

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

Welcome: At 13:20, Michael Souter confirmed a quorum and opened the meeting. He thanked attendees, noted that the Redlands Bridge Club is solvent, and confirmed there were no conflicts of interest for any items on today's agenda.

Present: Michael Souter (Chair), Nigel Cleminson, Colin Gorton, Avra Bowler, Turgut Manli, Tala Badie, Gabriel Ruhland & Jane Whelan

Apologies: Nil

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD

The minutes were tabled and accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Nigel Cleminson. Seconded: Turgut Manli CARRIED. Minutes signed as a correct record by Nigel Cleminson.

Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1. Painting Project Grant (GCBF): Jane

Status: Approved (\$9,295)

Discussion: Jane has contacted contractor Paul Robertson to confirm a revised quote (reflecting cost increases), availability, and timing.

Action: Await the painter's confirmation.

2. Honour Board Events: Michael – In progress.

3. Second Monitor: Colin – Installed.

4. Club Survey: Gabriel/Avra – In progress.

5. 2026 AGM (Feedback): Jane – The AGM was well attended and ran smoothly.

6. Foreign Residents' Gradings: Nigel/Carradine

Status: Overseas players' abilities have been assessed.

Action: Nigel/Carradine to advise QBA and ABF.

7. Debit Card: Michael

Discussion: Cancel Max Latimer's debit card (no longer a committee member). Issue a new debit card to Tala Badie with (1) no cash-out and (2) a \$200 daily spend limit.

Action: Colin to arrange with Bank of Qld.

8. Fee Refunds – Barbara Richards' Estate: Nigel

Status: Refund process commenced.

9. Key Register and Control: Avra – In progress.

10. Howell Movements: Avra – In progress.

11. Fire Safety Drills: OH&S

Status: OH&S role currently vacant.

Action: Jane to approach Richard Wiginton (Wiggy) about taking on the role.

12. Regular Working Bees: Turgut

Working Bee scheduled for 17 May – In progress.

13. Auditor's Report: Colin

Status: Colin has been unable to reach the auditor.

Action: Colin to continue following up.

14. High Fives: Nigel

Status: Nigel has spoken with the relevant players.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence list from 9 March to was 11 April tabled. Motion that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted was moved by Jane Whelan, seconded by Turgut Manli and CARRIED.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

1. Redland City Council: Disaster Management:

Summary: Nigel and RCC discussed using the club as an emergency shelter. While RCC deemed the club's use as an evacuation centre very unlikely, they encouraged us to apply for a grant to install a battery

2. Robyn Esdale: Club Promotion

Robyn proposal that the club submit interest stories and advertise in the "What's On" section of the Redland Bayside News has been accepted.

3. Glynis Hendricks: Biggest Morning Tea.

The request to host the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea prior to play on Monday, May 18th, 2026, has been granted, with the day's table fees also designated for donation to the Cancer Council

3. Treasurer's Report: Colin

The treasurer's report and invoices were tabled.

Colin Gorton moved that the report and invoices be accepted, seconded by Nigel Cleminson and CARRIED

Colin advised he is meeting with Terry Ford to discuss his interest in the role of Assistant Treasurer.

4. Directors Report: Michael. Nigel and Michael sharing role of Director whilst Molly O'Donohue absent

5. Dealers & Masterpoint Secretary's Report: Carradine. Annual cancellations processed. Special thanks to Pauline Curtis who dealt most of last month. A reminder to members that all deals are completely random

6. Education Report: Nigel. Lessons concluded; roster for supervised play from 14 April completed. Will arrange for tutorials to be uploaded to internet.

7. Workplace, Health & Safety: Fire safety drill in progress. See 11 Business Arising.

8. Maintenance Report: Turgut. Nil to report

9. Congress/Convenors' Report: Jane. 15th July Congress published on My ABF. Flyers to be emailed to clubs early May. From September Congress entry fee to increase to \$40 per player-in line with most other clubs.

10. Social Group: Gabriel. Nil to Report.

11. New Members: Robina. Lois Mawler & David Yarwood. Michael Souter moved they be accepted, seconded Avra Bowler. Carried.

12. New Business:

1. Psych Bidding: Jane

Discussion: Jane raised concerns about “psych bidding” on Wednesday nights and during Tuesday sessions, particularly when lower-ranked members are playing.

Action: Michael to address the psych bidding concerns with relevant party.

2 Thursday Walk-ins: Jane.

Discussion: Clarification sought regarding the policy for Thursday walk-ins.

Outcome: Confirmed that walk-ins are welcome; however, the club cannot guarantee a partner for those arriving without one.

3. 2026 Allocated Volunteer Positions: Jane.

Discussion: Jane presented the draft 2026 volunteer list. Minor amendments were made. The club urgently requires a WPH&S Officer and a Cleaning Coordinator.

Action: Jane to submit the final document at the next meeting; **Glynis** to advertise for cleaning helpers in the *Trumpit*.

4. Growth, Maintenance & Five-Year Strategy Plan: Turgut.

Discussion: Turgut briefly presented Tattersalls Bridge Club Growth, Maintenance & Five-Year Strategy Plan.

Action: Turgut & Gabriel to hold over until the next meeting to ensure alignment with recent survey results.

5. Tablecloths: Avra. Currently in progress.

6. Voting By-Laws: Jane

Discussion: Committee in agreement that Voting By-Laws need revising

Action: Jane to revise the Voting By-Laws over the next 6-8 months.

13. Late/Urgent Business:

1. Barbara Richards Memorial Seat: Derek (husband) has requested that the club's Bereavement Fund donation be used to install a seat under the trees. Nigel will manage the installation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 1330

Close: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1540

Confirmed: _____ **Date:** _____