

Bridge in the City Inc.

Minutes of meeting of Friday 26 September 2025 11:00 am to 12:15 pm.

Clarence Gardens Bowling Club

Present.

David Anderson (President), Cynthia Brinkman (member), Graham Stucley (member), Glenn Trenwith (Treasurer), Carmel Thompson (Vice President), Stuart Tuck (member), Jackie Watkins (member)

Apologies.

Moiria Smith (Secretary). Graham will take minutes this time

Prior minutes.

Carmel had some suggested changes and will write these up and email to David for inclusion in the minutes.

Subject to this, minutes of last committee meeting agreed by show of hands as true and correct.

President Report.

Clarence Gardens congress this weekend. Congresses and special events are all designed to operate at better than cost. Anomalies and one offs are allowed for in costings. For example the Bridge Club has access to 2 free Sundays as part of agreement with the bowling Club but Sunday Congresses include a cost allocation of \$200 for venue hire.

The Sunday 28 Sept congress has 16 tables at this stage. By way of comparison, the Loxton congress has 21 tables booked in 2 weeks time. Des and Alistair from the bowling club will set up with Stuart (Stuart to be paid \$25 for set up work). The bar will be opened for end of the Congress.

David said he will organise draft Bridge Calendar for 2026 once SABF dates released in October and check with Glenelg for possible clashes especially with respect to AGM dates.

David advised that this year will be his final year on the Committee. He also said that he would be prepared to sell his dealing machine to the club for \$500 in a couple of years or so if / when he stops doing dealing.

Some brief discussion of possible bridge systems: McCosker Bridge Webs used by ABC; Pianola Plus costs \$10/player/month. David pointed out that both these systems will add to cost per player. The issue is to contrast benefit with cost. Current system (David's) is low cost and has most of functionality of other systems and some additional functionality. Cynthia suggested using the Bridgewebs system as a free 3 month trial. Agreed to defer further discussion to another time.

Treasurer Report.

Cash flow all fine. Some prepayments made of prize purchases for the Quiz night will be covered by reconciliation after the event. Net impact of Quiz night being costed and expected and budgeted to be positive. Glenn to report net impact at next meeting.

SABF Representative Report.

Thanks to Jinny Fuss for report circulated prior to meeting.

Social Committee Report.

Stuart is on Social committee and reported to Management Committee.

Nola Stone also provided an update.

Added Sausage Sizzle after bridge for Friday 17 October as Stuart has a lot of meat stored in freezer that should be used. No problem foreseen with proximity of already scheduled Monday 20 Sept pizza evening.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Congress

Discussed above – see pres. report.

- Signage

Graham backgrounded to the Committee that there had been 2 applications for grants to Council for 2 signs but only 1 was approved. Money for the sign should go into our bank account in October. Glenn to check / report.

Only 1 was approved because Council have a written policy (in grant guidelines) of only approving one of multiple similar applications per financial year. We can re-apply for another grant for another sign in Council's new financial year (after 30 June 2026). Graham spoke with Council officer responsible and was told it would be well within normal guidelines to expect approval for 2nd sign in new Fin year.

Updated quotes tabled. Best price \$534.60. Authorised by vote to go ahead subject to final check OK with Bowling Club President or Secretary by Stuart T. Noting that Bowling Club manager (Des) has already been briefed on signs and was in favour of them.

Also need gif or jpg of Club website background colour for background on sign. David and Graham to discuss outside meeting.

- Kitchen

Noted very good cleaning done Monday 15 Sept at Bridge Club expense \$450. Quite obvious improvement in cleanliness and lightness in kitchen. Have been favourable comments by Bridge members.

- Bridge Phone

Discussion of options for Bridge phone and SIM.

SIM card 3 options: TPG direct monthly debit \$12.50/month first 6 months then \$25/month. Belong (uses Telstra network) \$25/month and Kogan or similar 12 month prepay at \$150/year. Vote decision: 12 month prepay due lower cost and simplicity of annual billing.

Phone for club. David suggested purchase of a cheap phone at \$50-100. Approved by vote. Graham to organise purchase of SIM and phone.

A4 signage to be updated accordingly when new phone number known.

Next Meeting

Friday 31 October 11 am.

Actions table

Minute date	Action	By	Status
26/9/25	Carmel had some suggested changes and will write these up and email to David for inclusion in the minutes	Carmel	To do
26/9/25	Glenn to report net financial impact of Quiz night at next meeting	Glenn	To do
26/9/25	final check OK of Bridge signs with Bowling Club President or Secretary by Stuart T	Stuart	To do
26/9/25	need gif or jpg of Club website background colour for background on sign	David / Graham	To do
26/9/25	Purchase main bridge sign	Graham	To do
26/9/25	Purchase Bridge phone and SIM	Graham	To do
26/9/25	A4 signage to be updated accordingly when new phone number known	Not allocated	To do
26/9/25	David said he will organise draft Bridge Calendar for 2026 once SABF dates released in October and check with Glenelg for possible clashes especially with respect to AGM dates	David	To do