

DETAILS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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This was a 'special' meeting to discuss two urgent items.

One was to replace our aged and costly Bridgemates. It was unanimously agreed to purchase 20 Bridgemate3 which includes server charge case, storage case, postage and insurance. Total cost \$8135.

Secondly, Sue McMahon gave an update on the state of the dealing machines which have been troublesome of late. At this point, one is being serviced, but the spare one is working fine. There was however unanimous agreement that if we do need a new one, we should go ahead with the quote for \$5,555 provided by Paul Lavings. It was also agreed that if that happens before any of our Term Deposits mature, that the smallest Term Deposit (\$15,000) could be terminated before the due date of 3 February 2027 which would incur a penalty of approximately \$385 lost interest to close it before maturity date. All agreed to this proposal.

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The first general meeting of the newly elected Committee.

New Bridgemates have been ordered and expected within 1-2 weeks. Sue McMahon advised we no longer need to replace the dealing machine as it has been fixed and is working perfectly.

It was agreed to go with Ian Spight's suggestion that we have **celebratory drinks and nibbles** after special events. These will include:

- Club Pairs Championships - February - Drinks and Nibbles and cash prizes
- Club Teams Championships - November - Drinks and Nibbles and cash prizes
- NSW under 100MP's Pairs - August - Drinks and Nibbles - wine
- GNOT - March/April - Drinks and Nibbles - wine
- State Open Teams - Drinks and Nibbles - wine
- State Open Pairs - Drinks and Nibbles - wine
- Teams of 3 - Drinks and Nibbles – wine

Change of Website. It had been suggested that we consider moving to Bridgewebs rather than our existing Altosoft platform. After much discussion and further investigation over the past few months, it was decided to remain with Altosoft.

Hawks Nest Bridge Club. There was further consideration of inviting Hawks Nest Bridge Club to a day at Tomaree (in conjunction with Diggers Bridge Club) since we were invited to their club earlier this year. This event was enjoyed by many of our players. It was suggested we could perhaps hold this on a Thursday at Tomaree Bridge Club. Need to investigate availability of the rooms and other aspects to be considered to go ahead with this option.

Tournament Committee. We were advised and confirmed that the Tournament Committee will consist of Ian Spight, Jenny Sykes, Sue McMahon and Pat Pepper.

Congress Update. Lynette Fitzhenry has confirmed that figures are firming up nicely and all is in hand. She has also included prizes for Best Local Pair and Best Local Team to encourage local participation. We also need volunteers to work on these days to help with board distribution, food/drinks and any other areas where extra hands are needed.

Next Year's Congress Date – 30-31 October 2027

Welfare Officer. Janene Oborn has taken over this role from Robyn Geale.

Dealing Role. Sue McMahon indicated she would like to step back from her role as administrator of the dealing. She will draw up a Job Description which can be circulated to all members and hopefully someone will step forward to relieve her of this role.

New Member: One new member was accepted: Wal Harris

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 October 2026