



# *Trump·It*

## *Arana Bridge Club Newsletter*

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**January – February 2025**

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### **From The President**



Welcome to 2025.

2025 AGM was very well attended (71 members signed the register and 10 members lodged proxies). The new Committee is:

President	Bruce Hansen
Vice President	Trish Lye
Secretary	Simon Wood
Treasurer	Joan Mackay
Committee Members	Warren Applegate Anna Green John Hull.

I would like to thank Robert van Beest and Sue Norton for their many years of service to the Club. Although they are no longer members of the Committee, Robert and Sue will continue to support our Club in other roles and we thank them sincerely for this.

Following the AGM the roles and responsibilities of the Management Committee members have been agreed.

Negotiations with the Council for renewal of our lease are continuing. We have reviewed the wording of a 10 year draft lease issued to the Club in December and offered our suggested amendments. We hope that these negotiations will be finalized soon.

Your Management Committee has now agreed to maintain table fees for normal play sessions at \$6 for members and \$7.50 for

visitors. Free game vouchers will not be issued after the 1<sup>st</sup> of March but all free game vouchers issued before this date will be honoured. These changes reflect the wishes of a clear majority of members at the recent AGM. Before each session of play commences, your Directors will announce the outright and handicap winners from the previous week.

Wishing you happy bridging in 2025.

*Bruce Hansen*

President

### **Welcome to Our New Members**

Quite a number of new members have joined or re-joined our club after a period of absence - Tony BODDICE, Peter CUFFE, Josephine McPHERSON, Yvonne STALLING, Peter WILCE, Tracey DAVEY, Angela SOULIS, Barry NORTON, Karen MOSS, Diane VARTY, Victoria LEE, Tricia SCANLAN, Janice LEGGETT, Caroline FINCHAM, Mary STALEY, Dana VANHA and Jason COONEY. We hope that you will enjoy playing at our Club.

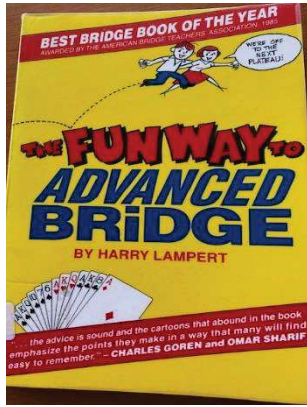
### **Beginners' Lessons**

The beginners' lessons have commenced on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Jim, Trish, Sue and Kit have over 30 students!!! Welcome to our Club and we would love to see you all continue playing at friendly Arana.

### **Vale**

Farewell to our long term members, Jim Webster, Jill Warnecke and Gill Lycette. We've enjoyed your company over the years.

## Bridge Club Library



Our Bridge Club has lots of interesting and helpful books. This book is full of advice about all aspects of play. For example:

- Bidding and evaluating your hand
- Necessity to think and plan before playing to the first trick.
- When to pull trumps immediately and when to delay
- The hold up play

The text is accompanied by cartoons to emphasize the points. It's a very entertaining and informative read.

*Anna Green*

## Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

<b>Graduate</b>	Alison Brown Beth Robinson
<b>Club</b>	Sue Marshall
<b>Bronze Local</b>	Liz Bowman Brigid Quinlan
<b>Silver Local</b>	Byron Moss Bev Orton Dawn Chappell
<b>Bronze Regional</b>	Norma Hansen
<b>State</b>	Flemming Scholler
<b>National</b>	Jeff Borg

**John Murphy (MP Sec)**

## Director's Corner

### • System Cards

Regulations require that each player at the table has a current System Card for each partnership arrangement. Directors are asked to enforce this rule.



## Partner Search

**Natalie Bloch** is the contact for Partner Search. When looking for a Bridge partner there are several courses of action which can be taken.

Speak directly to another member.  
Ask the session director .

Use the Partnersearch service by sending **an SMS message to Natalie ( 0402 255 020 )** stating your name and session for which a partner is required. As a courtesy to Natalie, if you find a partner by other means after registering a Partnersearch request send another message to Natalie to inform her.

## 2024 Results

### Teams Championship (August 2024)

First Greg Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Annette Hyland, John Henderson.

Second Errol Miller, Dorothy Gehrke, Elizabeth Gibson, John Scrivens

Third Tony Agar, Julie Cutmore, Val Acklin, Carol Bellis

### Arana Pairs Championship (October 2024)

First Dennis Sullivan, Yolande Coroneo

Second Joan Jenkins, Joyce O'Brien

Improved Ian Broadley, Ben Ludik



Lorraine Fredericks and Val Acklin won the **Monday Pairs (September 2024)**.



*Photo by Owen Marks*  
 Byron Moss and Gillie Kinsella (North-South),  
 Carmel Steer and Ann Gisberts (East-West)  
 were our Club's winners in **Australia Wide  
 Restricted Pairs (October 2024)**

**Saturday Pairs (November 24)**

- First Natalie Bloch, Richard  
 McLauchlan  
Second Joyce O'Brien, Joan Jenkins  
Handicap Yvonne Auer, Merv Parmenter

**Brisbane Zone Interclub Teams  
 (November 24)**



Gay and John Hull, Ben Ludik and Ian  
 Broadley came second in B Grade.

*Congratulations to all the winners.*

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**2024 at Our Club**

**Melbourne Cup**

*"Thank you Robert and other helpers for a truly enjoyable Melbourne Cup day.*

*The sandwiches were delicious and fresh and the wine was good too. Julie supplied her usual delicious pavlova for dessert. Everyone dressed in the spirit of the day and had a great time.*

*I recommend it as a great day to attend next year.*

*Oh, and by the way there was some sort of race on TV."*

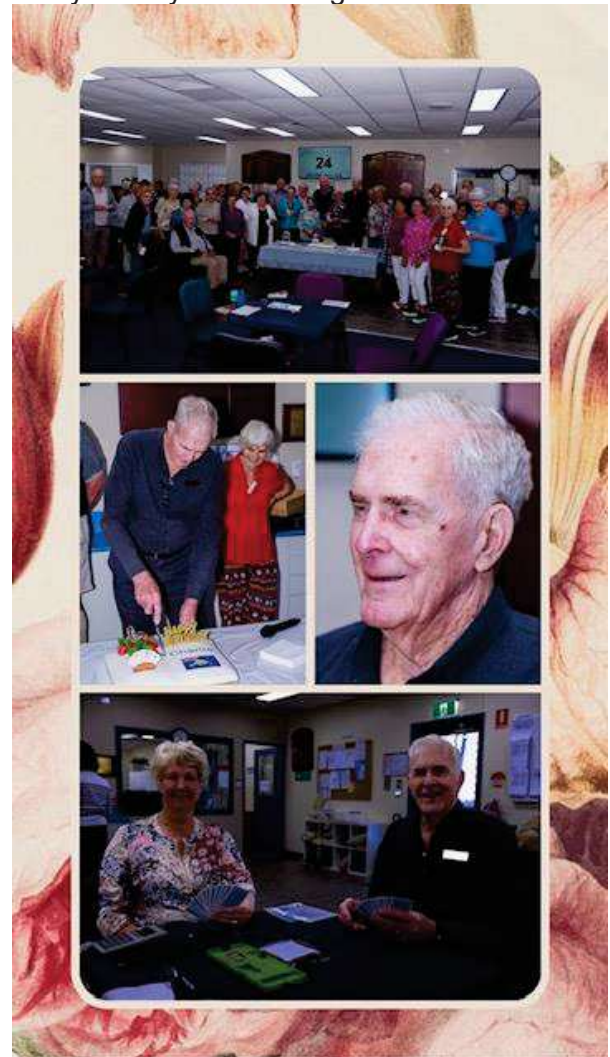
Carol Bellis



*Melbourne Cup Day! Melbourne Cup Day! Melbourne Cup Day!*

**Charlie's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Leone made the delicious cake and all the members gathered around to wish Charlie many more years of bridge.



### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was a very happy event attended by more than 120 members. Robert and other Committee members did a great job organising the food catering and drinks. Delicious desserts were provided by the Club members. Thank you. As usual, Leone made the cake.



### Gold Coast Congress

Many members attended the Gold Coast Congress. Some had success and all enjoyed the social aspect.



Team Mutzelburg came 15<sup>th</sup> in the Novice section



This group loved dining out



And, of course, there is always time for ice cream



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