

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



June 2026

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, a very big thank you to all our members who donated, attended, assisted, for the Cancer Council, Biggest Morning Tea. Which we held on a very rainy Monday morning. A very special thank you to Janet Aldridge, the best baker in the Redlands, the spread was incredible, so thank you again, Janet. We had some Raffles, which we raised \$300. Then with donations and the Club donating the table fees for the day, we managed to raise \$1 583.10. I felt very proud of the club, as my initial aim was to raise \$500.00. So, thank you one and all.

We will all be going into withdrawal mode for the first week of June, but to come back to a newly painted Club House will be great. Don't forget the Club needs all hands-on deck to move furniture and return furniture when completed.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Whether you think you can, or think you can't
you're right.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Most members will know that the clubhouse interior is receiving a fresh coat of paint. As a result, the clubhouse will be closed from Monday 1 June and will reopen on Monday 8 June. By the time you read this report, volunteers will likely have already prepared the clubhouse for the painting work. From 9.00 am on Sunday 7 June, volunteers will prepare the clubhouse for our return to the bridge tables the following day. If you can help on the 7th, even for an hour, please come along. Many volunteer hours are needed across both days, and the club is very grateful to everyone who has contributed to this project from its inception more than 12 months ago through to completion.

The window blinds will be professionally cleaned and reinstalled before members return. In addition, the Red Point events originally scheduled for this week have been moved to Thursday 11 June and Friday 12 June.

While the clubhouse is closed, members can still enjoy a game at neighbouring clubs: Birkdale on Monday at 7.00 pm and Thursday at 10.00 am, and Wynnum-Manly on Wednesday at 9.00 am and Friday at 12.00 pm. These sessions offer a good opportunity to keep playing while our own rooms are unavailable.

In competition news, the club held the Eddie Santagiuliana Pairs Competition over two Saturdays in May. The winners were Lynda Wealleans and Ada Krawczyk, with Dan Maher and Sue Sherrell finishing as runners-up. The club also participated in the Australia Wide Novic Pairs. Participation in this event gives players the opportunity to earn not only green points but red points as well, although the red points may take some time to be processed. Many members will have noticed the second timer recently installed at the southern end of the room. Thank you to Nigel and Colin for arranging its installation. The latest round of lessons has now concluded, and supervised classes have resumed for new

players and anyone wanting a refresher. The next lessons begin on 9 September, so please encourage friends and neighbours who may be interested to enrol.

There was a fantastic turnout for the Biggest Morning Tea. Between the event itself and the donation of table fees, approximately \$1,600 was raised for the Cancer Council. Those who attended enjoyed a generous spread of delicious food. Special thanks go to Glynis Hendricks and Janet Alridge for their excellent cooking, as well as to the helpers who decorated the room, collected donations, and ran the raffles. With such a successful result, we look forward to hosting another Biggest Morning Tea in 2027.

Looking ahead, the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) qualifying rounds will be held on Friday 19 June and Friday 26 June. This is the only opportunity to earn valuable gold points at club level. Registrations are now open, so please add your team members' names to the sign-up sheet. For newer players, the GNOT is a prestigious bridge event conducted by the ABF, with the Brisbane Zone finals held in August. New players are strongly encouraged to take part, and Nigel or I would be very happy to answer any questions.

Looking even further ahead, the club will be hosting the Redland Under 500 Graded Pairs Congress on Sunday 5 July. Entries, submitted via My ABF, close on 2 July. Novice players are warmly encouraged to participate. If you have not played in a Congress before, this event provides an ideal opportunity to do so. The Convenor, Jane Whelan, would be pleased to assist you with registration via My ABF and to respond to any questions you may have.

Enjoy your week of rest

Michael Souter – Club President

Redland Under 500 Graded Matchpoint Pairs Congress - Sunday 5 July

New to bridge? Our Redland Under 500 Graded Matchpoint Congress (Sunday, 5 July) is perfect for you. Open to players with under 500 masterpoints as of April 30, it features a welcoming atmosphere for first-timers and graded play, so you compete against peers.

Key Details:

- Date: Sunday, 5 July
- Eligibility: Under 500 masterpoints, as of 30 April, (perfect for beginners/novices)
- Format: Red Points, Graded (you play against pairs with similar points), Generous prize money
- Cost: \$70 per pair

- Deadline: Entries close Thursday, 2 July
- Catering: BYO lunch; complimentary tea/coffee, our club's mouth-watering snacks provided during play, with drinks and savouries following the event.

How to Enter:

- Register online via My ABF.
 - Pay via My ABF or via bank transfer - BSB: 124-025, A/C: 23205529 - Reference: Your Name & Under 500".
- For more information or assistance, please contact our Convenor, Jane Whelan*

COMPETITION RESULTS

Eddie Santagiuliana X-imp Pairs - Red Points

1st Place: *Lynda Wealleans & Ada Krawczyk*

2nd Place: *Sue Sherrell & Dan Maher*

3rd Place: *Turget Manli & Bev Brecknell*

ON THIS MONTH

BRIDGE CLUB CLOSED: 1 – 6 June 2026

Reopening Monday 8 June 2026

Thursday, 11 June, Red Point Day

Friday, 12 June Red Point Day

19 June, GNOT Qualifying Rounds

(Gold Points) – 2 days



70%ers for APRIL



Jenny Boxer & Shirley Burgess – 71.7%

Barry Kempthorne & Anges Kempthorne – 71.4%

Our Condolences to the family of

Merit (Peggy) Morgan



BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

The “Invisible” Math: Counting during the Bidding The Rule of 40

Start every hand by subtracting your points from 40.

Now you’re looking for where the remaining points live.

The One-Sided Conversation:

If you don’t have an opening hand, and your partner passes and the opponents open, your side likely holds fewer than 18 points.

The Math of an Overcall:

If an opponent overcalls at the 1-level, “tag” them for 8 – 12 points. If they jump overcall, give them 6 – 10 but a lot of shape.

High Card Point (HCP) Brackets:

Open 12 – 20

Inverted Minor: 10+

NT Opener: 15 – 17 (the most precise math you’ll get.)

The “Silent: Opponent:

If one opponent opens and the other stay silent through the whole auction, give the silent partner 0 – 5 points.

Club Wellness Survey Update

Thirty-three members responded to the Club Wellness Survey, representing approximately 18% of the club’s members. The following considerations are based on those club members’ replies, plus club records and interviews.

The largest group of respondents and club members generally, consists mature aged females, many of whom have been long term club members. The Committee notes that this group is sometimes constrained by issues such as their health, relying on a driver, energy reserves and generally other commitments and interests. Respondents have also indicated that they appreciate a friendly, relaxed social atmosphere and finishing on time.

The Committee advises that present session times are set for 4 hours and except for extenuating circumstances, will start by 9.30am and finish before 1.30pm. Also depending on the number of tables, the club policy is to play as many boards as possible, (32 to 36). Within these limits, directors aim to manage sessions efficiently and finish on time. Any changes to timing would need to be voted on at a special meeting of members.

The survey responses indicate that the social aspects of the club are the primary reason for participation for just over 80% of respondents. Around 50% also indicated that the game itself and the mental stimulation it provides, adds significant value. As well as general politeness and friendliness were perceived to enhance the game experience.

Those concerned with hygiene issues (less than 10% of respondents) will be pleased to know that a kitchen Co Ordinator is now in place, with Ann Ormerod and her team of helpers kindly lending a hand. The club depends on volunteers, helping out at working bees and generally to assist in the smooth functioning of the Club

Issues of transparency (raised by less than 10% of respondents). The Management Committee of the Redlands Bridge Club has a duty to its members to uphold its Constitution and its By-Laws and to generally comply with the law. The Committee is also anxious to avoid legal dispute and potential libel claims and to respect members’ privacy. To this end, the Committee cannot make a full public disclosure of its actions. Members of the Redlands Bridge Club can be assured that this Committee will act within the provisions of the Constitution and that members’ rights be respected.

Next Trumpit will discuss facilitating new player’s experience.

MAY PROMOTIONS

John Clark	State
Sammy Ziada	State
Wilmy Ziada	State
Jill Patterson	Bronze National

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Randall North
Di Mackenzie
Lois Mawter**

**AND WE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A LONG AND
ENJOYABLE ASSOCIATION WITH THE CLUB**

○ Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

