

TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB INC.



Management Committee Meeting 13th July 2026 Minutes of Meeting

The meeting was opened by Caroline Nelson at 1:30pm

1. Attendance/Apologies:

Attendance: Caroline Nelson, David Sydes, Judy Vann, Janet Lovell, Neil Strutton, Andrew Hay, Sherrell Cardinal, Jane Tilbury, Sue English

Apologies: Irene Komen

2. Minutes of the previous meeting 8th June 2026

Hard and electronic copies of the Minutes were provided to the Committee.

Motion that the Minutes are a true and accurate record of the June meeting.

Moved: Judy Vann; **Seconded:** Neil Strutton **Carried.**

3. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

a) Drop Down Screen & Projector

- In Progress

b) Allocation of Duties

- Duties List given to new committee members.
- Judy to email to remainder of committee.

c) Revised Constitution

- David Sydes reviewed previous version and updated according to new regulations.
- Caroline Nelson has asked Peter Nillson to review from a legal perspective.

4. Business Arising from Correspondence

- Kim Ellaway reminded clubs to develop a policy regarding charge for youth players. TBC already follow QBA's suggestion of half price.
- Chris Pohle has suggested a WhatsApp group for partner finding. Our current stand-by roster will remain in place.

Motion that a WhatsApp group be set up.

Moved: Neil Strutton; **Seconded:** Sherrell Cardinal; **Votes:** All in favour; **Carried.**

Action: Caroline Nelson to ask Chris to set up plus provide some information for us to circulate to members.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report has been circulated electronically.

Motion that the Report be accepted, and the purchases be ratified.

Moved: David Sydes; **Seconded:** Sue English; **Carried.**

6. Membership Update

- TBC has received applications for membership from Catherine Yelland, Jane Brady, Libby Marples, Laura Cobzaru, Linda Gough, Annette Ryan, Peter Robinson and Rosie Russell.

Motion that these new members be welcomed to the Club and that the Membership Report be accepted.

Moved: Neil Strutton; **Seconded:** Judy Vann; **Carried.**

7. General Business

a) Club Teams Knockout Championship 2026

- Lyn Tracey has formed a team to represent TBC in the Open section.

Motion that we approve their representation.

Moved: Neil Strutton; **Seconded:** Judy Vann; **Carried.**

Action: Judy Vann to advise Lyn.

b) Teams Night

- Sherrell Cardinal proposed we introduce a Thursday evening session. Feedback is another evening session would be welcome.
- Committee discussed her suggestion of making it a Teams Night, and agreed to run it as a regular Duplicate session. A Teams Night could be held once a month if sufficient interest.
- Sherrell will run a Supervised Play session at the same time.
- Play will be from 6:30 – 9:30pm. Doors to open at 6:00pm. Players encouraged to BYO wine and cheese to foster socialising.
- Commencing 6th August.

Motion that Thursday night Duplicate and Supervised Play session be introduced.

Moved: Sherrell Cardinal; **Seconded:** Neil Strutton; **Carried.**

c) Christmas Party

- Sunday 6th December suggested. Members only.
- Cost to be \$20. Sign-up via sheet on front table. Members to be advised that if their name remains on the list after 29th November, bridge credits will be deducted on their behalf.

Motion that the above 2 suggestions be approved.

Moved: David Sydes; **Seconded:** Janet Lovell; **Carried.**

d) Grant for BridgeMate 3

- Application for funding will be submitted at the next available opportunity.

e) Treasurer Arrangements During Absence

- David Sydes advised no financial reports will be submitted for the August meeting. He will continue to pay invoices during his absence.
- Jenny McGowan will monitor claims during his 6 week absence.

8. Other Business

a) Minute Writing Program

- A suitable program to be explored.

b) Melbourne Cup Lunch

- Same format as 2025.
- Janet Lovell will organise Sweeps.
- Suggested cost \$20.

Motion that the price be increased to \$20.

Moved: David Sydes; **Seconded:** Andrew Hay; **Carried.**

c) Solar Panels

- New panels scheduled to be installed on 10 August.

Meeting closed at 3:15 pm

Next meeting 10th August, 2026 at 1:30pm