REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC
Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 14 July 2026

Welcome: At 1330 Michael Souter declared a quorum to be present and the meeting was duly constituted. Michael thanked all for their attendance. He declared that Redland Bridge Club Inc was solvent. He determined that there were no conflicts of interest in any item on today's agenda.
Present: Michael Souter (Chair), Nigel Cleminson, Colin Gorton, Avra Bowler, Tala Badie, Gabriel Ruhland & Jane Whelan
Apologies: Turgut Manli

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes were tabled and accepted as a correct record of proceedings. Moved: Jane Whelan. Seconded: Michael Souter. CARRIED. Minutes signed as a correct record by Michael Souter.

Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:
1. Non-Playing Director – Champion Pairs: Michael
Outcome: Tim Freeman will direct.
2. Club Survey: Gabriel
Update: There is a disparity between number of survey respondents who play club competitions and congresses.
Outcome: Survey finalised. Refer to new business #3 re update.
3. Foreign Residents' Gradings: Nigel/Carradine
Outcome: Finalised.
4. Howell Movements (Feedback): Avra
Outcome: Refer to #1 New Business.
5. Fire Safety Drills: Judith.
Status: Fire drills have commenced.
6. Voting By-Laws: Jane.
Status: In progress
7. Memorial Bench: Nigel
Status: Plaque has been purchased.
Action: Bench to be installed in garden
8. Tuesday Play: Michael
Outcome: Tuesday's division into two sections working well. Finalised.
9. Anita McKay's (RCC Property Leasing) Club Visit: Jane
Status: Refer to #2 Business Arising from Correspondence
10. Honour Board Events: Nigel/Carradine:
Outcome Nigel & Carradine have discussed. Honour Board Events will continue to be held over two sessions. Non-Playing Directors will be approached when

2027 calendar is finalised.
Status: Finalised
11.**Psych Bidding:** Jane
Outcome: Psych Bidding Article published in July's Trumpit.
Action: Members who Psych Bid will be cautioned as a learning exercise. Penalties will be applied after grace period.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:
The correspondence list from 4 June to 12 July 2026 was tabled. Motion that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted was moved by Jane Whelan, seconded by Tala Badie and CARRIED.

Business Arising from Correspondence:
1. Kim Ellaway: Urgent Matters.
Background: Kim has written to all clubs requesting written policies for: 1) youth; 2) refund of entry fees when a pair or team withdraws from a congress; 3) house pairs/teams/players; and 4) prize money for prize-winning house pairs/teams/players. Policies for items 2–4 must be available on the club's website.
Discussion: 1) Youths under 26 are eligible for half price table fees and Congresses. 2) Once the draw has been established, no refund of entry fees applies except in extreme circumstances/emergency. The final decision rests with the Director and Convenor. The club will not refund any fees if there is a change of a partner after the close off date. This is a matter for the players concerned. 3) Fees for home players are waived. 4) House players are entitled to receive any prize awarded to them during the congress.
Action: Jane will draft a policy document for review at August's Committee Meeting.
2. RCC Property Leasing: Outcome of Club Visit.
Background: Anita McKay visited the club on 11 June. Jane and Anita discussed the following matters:
1) Painting Project: Finalised.
2) The carpark and surrounding areas: The potholes and vehicles travelling on the greenspace have been reported to Council's Roads Team for inspection and remediation. Some repairs have already commenced.
3) Eligibility for Council's bulk electricity rate: Council needs a statement of the club's most recent annual electricity usage.
4) Grants for installing a solar battery: Information on upcoming Council grant opportunities was provided.
Action: #3) Jane to submit the last four electricity statements. #4) Colin and Jane to explore installation of a solar battery with grant assistance in early 2027.
3. Redland Modern Country Music Club: Signage.
Background: The Redland Modern Country Music Club wishes to affix street

number to both signs naming the clubs located at 190 Cleveland-Redland Bay Road. As the signs are not the RCC's responsibility, the Music Club needs permission from the other leaseholders.
Outcome: The Committee has no objection to the added signage.
Action: Jane will advise the Music Club.
3. Treasurer's Report: Colin. Robyn Green will be banker commencing March 2027. Congress profit just over $1000.00
The treasurer's report and invoices were tabled.
Colin Gorton moved that the report and invoices be accepted, seconded by Nigel Cleminson and CARRIED.
4. Directors Report: Michael. Nil to report.
5. Dealers & Masterpoint Secretary's Report: Carradine.
Nil to report.
6. Education Report: Nigel. Currently one table of supervised players.
Supervision will be less hands on.
7. Workplace, Health and Safety: Judith. Judith informed the committee of the safety risk caused by excessive hot-water flow from the kitchen tap, with potential for serious burns.
Action: Michael will ask Turgut to arrange for a plumber to restrict the flow.
8. Maintenance Report: Turgut. Nil to report
9. Congress/Convenors' Report: Jane. Under 500 Graded Pairs very successful. Players commented on excellent catering.
Graded X-Imp Pairs now published. Flyers to be sent in approximately a week's time.
10. Social Group: Gabriel. A lunch has been arranged after play on Tuesday 31 July. Gabriel will post the registration form on the notice board.
11. New Members: Robina. Jene Jones. Colin moved that Jene Jones's membership application be accepted. Seconded by Avra Bowler and CARRIED.
12.New Business:
1. Directors' Meetings: Avra. First Directors' Meeting (Agenda Item Howell Movements) cancelled due to absence of three directors.
Discussion: Avra expressed importance of directors' meetings to discuss updates and issues.
Outcome: Directors' meeting to be held Friday 31 August after play. Further meetings will be on an ad hoc basis.
Action: Michael to advise Molly and Turgut.
2. Playing Cards: Jane.
Discussion: Jane reported there are a significant number of cards that are very dirty and sticky. Currently, cards are discarded if dealing machine rejects them three times.
Action: Nigel will discuss issue with Carradine.
3. Encouraging Members to Enter Congresses: Gabriel.
Discussion. Gabriel expressed concern that newer players are not entering congresses and the need for input from committee on ideas to encourage them.

Outcome: Newer players need more information on masterpoints, ABF ranking, roles of QBA and ABF, Congresses suitable for newer players, e.g., Novice, Graded.
Action: Nigel to submit article on Masterpoints to Trumpit. Gabriel to advise via the Trumpit that information on Congresses will be forthcoming
4. Bird Faeces Entrance: Jane
Discussion: Bird faeces outside entrance is unattractive.
Action: Michael will ask Turgut to arrange removal.
13. Late/Urgent Business: Nil.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11 August 2026 at 1330

Close: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1445.

Confirmed: ______________________________________ **Date:** ________________