sylvia Goodwin, Lynn Mooney

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved: Carmel Pike, Seconded: Anne McKay, Carried. These minutes are now available on the Club's website (under Publications) and on the noticeboard at the Club.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Uve had spoken to Christine Rands, Forster Gallery regarding a quote for carpark line markings that she had received for approximately $6,000 from On-Time Painting. They would need four full days twice, ie Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (x2). It would be best for us to have them do the work at the end of the month. The quote would include pressure washing off the old lines and also getting rid of the mould which for an amount of $600 would be deducted from the quote. We would find out if there was any member who wanted to play but was unable to because of the closure of the carpark. There would be no access to the carpark during those days. The amount of the quote would be split between Great Lakes Bridge Club and Forster Gallery.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Two letters from Greater Bank re Term Deposit Investment Statement received 19 July 2026.
- Email from Belinda Holmes, MidCoast Council dated 10 August 2026 acknowledging receipt of New Committee details.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Email to all Club Members regarding Notice of 2026 AGM.
- Email to Belinda Holmes, MidCoast Council dated 9 August 2026 notifying them of New Committee.
- Email to Taree Bridge Club dated 9 August 2026 notifying them of New Committee.
- Email to Forster Gallery dated 9 August 2026 notifying them of New Committee
- Email to Trinity Signs dated 9 August 2026 asking them to update the Club's Honors Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Uve welcomed Ian Stewart who was a new addition to the Committee.

A replacement new filter had been fitted in the Drinking Fountain at a cost of $253.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer also welcomed our new Assistant Treasurer, Ian Stewart and thanked him for taking on the position.

The Treasurer reported that as we had now started a new financial year, the following figures were the results for the month of July 2026. Income was $6,946.16 and Expenditure $3,127.28, giving the Club a small profit for the month. The 31 July balance was $45,124.65 with Capital Works Fund 1 and 2 having $11,174.08 and $11,232.35 respectively.

Beaver Novello Moss had been appointed as registered tax agent for the Club.

A discussion arose in relation to upgrading the Bridge Mates which will be dealt with under General Business.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and filed and is attached to these Minutes.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Tournament Director's Report for August 2026 is attached and forms part of these Minutes.

The Tournament Director noted that the Club had around 150 members with 116 being regular players. The players scoring over 70% are listed in the Report with the highest percentage achieved being by Phillip Hackett and Eddie Hancock (72.05%).

From mid-September there will be a change to the Bridgemates which will show percentages only. For this system to work properly it is imperative the correct opening lead by the respective player is entered correctly. If the entry is incorrect the scores may not be finalised at the end of the day.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Master Points Secretary reported that for the month of July, 74.22 Green points had been uploaded and 19.12 red MPs were finally uploaded for the Autumn Pairs played in April due to technical difficulties. There were no new Members.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Training Officer's Report was unavailable.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A suggestion by a Member at the AGM for assisting our older members to play social bridge was discussed. It was decided that the Club would be happy to assist with supplying the dealer generated boards and bidding slips but that the sessions which would be of a social nature would best be conducted at someone's home, not at the Bridge Club. The Committee was happy for these sessions to be promoted at the Bridge Club and Anne had said she would assist with the supply of the boards and bidding sheets and anything else the Club could assist with.

A discussion regarding the upgrade of the Bridgemates for the Club was looked into. The Club would need to purchase around 34-36 of the new Bridgemates. Taree have a good system and hardware and Denise could liaise with Sue Eishauer to find out what system Taree use, how reliable they have found it and if the wifi has caused any problems. The costs would be estimated to be around $13,000 to $15,000. A quote from Paul Lavery could also be investigated. The Committee all agreed that this should be further investigated and a quote obtained.

Celebrating Members' birthdays was looked into with various suggestions but it was decided that the Club was too big and the job too onerous for this to go ahead.

A query as to where the switch for the outside lights of the Club was located for the floodlights was discussed and Uve suggested he would investigate further and let them know.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 August 2026 @ 1pm.

The meeting concluded @ 2:15pm.