

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC
Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 12 May 2026

Welcome: At 1335 Michael Souter declared a quorum to be present and the meeting was duly constituted. Michael thanked all for their attendance. He declared that the Redlands Bridge club 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, 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: Michael Souter. Seconded: Nigel Cleminson CARRIED. Minutes signed as a correct record by Michael Souter.

Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1. Painting Project: Jane/Michael

Status: GCBF grant money received. Painting most likely 1-5 June.

Action: **1.** Michael to liaise with painter. **2:** Volunteers to clear the area to be painted. **3:** Volunteers to take home dirty bridge tablecloths to wash

2. Honour Board Events: Michael.

Status: Michael is currently sourcing a non-playing Director for the Championship Pairs.

3 (a). Club Survey: Gabriel

Status: Gabriel presented the descriptive statistics based on a sample of 33 completed surveys.

Action: Gabriel, Avra and Turgut will form a sub-committee to analyse the survey results. Their analysis, together with the Growth, Maintenance & 5-Year Strategy Plan (see Item 17), will guide their report to the Committee.

3.(b). Notice for Trumpit

Background. Gabriel is seeking to publish a formal response in the *Trumpit* regarding transparency issues brought forward by a small group of participants in the club survey.

Discussion: Draft submitted for Committee's consideration. Final

wording agreed upon.

Action: Gabriel will arrange publication in June edition of *Trumpit*

4. Foreign Residents' Gradings: Nigel/Carradine.

Status: Still waiting for one renewed grading.

Action: New foreign resident's ability/grading to be assessed

5. Debit Card for Tala: Colin

Status: In progress

6. Key Register & Control: Avra

Status: In progress

7. Howell Movements: Avra

Status: Due to scheduling conflicts unable to assign a time.

Action: Avra will determine a mutually acceptable date at the next Committee Meeting.

8. Fire Safety Drills: OH&S

Status: Judith Corney has volunteered for the role of WPHS Officer (See 13).

Action: Judith will liaise with Richard Wiginton re fire drill.

9. Regular Working Bees: Turgut

Status: Limited time frame to organise scheduled working bee on 17 May

Action: Turgut to schedule a revised date, ensuring significant advance notice for volunteer recruitment.

10. Auditor's Report: Colin

Status: Auditor still not contactable.

Action: Colin will continue efforts to make contact

11. Biggest Morning Tea: Jane

Action: Glynis will be assisted with setting up tables on Saturday afternoon. Nigel will supervise collection of donations, raffle monies and table fees.

12. Psych Bidding – Wednesday Nights & Tuesdays: Michael

Status: Michael has spoken to person concerned.

Discussion: Newer players are still experiencing confusion regarding above's Psych bids made during play at the above sessions. Nigel recommends calling the Director if anyone suspects a psychic bid has occurred. If confirmed, the offending player must log the incident in the Psych Bidding Register, penalties may apply for habitual psyching.

Action: Nigel to follow up with the involved party as well as the Wednesday night mentor.

13. Allocated Volunteer Positions: Jane

Status: Judith Corney to assume position of WPHS Officer. Anne Omerod to take on role of Cleaning Coordinator.

Action: Jane to update list of volunteers for notice board.

14. Tablecloths: Avra

Status: Finalised

15. Voting By-Laws: Jane

Status: In progress

16. Memorial Bench: Nigel

Status: In progress

17. Growth, Maintenance & 5-Year Strategy Plan: Turgut

Status: Dovetails with Club Survey. See Item 5.

18. Club Promotion: Robyn Esdale.

Status: Club Promoted in recent Redland Bayside News.

Discussion: The committee reviewed the promotion text at Robyn's request to gather feedback on the phrasing.

Action: Nigel to forward the edited version to Robyn for finalisation.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence list from 9 April to 10 May 2026 was tabled. Motion that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted was moved by Jane Whelan, seconded by Colin Gorton and CARRIED.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

1. Yurara Art Society: Saturday Parking

Discussion: Re email sent by Yurara Art Society on Saturday 16 May to the Club and the Netball Club re parking in the Society's parking spaces.

Action: Jane to email the Art Society: the club shares the parking issues, but since the City Council owns the land, we cannot control parking arrangements

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 and CARRIED

4. Director's Report: Michael. Nil to report

5. Dealers & Masterpoint Secretary's Report: Carradine. Nil to report.

6. Education Report: Nigel. Currently two tables of supervised players.

7. Workplace, Health & Safety: Position vacant at time of meeting. Judith Corney has now assumed role.

8. Maintenance Report: Turgut. Nil to report.

9. Congress/Convenors' Report: Jane. Under 500 Pairs flyers emailed to local clubs and entrants in last two under 500 Congresses. A few entries to date. Club's request for 2027 Congresses dates has been provisionally approved. Julie Jeffries and Jo Neary will direct 2 congresses each.

10. Social Group: Gabriel. Nil to report.

11. New Members: Robina. Diane (Di) Mackenzie & Randall North. Avra Bowler moved they be accepted seconded Michael Souter. Carried.

12. New Business:

1. President's Report: Jane

Discussion: Members discussed a proposal to replace the *Trumpit's* President's Report with individual domain reports from each Committee Member.

Outcome: It was agreed that the President's Report will continue as the standard format.

2. Tuesday Play: Michael

Background: Based on feedback from the Club Survey, today's Tuesday session was divided into two fields based on average Masterpoints. To ensure fair competition, if either player in a pair had approximately 100+ Masterpoints, the couple was placed in the higher-ranked section.

Discussion: Some members have proposed that limited conventions be played on Tuesdays. Argument being that restricting weaker players to matches solely against their equals hinders their development. Conversely, facing a broader field that includes superior players while utilising limited conventions fosters a faster rate of improvement.

Outcome: Two divisions based on Masterpoints will continue to be trialled.

13. Late/Urgent Business:

1. Australia Wide Novice Pairs: Nigel. Dealing files have been

received. Booklets & hand records should arrive in the post by 18th May.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 9 June 2026 at 1330

Close: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1500

Confirmed: _____ **Date:** _____