



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As the 2025 bridge year draws to a close I would like to thank all who helped during the year to make the year the success it was.

The TBC continues to provide a great venue for bridge as well as a happy and friendly environment for all who play at the club.

Just a reminder that 2026 membership renewals will be processed on 18 December – we look forward to seeing you all back playing in 2026. Merry Xmas, and Ho Ho Ho

Happy Bridging.

President Greg



Treasurer's Report for the month ended 30 November 2025



Cash Flow for the month of November shows an increase of \$5,468.87, due to Membership Subscriptions received. \$768 GST has been paid for our first Business Activity Statement lodged for the period ended 30 September 2025. A new floor standing watercooler has been installed in the Western room and the new HP Omnibook5 16-inch laptop is in use.

Table fees collected in November were \$6,256.

Current Assets Held as at 30 November:-

- Heritage Bank General Account - **\$4,979.61**
- Heritage Bank Online Saver Account - **\$14,448.09**
- Heritage Bank Term Deposit – **\$70,000**
- Myabf - **\$13,249.80**

To our members, thank you so much! Through your generosity, we presented a cheque for \$1,619.65, vouchers valued at \$350, as well as grocery items and gifts to the Salvation Army at our Christmas party on Saturday.

A get-well card has been sent to our Welfare Officer, Kerry Brown, who has recently been unwell and was unable to attend the Christmas party. We are pleased to share that Kerry is now recovering and looks forward to returning to the Club after Christmas.

Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year; with another chance for us to play our cards right! Marie



All Photographs taken by Susie Fraser (Thanks Susie)



Christmas Party Cheer – What a Day!



Our Christmas Party was a *fabulous* success - full of fun, laughter, and festive spirit. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the Christmas Committee, and especially to Chris Snook for organising and running such a great event.

A huge thank you also goes to Michele Alroe and Deb Archer, who made sure the catering was nothing short of exceptional. Thanks to the generosity of our members, no one went hungry—quite the opposite! There was an abundance of delicious food and desserts, beautifully presented throughout the day. Deb worked tirelessly to keep the food fresh and flowing. She even stepped in as a spare player to ensure everyone who wanted a game got one in the afternoon.

The entertainment didn't stop there. Marie Steger and Gretchen Graf kept us on our toes with a lively trivia session after the awards—challenging, fun, and a great addition to the day. Alongside the afternoon bridge, we also enjoyed partnership Bingo, keeping the atmosphere light.

Festive fashion was well represented, with a Best Dressed competition adding plenty of laughs. Vicki Hyland, our wonderfully colour-coordinated door greeter and lucky door prize ticket hand-outer, looked every bit like a Christmas present on the day. Best Dressed Male went to Ross McCasker, narrowly beating out Dave Roberts—socks *do* matter, apparently!

Thank you to everyone who played, dressed up, provided prizes, and donated so generously to the Salvation Army. A magnificent result all round—and most importantly, a wonderful day enjoyed by all. 🎅 🎁 ♠️ ❤️

Kathy Duke (Secretary)



Toowoomba Bridge Club

Christmas Party Awards Ceremony 2025

Certificate of Achievement Awards

For players who started the year at the stated ranking and earned the most masterpoints to end of November. The following players were congratulated and certificates presented. For those who could not attend on the day, please collect your certificates when you are next at the club.

Nil Master	Morgan Tullock
Graduate Master	Athol Kerridge
Club Master	Bruce Coward
Local Master	Diana Bryant
Bronze Local Master	Dale Burey
Silver Local Master	Gretchen Graf
Regional Master	Debra Coward
Bronze Regional Master	Suzanne Brazier
State Master	Julie Pigdon
Bronze State Master	Lyn Vary
National Master	David Roberts
Bronze National Master	Kathy Duke
Silver National Master	Joan Mladen
Life Master	Hema De Zoysa
Bronze Life Master	Mavis Simpson
Silver Life Master	John Churchett
Gold Life Master	Ian Jesser
Grand Master and above	Denise Hartwig

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners

For players who earned the most masterpoints to end of November.

	NAME	MASTERPOINTS
1	Hartwig, Denise	101.54
2	Zeller, Elizabeth	93.57
3	Snook, Chris	84.09
4	Wood, Jim	79.09
5	Duke, Kathy	74.71
6	Mladen, Joan	73.80
7	De Zoysa, Hema	56.58
8	Pigdon, Julie	54.30
9	De Zoysa, Shanaal	54.09
10	Fulcher, Robert	51.78

Congratulations Chris Snook



Debra Coward



Diana Bryant



Dale Bury



Gretchen Graf



Suzanne Brazier



Lyn Vary



David Roberts



Kathy Duke



Hema De Zoysa



Ian Jesser



Denise Hartwig



West Room



Best Dressed Female Vicki Hyland

13th December 2025



Christmas Party
Awards
Presentation
Lunch
Bridge
Drinkies



Best Dressed Male Ross McCasker



East Room



Salvation Army Representatives



Tim Porter Dave Edwards Carol Edwards Margaret Tucker



(left) Gretchen Graf, above Bev McCasker



Ngair Wills



Necia Bach Ann Williams, Joan Brownlie, Rosemary Goodsell



Judy Morgan, Fay Short, Kim Nicoll & Iris Faulkner



Eric Rudorfer Glenys Clift Stephan Nugent John Clift



Deb Archer



Ross McCasker Dave Roberts



Jill Cory and Ruth Hanson



Shannaal De Zoysa, Marie & Vicki,



Susie Fraser Vicki Hyland



Kim Nicoll

Winning Performances in Congress Events

Toowoomba Under 500 Pairs
Toowoomba Novice Pairs
Qld Women's Team Trials
Dalby April Swiss Pairs
Dalby April Swiss Teams

Toowoomba Novice Teams

Toowoomba Under 500 Teams

Bundaberg Swiss Teams

Warwick XIMP Pairs
Dalby September Pairs
Dalby September Teams

Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs – A
Hervey Bay Spring Pairs
Toowoomba Kings Birthday Congress
Walkin Pairs NS winners
Pairs – B Grade
Teams – C Grade

Kings Birthday Pairs Shield
Highest Placed Toowoomba Pair
Nancy Penfold Memorial Shield
(Highest placed womens pair)
Hiley-McCutcheon Teams Shield

Hema De Zoysa & Shanaal De Zoysa
Alison Banks & Teena Haslam
Elizabeth Zeller & Julie Pigdon
Joan Mladen & Jim Wood
Joan Mladen, Jim Wood,
Oliver Dashwood & Delma Clark
Bruce Coward, Rosanne Munns,
Dale Burey & Debra Coward
Kathy Duke, Paul Matthews,
Dennis Lincoln & Pamela Steele
Elizabeth Zeller, *Selwyn Nitschke*,
Hugh O'Malley & Judy Zeller
Hema De Zoysa & Shanaal De Zoysa
Diane Wenham & Margaret Keating
Joan Mladen, Jim Wood,
Elizabeth Zeller & *Judy Zeller*
Elizabeth Zeller & *Alison Dawson*
Elizabeth Zeller & *Judy Zeller*

Laurie-Marie McRoberts & Kathy Duke
John Churchett & Trevor Henderson
Gwen Francis, Diana Drummond,
Carol Edwards & David Edwards
Bill Powell & Marjorie Askew (Ballina)
John Churchett & Trevor Henderson
Gillian Mason & Ann McGhee

Larry Moses, Nikolas Moore,
Patrick Bugler & Tim Runting

Recognition on Honour Boards

COL MARTIN SHIELD
TUESDAY NIGHT PAIRS
TUESDAY NIGHT TEAMS

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPION – Open
CLUB PAIRS CHAMPION – Restricted
CLUB TEAMS CHAMPION – Open

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPION – Restricted

Denise Hartwig & Chris Snook
Teena Haslam & Alison Banks
David Roberts, Ngaire Wills,
Lawence Price & Greg Munck
Denise Hartwig & Chris Snook
Debra Coward & Isabella Geldard
Liz Zeller, Julie Pigdon,
Jim Wood & Joan Mladen
Kerry Gibson, Pauline Curin,
Andrew Mollison & Helen Fitzgerald

Trophies and Shields

JOYCE BENSON CUP & HONOUR BOARD Adrian Mayers & Will Higgins

IVY DAHLER CUP - Open

Mohan Trada & Hema De Zoysa

IVY DAHLER CUP – Novice

Mark Hunt & Terry Sheedy

CLIVE BERGOFFER PAIRS

Hema De Zoysa & Shanaal De Zoysa

Honour Board, Trophies & Shield winners



Tuesday Night Teams N Wills
D Roberts, G Munck & L Price



Club Pairs Champ' ship
C Snook & D Hartwig



Club Pairs Champ' ship R
Debra Coward & Isabella Geldard



Club Teams Championship
J Pigdon J Wood J Mladen
L Zeller



R Club Teams Championship
H Fitzgerald P Curin K Gibson
A Mollison



Col Martin Shield
D Hartwig, C Snook



Ivy Dahler Cup -Novice
Terry Sheedy & Mark Hunt



Ivy Dahler Cup
Mohan Trada & Hema De Zoysa



Clive Berghofer Pairs
Hema & Shanaal De Zoysa

A Season of Thanks at the Toowoomba Bridge Club



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around the club—thanks to the wonderful spirit of giving that seems to sparkle just as brightly as the decorations!

This year, six volunteers stayed back to help put up all the Christmas trimmings, transforming our club into a festive and welcoming space. Before a single bauble went up, someone had already washed and ironed all those tablecloths... and before that, someone had sewn and created them especially for us. That's the kind of behind-the-scenes

magic that often goes unseen but makes such a difference to our enjoyment of the club.

And it doesn't stop there. Every week, members quietly tidy the kitchen, refresh the common areas, empty bins, restock bidding slips, sharpen pencils, and take care of the little details that keep everything running smoothly. Some tasks are assigned to teams, but many are simply done by caring people who notice something that needs doing and pitch in without fuss.

Our club is as warm, welcoming, and enjoyable as it is because of all of you. When we ask East-West pairs to tidy their table or encourage everyone to rinse their cups before placing them in the kitchen or dishwasher, it's simply so that the load is shared—many hands really do make light work! And it means we all get to enjoy a cleaner, happier club without relying on the same few people. Christmas reminds us that giving—of time, care, donations to charity, or even just a smile—is what creates a sense of community. In the US they have Thanksgiving, but here in Australia the holiday season gives us our own chance to reflect on how much we have to be grateful for.

So from my heart: thank you to everyone who contributes in ways big and small, and to everyone who comes along, plays bridge, enjoys themselves, and helps make our club such a delightful community. I'm looking forward to another wonderful year of bridge, friendship, and fun in 2026. Warmest wishes, *Kathy Duke*

XMAS DECORATORS



(left) Rosemary Goodsell
Yvonne & Trevor Mallory
with Kathy

(right) Adrienne Montague
and Marie Stegor



Holiday Bridge Schedule

As we head into the festive season, please take note of our adjusted playing schedule:

No Bridge Sessions on:

- Tuesday 23 December
- Wednesday 24 December
- Thursday 25 December
- Friday 26 December
- Tuesday 30 December
- Wednesday 31 December

Special Holiday Social Game: Monday 29 December – Afternoon session (1pm start)

Normal Bridge Sessions resume: · Friday 2 January

And a reminder that the 2026 Club Diary will be available for collection from the club following the Christmas Party on 13 December.

Kathy Duke

Building Maintenance



During November, the 3 monthly service and cleaning of the air con filters was completed on schedule.

An intermittent failure of one of the toilet cisterns to reset has been attended to in the lady's toilet. All cisterns in the male, female and disabled toilets were inspected, and hopefully have been rendered less troublesome.

A new water cooler has been installed in the western playing room. The new design is similar to ones installed in offices and hospital public areas. It has a refrigeration unit only, and does not have an additional fan, the primary source of excessive noise while in operation.

The unit in the eastern playing room is of the same design as the one that was replaced in the western room, so still has a fan. As it is much newer than the unit that has been replaced, it remains in use. The front panel however was only secured by one screw, so it had a tendency to rattle a bit at times. I have addressed that by fitting a second screw to make the panel more rigid.

I have spoken to Anita Schriek, of Schriek Building Group who built our clubhouse, to organise an inspection of some minor maintenance requirements in the new year, and to quote on relative repairs.

As this is my last report for 2025, may I take the opportunity to wish all the best for the festive season, and that 2026 will bring much success at the table.

Terry Sheedy



Membership Secretary Report

Annual TBC Membership subscriptions were e-mailed out through the *My ABF* portal on 19/11/2025. Auto payments are to be deducted on 18/12/2025. Subs should be paid by 31/12/2025. Those with system difficulties or difficulties making payments are welcome to see me. All payments and enquiries will be treated in a strictly confidential manner.

Membership is currently static with Home Members 294 and Away Members 454.

Nothing to report regarding office managers role.

Badges usually turn around in less than a week but experiencing some delivery delays at present possibly due to festive season. *Regards Stephan Nugent*

Welfare Officers Report



“There is not much to report this time. However, I have sent a condolence card to Robyn Jackson acknowledging the death of her sister-in-law, Margaret Barlow, and Laurie Marie McRoberts who recently lost her mother.

Get well cards were sent to Joan Mladen who has a torn leg muscle and Sandy Parker who has had a hip replacement. I also made phone calls or text messages to Helen Walsh, and Sandy Parker to check on their recovery progress. It is wonderful to see these two ladies back at the Club as well as Judy Geisemann who has been away for quite some time. Fleur is experiencing a very difficult time as she cares for her very ill husband. I am sure all members who know Fleur, have her in their thoughts.

“A card was sent to Sue Crooke who broke her hip and a text message to David Lynch to check on his recovery progress. A phone call or text message is the best way to contact me. A happy Christmas to all and may 2026 be filled with good health and happiness”

Remember to contact me if you know of someone who is facing a difficult time. Sorry if I have missed anyone who may have needed a little TLC from the Club.”

Merry Xmas, Kerry Brown



Congress Convenor & Director
Chris Snook



Asst Congress Convenor Kathy Duke



PLACE- GETTERS WITH CHRIS SNOOK & KATHY DUKE



A GRADE 1ST JENNY MCGOWAN - VANESSA BREWIS - VESNA MARKOVIC - VOYKO MARKOVIC



A GRADE 2ND HEMA DE ZOYSA - SHANAAL DE ZOYSA - MAVIS SIMPSON - DENISE HARTWIG



B GRADE: CAROL WILSON ANNE KIRKPATRICK - - PAULINE CURIN - KERRY GIBSON



C GRADE: DON ADSETT IAN HUXLEY - TREVOR CORTHORNE TERRY SHEEDY

RAFFLE WINNERS



JENNY BUCKLEY



DIANNE WENHAM



PAULINE CURIN

Grounds Report - November 2025



Nothing to report from the garden, except on behalf of the other members of the Gardening Group, (Tony Pattison, Melanie Simmons & Bruce Coward) I would like to wish all club members a happy Festive Season.

The Gardening Group

Margaret Tucker

Teaching Update



Beginners' Lessons

The next intake for Basic Beginner Lessons will commence at:
8:45-11:30am

Wednesday mornings Starting 4 Feb 2026

6:45 - 9:30pm

Thursday Evenings Starting 5 Feb 2026

For more details and to pre-register your interest, call Dave on 0414852303 or email Dave if you prefer dr4350@gmail.com

You can come with or without a partner. Please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Trudy will be conducting the Wednesday classes and Kathy will run the Thursday classes.

Do your club a big favour and promote the lessons to all of your friends, neighbours and acquaintances. If you have a social media account would you please post a message encouraging your friends who live locally to come and try Bridge. *Dave*

Message from our Housekeeper.



As a new committee member of the Toowoomba Bridge Club, I am delighted to take on the role of Housekeeper for the next twelve months. I would like to thank my sister Rosemary Goodsell, also a new committee member, as she shares this portfolio with me, and for her support and assistance.

I would especially like to thank all the fellow Bridge members who have shared their advice and knowledge, as I navigate this new role and their ongoing support is very much appreciated. As I only play once or twice a week, should you see any areas that need attention, please let me know and I will follow up.

I will take this opportunity to wish all a very festive Holiday period, stay safe everyone, and I wish you all good bidding decisions in 2026. *Cheers Ann Williams*

Toowoomba

Under 500 and Novice Matchpoint Pairs

Sunday 18th January, 2026



Venue	Toowoomba Bridge Club, 55 Stuart Street, Toowoomba 4350 (07) 4638 4808
Date/Time	Sunday 18 th January 2026 Arrive 9:00am. Play starts at 9:30am
Director	Sue Holburt
How to Enter	Enter and pay via MyABF . Navigate to https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/3582 If you need help with registering via MyABF, contact Trevor Henderson 0419 878826.
Entries close	4pm Friday 16 th January 2026, or earlier if limit of 30 tables is reached.
Entry Fee	\$70 per pair (\$35 per player). Pay via MyABF for the pair, or individually.
Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QBA Regulations apply. • Two separate sections: • Under 500 limited to players with fewer than 500 masterpoints • Novice limited to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints (status as at 31 October 2025). • Red masterpoints at appropriate B4 rate per win plus outright awards to the top third of each field. • Green, Blue and Red systems and Brown Sticker treatments are allowed in U500 section, and Green and Blue systems are allowed in Novice section. • Each pair must have two systemically identical ABF system card at the start of each round.
Prizes	1st (\$200) and 2 nd (\$140) in each section. There may be category cash prizes dependent of field size.
Catering	BYO Lunch. Refreshments available all day, drinks and savouries at end of play.
Convenor	Chris Snook 0413136435 congresses@toowoombabridgeclub.com.au



Three Wise Women

Would have asked for directions,
arrived on time,
helped deliver the baby,
bought wine,
cleaned the stable,
made a casserole,
and there would have been
PEACE on Earth.



Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
New Year!