

**CLARENCE GARDENS BRIDGE CENTRE**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 11 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE :**

Carmel Thompson, Graham Stucley, Glenn Trenwith, Jacki Ward, Jackie Watkins, Ingrid Hebenstreit, Greg Staker

**APOLOGIES:** None

Minutes of Meeting 8 August 2026 accepted.

**MANAGERS REPORT:** Not received.

4 reconditioned Bridge Mates purchased \$140 each, 30 sets of bidding boxes purchased \$25 each and 4 new tables have been ordered.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Possibility of an extra Director is progressing and Graham Stucley is showing strong interest too. David is happy to continue to direct Mondays until the end of the year and Graham has requested to accompany David with supervision or have phone contact with him available on Monday. Graham is happy to direct longer term if need be but still requires a documented process so others can direct too if required.

Earlene commented about a link online regarding directing and there is also a test available to become a director.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A full and detailed report of Financial Activity was sent to the committee on 10 September 2026 and was accepted.

The current working account balance as at 20 September 2026 is \$9,321. This includes membership prepayments of approximately \$4,007.

Term deposits total approximately \$31,050.

David has the front door key of the club rooms

There are 5 keys to the cupboards

The outdoor sign has been added to the inventory.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No report received from Jinny as the SABF representative.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Barbecue went extremely well. Many members stayed on and we received great feedback with the food quality. Thanks Jacki for purchasing the food, thanks Darrell and Stuart for cooking, and thanks Jill and Lynne for serving.

In future there is a need to monitor the numbers for catering purposes.

Pairs Congress in September. Carmel will continue to request contributions for cakes and slices from the members attending.

We are progressing with the major grant from Mitcham Council. Glenn and Ingrid will attend the meeting at Council Chambers to present our case in person.

There was discussion regarding the value of having another outdoor sign. Graham has presented options for the committee to reread and make suggestions at the next meeting. Graham will approach the Bowling Club for approval of a sign. We can apply for a quick \$400 grant each calendar year.

Sue Phillips has offered to donate a prize for the best players on Mondays and Fridays. She has suggested an engraved vase. Inquiries where this will be stored, and other details. Carmel will also discuss with David about how this could be finalised. At this stage we will accept the offer after the final details can be agreed upon.

Quiz night progressing well. Many members are assisting Nola in the preparation for the Quiz Night fundraiser. Lots of prizes have been kindly donated by members and the club has donated funds toward purchasing necessary prizes.

CGBC mobile phone: It was agreed to be continued. Cost is approximately \$120 per annum. Calls will be answered and the line will be diverted to whoever is the Director. Graham will follow up to find the best rate.

Monthly Newsletter.

There was a suggestion to have more colour in the newsletter. Carmel will ask David if it is possible.

Encourage contributions from Members to add articles.

Federal Grant

Applications for a Grant towards Australia Day celebration in 2027. This was not accepted as it is not a Monday or Friday.

Concerns re GNOT 2026

Incorporating suggestions regarding organising from the Glenelg Club. It requires more explicit information regarding the eligibility of the winning team prior to the event.

Carmel and Graham will draft up a plan and send it to David.

ATO Tax Requirements

Glenn and Greg have outlined the necessary procedure to ensure that we are legally covered with the Government as Clarence Gardens Bridge Centre.

The Clarence Gardens Bridge Centre is now registered. The necessary form will be signed by the President, Treasurer and Secretary. .

Next meeting 11a.m 9 October 2026.

