



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report



The Club's Management Committee members have settled in their roles and on return from a month away I got the impression that, apart from a few minor issues, the Club is in good shape.

The Management Committee has reviewed the recommendations in the Strategic Plan and will be looking at appropriate actions to be taken to ensure the club will continue to prosper in the future.

I anticipate that any resultant changes that may have an effect on our members will be appropriately discussed and publicised.

Some of the highlights since the last Newsletter have been:

- The Novice Pairs congress was held on 31st January with 52 pairs and was Robbie Fulton's swansong as Congress Convenor. Many thanks to Robbie, Chris Snook and all who helped to make this a great event for our Novice players.
- The Open Day was held on Sunday February 14 (St Valentine's Day) with 29 visitors. Many thanks to Glenys Clift and her helpers. 15 of these visitors later attended lessons.
- Beginner Lessons started on Wednesday 2nd March (Trudy Dunne/Glenys Clift) and Thursday 3rd March (Denise Hartwig) with a total of about 50 students in attendance. Our teachers are very important to our club and I thank them for their dedication to their role.
- Patron's Day was held on 5th March and I gather that this was a great success so thanks to all involved.

- The Toowoomba Butler Pairs Congress was held on 3rd April and it was great to see many Toowoomba Pairs amongst the winners and placegetters. Again thanks to all involved.

A listing of Management Committee members and Office Holders is in this newsletter.

Please take the time to read the reports and other items in this Newsletter so that you are informed about recent happenings, coming events and the ways in which you can assist our club to improve.

Many thanks to every volunteer who helps inside or outside the clubrooms. The Club can only operate effectively with your support.

Enjoy your Bridge

Henry Eastment
President

Coming Events

Stanthorpe Pairs Congress

Saturday 21st May. See entry form for details. They are especially encourage novice and rookie players

Darling Downs Novice Pairs Congress

Sunday 29th May. See entry form for details



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PRESIDENT	Henry Eastment
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As well as the elected and appointed positions, the Toowoomba Bridge Club has three sub-committees to help coordinate the running of the club:

TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Tournament Directors: Chris Snook (Chair), Val Buchanan, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Gabrielle Elich, Ian Jesser, Adrian Mayers, Ray Moore, Chris Snook, Ed Willey, Floyd Wilson, Liz Zeller

Trainee Directors: Trudy Dunne, Keith Jenkin, Leonie Spence

FUNCTION and CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Leonie Spence (Chair), Desley Hanrahan, the Provider (ex-officio) and the President (ex officio), Depending on the function, additional members will be the Congress Convenor, the Director of the session involved and the Chief Tournament Director or their nominees.

TEACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Glenys Clift (Chair), Trudy Dunne, Denise Hartwig, Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Liz Zeller, Ann Klibbe.

Membership Secretary's Report

The Toowoomba Bridge Club would like to welcome the following new members:

**Simon Strahorn
Peter Williams
Douglas Clauson
Joan Mladen**

And a special welcome back to Carmen Powell
Our Current Membership totals 424, made up of 337 Home Members and 87 Away Members. This is very similar to where our membership was twelve months ago. When you consider that the majority of our members are aged over 70 and each year we lose a percentage purely through age related factors, to maintain our numbers is probably as good as it gets.

One member I would like to mention is Peg Alcock who through personal circumstances has been unable to rejoin. Peg joined as a member in 1992 and was elected Secretary of our club in 2005 during the period we were fund raising and building our new clubhouse in Stuart Street. Which I can assure you was a very busy time for the Secretary.

Peg also assisted me with beginner classes for 8 years and took charge of the helper's roster on Monday up until about two years ago. So this is my thank you and acknowledgement to a very special lady.

Glenys Clift
Membership Secretary

UPDATE ON TEACHING PROGRAM

The 2016 8-week Beginner Course with Trudy Dunne and Denise Hartwig has now finished. (See Trudy and Denise's reports). While the Day classes will now begin Practice Play leading to Beginner Supervised, in the evening the basic classes will be repeated which is highly recommended because it is the basics that are the most important part of bridge .

EVENING CLASSES REPORT FROM DENISE HARTWIG.

Currently I have 17 new beginners and 12 that have been repeating lessons. I will be repeating Thursday night lessons from lesson 2 through to lesson 8 for anybody who may be interested in doing them again. They start at 7pm sharp and go through til 9.30pm. At the end of that 8 weeks, there will be practice play.

Denise Hartwig

DAY CLASSES REPORT FROM TRUDY DUNNE

The Wednesday lessons are enjoyed this year by about 36 students some who are revisiting lessons from previous years. It can prove difficult for those who had lessons a few years ago as they have to adjust to new conventions such as "better minors" and the 15-17 range for 1NT. There is a good culture in the group and they have given wonderful feedback on the lessons. They have encouraged me to send out lesson details for the following week so they can prepare for a lesson and thus gain more from the experience. They have also encouraged me to send out an extra "homework" task which involves trying to decide how to play a given board which involves important decision making to ensure that the contract is made. This is then discussed at the start of the next week.

Trudy Dunne

ADVANCED CLASSES

**Start Friday 17th June 2016
9AM - 11.30**

The Advanced classes with Glenys Clift will start in June on Friday mornings, 8.45am for 9am start. To reinforce each lesson there will be a practice Supervised Play the following week dealing with each lesson.

These lessons are open to all members of the club and it is highly recommended that members who have already been through basic lessons repeat them as a re-enforcement.

17th June Overcalls & Negative Doubles
1st July Opening Strong Balanced hands
15th July Strong Unbalanced hands
29th July Weak Twos
12th August Coping with Pre-empt
26th August Slam bidding

WORKSHOP JACOBY TRANSFERS AFTER 1NT

**MONDAY 23RD MAY 2016
9AM – 11AM**

I will be running a workshop on Transfers after your partner opens 1NT. The original concept of transfers was not simply to the majors, it is to all suits. The main benefit of transfers is to keep the strong hand hidden and it is done with weak, intermediate and game forcing hands.

After a 15-20 minutes discussion, there will be 12 boards to practice all the different types of responses you can make showing exactly what is in your hand. Members who attend will be given a set of notes and a detailed copy of the hands played.

There is a list left on the notice board for people to put their name down, or you can contact me on 46328932.

Glenys Clift

New Master Rankings

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved new Master rankings:

Graduate

Kathleen Carey
Lynda Oxenham

Club

Geni Russ
Pam Davey
Anne Fisher
Jan Flynn
Virginia Hathaway
Marion Hunt
Alistair Nixon
Margaret Roberts
John Thompson

Local

Paul Barrett
Frank Elston
Desley Hanrahan
Rachel Klupfel

*Local

Jane Lawson
Pamela Macintosh
Peter Corey
Trevor Henderson
David Roberts

**Local

Jill Young
Kay Behrend
Robert Cheesman
Steve Hosfield
Margaret Bradford
Jill Cory

Regional

Lyn Vary
Judith Glasby
Fleur Hopkins
Trevor Glasby
Pat Fenaughty
Cel Phillips
Janice Clark

*State

National

*National

Life

Bronze Life

John Hede
Colin Hutton
Gabrielle Elich
Lorraine Sutton
Robert Fulton
Laurie-Marie McRoberts
Carol Wilson

Silver Life



Congratulations!

Winners are Grinners

The "Monthly Winner" awards are displayed on the noticeboard and on the club website. This is a good way to celebrate the high performing players in each session and also provide additional green masterpoints to those players who play regularly in club sessions.

January Monthly Winners

Monday Dave Roberts & Paul Matthews
Tuesday Ian Jesser
Tuesday Night Henry Eastment
Wednesday am Jill Cory & Lyn Vary
Wednesday pm Lesley Meyer & Fleur Hopkins
Thursday Night Leonie Spence & Jane Lawson
Friday Ian Jesser
Saturday Ian Jesser

February Monthly Winners

Monday A Dave Edwards
Monday B Jane Lawson & Judy King
Monday C Sharyn Gierke & Desley Hanrahan
Tuesday Byron Longford & Adrian Mayers
Wednesday am Jill Cory
Wednesday pm Glenys Clift
Thursday Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood
Thursday Night Dave Roberts & Frank Elston
Friday Sup. Kathleen Carey & Geni Russ
Friday Restr. Lyn Vary
Friday pm Pam Gebbett & Marlene Stuart
Saturday Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers

March Monthly Winners

Monday A Delma Clark & Judy Briggs
Monday B Pam & Steve Hosfield
Monday C Ron & Marie Newbury
Tuesday Adrian Mayers & Bryon Longford
Wednesday am Jane Lawson & Judy King
Wednesday pm Ian Jesser
Thursday Edwin Willey
Thursday Night Chris Evans & Arthur Bilby
Friday am Dave Roberts & Paul Matthews
Friday pm Ian Jesser & Lee Hore
Saturday Robbie Fulton

April Monthly Winners

Monday Trudy Dunne
Tuesday Gerry & Helga Hockin
Tuesday Night Chris Snook & Mohan Trada
Wednesday am Jill Cory & Lyn Vary
Wednesday pm Gillian Whitehouse
& Helen Henderson
Thursday Henry Eastment & Ian Jesser
Thursday Night Greg Munck & Laurie Price
Friday am Lynda Oxenham
Friday pm Val Buchanan
Saturday Henry Eastment

In club competitions:

Col Martin Shield

Edwin Willey & Harvey Billing

Ivy Dahler Cup

Chris Snook & Denise Hartwig

Patrons Day

A Grade

1st Adrian Mayers & Byron Longford

2nd Chris Snook & Mohan Trada

3rd Julie O'Connor & Donella Ferrier

B Grade

1st Barbara Power & Diana Drummond

2nd Leonie Spence & Juleen Cavanaugh

3rd Hugh Robinson & Michele Alroe

C Grade

1st Dave Mulherin & Kathy Mulherin

2nd Judy King & Jane Lawson

3rd Alastair Nixon & Nev Lutton

And on the Congress scene:

Toowoomba Novice Pairs

A 3rd Chris Evans & Juleen Cavanaugh

B 1st Greg Munck & Laurie Price

B 2nd Trevor Henderson & Carmel Caton

B 3rd Tony & Libbie Thorne

C 1st Gerry & Joy Orrin

C 2nd Diana McDougall & Annica Sheppard

C 3rd Virginia Hathaway & Anne Fisher

Warwick Swiss Pairs

2nd Mearon Geldard & Rhondda Dean

Dalby Swiss Pairs

1st Liz Zeller & Dianne Marler

2nd Marlene Stuart & Pam Gebbett

Brisbane Bridge Centre – Easter Graded Pairs

A 2nd Liz Zeller & Pat Larsen

Toowoomba Butler Pairs

1st John Churchett & Byron Longford

2nd Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton

3rd Denise Hartwig & Cheryl Stone

B 2nd Trudy Dunne & Lesley Meyers

C 1st Floyd & Majella Wilson

C 2nd Margaret Tucker & Lyndall Hore

C 3rd Trevor & Judy Glasby

Well done everyone ☺

Cheers

Chris

In the Zone

Grand National Open Teams

The GNOT is a gold masterpoint teams competition comprised of three stages. The first is a qualifying heat that runs in every club in Australia, then each zone runs an area semi-final, and then the top 64 teams play in the National Final (hosted at Tweed Heads at the end of November).

In previous years we have had as low as four and as high as 10 teams play in our one Club Qualifying round. This year we are running three “elimination heats” and the top teams from these heats play in the Club Qualifying event. So far we had 20 teams play in the Wednesday Heat A and 9 teams play in the Tuesday Night Heat B. The last chance to qualify is via Heat C which will be held on two Saturdays in June (4th & 11th).

The Toowoomba Club Qualifier will then be limited to those who earned a place and will be held on Sunday 24th July. The top two (or three) teams from the Club Qualifier will advance to the Zone Area Final. The Zone Area Final will be hosted by Toowoomba on Sunday 21st August.

It is a great opportunity to gain practice in playing teams and also your team earns gold masterpoints per win.

Queensland Open Teams

The zone Qualifying Heat for the Queensland Open Teams was hosted by the Dalby Bridge Club on Sunday 10th April. The top two teams will advance to the Queensland Open Teams Championship hosted by Toowong on 27th & 28th August. We wish them well:

Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment, Liz Zeller and Pat Larsen

Chris Snook, Denise Hartwig, Glenys Clift and Mohan Trada

Queensland Open Pairs

Players from all zone clubs can play in the qualifying event to be held on **Sunday 10th July** hosted by the Warwick Bridge Club. The top two or three pairs are then supported to play in the State Championship on 15/16 October.

Masterpoint Secretary's Report

In the first half of this masterpoint year (October to March) I have processed, and you have earned, 826.81 green, 104.36 red and 96.00 gold masterpoints. In the same period last year it was 918.36 green, 115.44 red and 0.00 gold. In 2013/14 it was 848.56 green, 102.62 red and 0.00 gold.

The masterpoints for April were processed and appear on the ABF masterpoint site, but will not be "credited" to your account until the end of May.

I do need to remind you that the "masterpoints" printed on the noticeboard or shown on our website in the Results section or the Individual Results section, are provisional until I check and process them at the end of the month and they are approved by the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

It is easy to check your masterpoints (or your friends) on the ABF website. Simply visit:

<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au>

and click on "Player – Masterpoints Lookup".

You can do this on the club computers at any time. If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance.

Cheers

Chris

Speeding Up Play

For each round, we allow six minutes to play each board plus we allow an additional two minutes for contingencies and to move when instructed to by the Director. So for a regular session this typically means:

14 minutes to play two board rounds

20 minutes to play three board rounds

26 minutes to play four board rounds

32 minutes to play five board rounds

If you find that you and your partner are continually behind, then you need to speed up. If move is delayed by two minutes for your table, and there are ten other tables in the room – then you have consumed 20 minutes of other peoples' time ☹ If each table causes time to run over by two minutes each it can mean going home at 4:45 instead of 4:20.

Despite these comments, I don't want you to rush your bridge!!!! Here are some tips to speed up everything else so you can take your time to play the cards:

1. **Move immediately when this is announced by the Director.** You should be sitting at the table ready to play the next boards and opponents. If an

opponent is not there, sit anyway. I can almost guarantee if you wander off to do other things, that by the time you return they will have been sitting waiting for you.

2. **Tell the opponents about your basic system and put your system card on the table.** Quite a bit of precious time can be lost by the opponents having to ask what your no-trump is or for you to go fishing in your handbag for your system card.
3. **Start bidding immediately.** As soon as all players are at the table, position the board, remove and count your cards and start the auction.
4. **Don't put the pencil down after each bid.** You will need it again in a few seconds anyway for your next bid, so hang on to it. Besides we have a few compulsive tidy upperers who might put it on the side table out of your reach. Also, there might be a claim that you have put your pencil down to signify that you want partner to realize you have nothing else to bid and you might hold the pencil to signify further interest.
5. **Make the opening lead face down asap.** If you are in charge of the Bridgmate then LEAD FIRST – then whilst other stuff is happening at the table you can enter data. Lead face down so that less time will be lost if you have attempted to lead out of turn. Still call the Director but their explanation will be a lot shorter.
6. **Put dummy down asap.** If you are in charge of the Bridgmate then put down dummy and then enter data.
7. **Agree on the number of tricks before gathering your cards.** If there is later dispute on this it can take quite a few minutes to reconstruct the hand especially if you need to call the Director.
8. When you have finished playing all your boards, **stack them in order in the middle of the table** (or elsewhere if so instructed by the Director). This makes it quicker and easier to move boards, and lets the Director see from afar if you have finished the round.
9. Do not start bidding a board after the three minute warning bell. Call the Director and let them decide what to do. This has always been a club rule.
10. When (8) is complete, you may choose to quietly discuss the hands provided you do not berate partner or yourself, nor talk over the opponents as if they were not there. Or you may go get a drink, etc.
11. If you are running a bit late, then speed up to catch up! Don't take your time because another table looks slow or because someone arrived late to your table.

If we all follow these simple steps we will reduce the problems with slow play and all enjoy our bridge more.

Cheers Chris

System Cards

- Did you know that it is compulsory for each player in a partnership to have a correctly completed “**system card**” in all QBA Congresses and Sanctioned Events?
- Did you know that it is policy at the Toowoomba Bridge Club that you display a correctly completed system card for all red point and competition events longer than one week? We also prefer that you use them at every club session.

The system cards of both partners must be identical, and both cards must be displayed at the table prior to play commencing. Bridge is not a game of secrets and the system card is used to tell the opponents about the system and conventions that you are playing so they don't have to ask about every bid. A side benefit is that before play commences you and your partner can use the card to help remind yourself about the system and conventions that you are playing.

If you don't have a system card, then you and your partner should complete one each as soon as you can. Ask your friendly Director or a senior player (who are also friendly) to help explain how.

System Classifications

Systems are classified according to the characteristics of their opening structures and this must be indicated on your system card. A colour scheme is used to quickly identify between system classifications: GREEN, BLUE, RED and YELLOW. You must make sure you correctly identify your system!!

You determine your system classification by applying the green, blue, red and yellow criteria in order.

GREEN: This will be most natural systems such as Standard American, Goren and Acol.

- One level bids promise at least 8 HCP.
- One level bids are natural and promise at least 3 cards in the suit named. (Except that a 4-4-3-2 hand may call the short club).
- One no-trump must be balanced.

BLUE: Typically a Precision system, or other systems that have a strong artificial one bid.

- One level bids show at least 8 HCP.
- One no-trump is natural.
- One club (or diamond in some systems) is artificial, forcing and **always** strong.
- The other minor may or may not be artificial.
- One level major bids are natural.

RED and **YELLOW** are highly unusual systems and are **not permitted during normal club play**.

Those additional conventions !!!

The following types of conventions are allowed and do not change the basic system classification:

- European-type multi-two Diamonds (showing strength plus 4441, weak major or a strong no-trump hand);
- Opening 2NT showing both minors
- Transfer pre-empt bids

Brown Sticker

Some tricky systems are indicated by adding a brown sticker to your system on your convention card. These include un-anchored multi-meaning 2 and 3 level openings, some un-anchored overcalls, and 2 and 3 level two-suited bids where one of the suits might be 3 cards or shorter.

Summary

You should make sure you have completed and correctly classified system cards with you at all times during play. Make sure you alert all conventional bids, but do not alert doubles, redoubles, cue bids or bids at the 4-level or higher. Give a full explanation of the meaning of a bid if asked by an opponent.

Full details are available in the **QBA System Regulations** (see the www.qldbridge.com website). There is also a link to this information from our own website.

In addition, the ABF have created a new PDF version of the approved system card. I strongly recommend you access the ABF website and complete a copy for yourself and your partner.

Cheers
Chris

Treasurers Report

As at the end of March 2016, the club had \$7635.10 in the Congress account and \$47669.93 in the General account. Total income for the financial year (1 August – 31 March) was \$103,614.48 and expenses were \$76,551.93.

Significant expenses over the past three months have included:

Printing 480 A6 bridge diaries	\$483.20
Printing 72,000 bidding slips	\$642.35
Advertising and Open Day	\$2293.78
Deposit for Storage Shed	\$1380.00
Prize Money for Patrons Day	\$750.00
ABF masterpoints Oct-Dec	\$728.00
142 packs playing cards	\$572.10
Repair 6 indoor emergency lights*	\$803.00
Repair/replace 9 outside lights*	\$2360.00
Council rates – six months	\$2421.50

Cheques already written for April include:

QBA membership levy	\$4648.00
ABF membership levy	\$4965.00
ABF masterpoints Jan-Mar	\$886.52
Concrete path for shed	\$715.00
Final payment on shed	\$3225.00
Club and building insurance	\$1388.00

Our “sinking fund” is spread over three term deposits with Heritage Bank with a total balance of \$120,644.60. This fund is to cover future expenses such as repainting, replacing carpets, carpark repairs, replacing air-conditioners, etc. As the building ages, the maintenance and repair costs (eg those indicated with *) will increase.

Overall, our club continues to do well in providing excellent playing facilities for the game we all love so much.

Cheers
Chris



Bridge for Brain Research Challenge

Congratulations to all those players who participated in this event. The three raffle prizes were won by Mohan Trada, Edwin Willey and Anica Shepard, and we raised:
\$480.00 from table money
\$582.00 Raffle tickets
\$ 60.00 Donations from members
A total of \$1122.00!

Thank you to Denise Hartwig, Jane Lawson, Fleur Hopkins, Leonie Spence, Edwin Willey and all others who helped sell the raffle tickets.

Congress Convenor's Report

Hi All,

The Butler Pairs Congress held on 3rd April went smoothly.

We had a field of 52 pairs, with players from Toowoomba (53), Queensland (13), Darling Downs (11), Toowong (10), Dalby (9), Warwick (2), Stanthorpe (2), Sunnybank (2), Lockyer (1) and Gold Coast (1).

The ranks of the players were: Silver Grand (4), Grand Master (8), Gold Life Master (4), Silver Life (13), Bronze Life (8), Life Master (10), National Master (18), State (15), Regional Master (5), Local (16), and Club (3).

The day was run very successfully thanks largely to Chris, the Director of the day.

Thanks to the director, and the members who came to help on the day and those that assisted in the setting up on the day before.

Also a special thanks to Robbie Fulton and Majella Wilson for their guidance and assistance with running the congress.

David

Provider's Report

I would especially like to thank Lesley Meyer for providing the beautiful sandwiches on Wednesdays which is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Fleur Hopkins for her help also on Wednesdays. Fleur is always there to assist me to make anything else that needs to be done.

Anyone else who may want to help out on Wednesday or Friday please approach me.

Good Bridging,

Keith Jenkin
Provider



Hand of the week with Adrian

A splendid defensive effort from Henry Eastment during the zonal qualifying in Dalby. Opponents bid to 6 NT with Henry S on lead, the hand was

865

Q842

42

10 742

AK10 4

Q4

K5

J63

Q83

K10 97

J85

AKQ3

J932

A1097

J65

96

Henry led H 10. I played the Q and to my big surprise it held, of course a H was returned for 1 down. I don't think there are too many declarers that would play the king on that lead as it looks like the A is with N and the queen is with S. On any other lead declare is unlikely to get it wrong as the only way to make 12 is to lead up to H king. Well done Henry.

Found

A set of BMW car keys have been left at the club. If the owner could let the committee know the location of the car, it will be picked up and well looked after.

Welfare Officer

Please contact Desley Hanrahan on (0416136779) or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or suffering a bereavement and Desley will respond suitably on behalf of the Club.

Congress and Events Catering

At the beginning of the New Year, the Management Committee invented a new position to ensure that events and congresses were handled by one person and this in turn took some pressure off the Congress Convenor as well as the Provider.

I have only made minor changes but I hope people appreciate that fruit, vegetables and crackers and pesto and some sandwiches are always available between rounds. I have deliberately added these to the choices to help players ward off the dreaded sugar highs and lows. With that in mind, I do appreciate everyone's contributions but I kindly ask if you can't bring a cake then bring cheese, fruit etc. it costs less and you don't need to cook it.

Kitchen helpers required for congresses.

Leonie Spence, our catering coordinator is asking people if they can volunteer for 2-3 hrs during a congress to serve food to the players. No cooking or major preparation is required. Contact her via 0435 031 285

Hygiene

Hand sanitiser is available for use for all at the club. Bottles are located at the front door and in the kitchen area. Please use it before handling food or cards.

Session Rules Reminder

Players should be **seated** 10 minutes prior to the start of play for a session.

The Director makes the final decision on seating arrangements and on playing arrangements in the room (eg windows, airconditioning).

Only **green** and **blue** systems are permitted in club events.

System cards are compulsory for competitions and red master point events and strongly recommended for all other sessions.

No notices are permitted on the noticeboards unless approval is given from the club Executive.

Recycling

The club has two recycling bins and they are often not enough to contain our recyclables. There are a couple of things that members can do to reduce the volume of recyclables.

Firstly, any items that can be squashed such as drink cans, plastic water cups and recyclable coffee cups should be squashed before placing in the inside bins. They should also be clean and dry.

Secondly, only put recyclable material in the inside bins labelled Recycling. No food scraps or plastic bags are to be placed in these bins.

Miscellaneous

If you wish to leave plants at the club for others to collect, please wrap them so there will be no dirt spillage and also include a note of the day they were left at the club and who they are for, if known. All plants not collected will be disposed of after 3 days.

Maintenance Report

Various issues have been attended to since the last newsletter.

Parking lot lights have been repaired, the emergency lights have been serviced and the fire extinguishers have been serviced.

A tree has been cut down to make way for the new storage shed, the slab has been put down with a small pathway to link up with the rest of the building.

Reflective tape has been ordered to make the concrete car stops more visible and hopefully prevent people not seeing them and tripping over them.

Some other minor issues are still in the pipe line and will be attended to ASAP.

Adrian Mayers

When leaving the club rooms

make sure that

- All bins are emptied.
- Each table is tidied ready for the next session.
- Close and lock all windows
- Close the blinds.
- Check the back doors are locked.
- Make sure no one is in the toilets or offices
- Find the cat and put it outside
- Lights off and alarm on
- Check the front door latches properly.



Thanks to Our Sponsors

A reminder to members that we enjoy sponsorship support from the following companies:

My Personal Travel Planner

Freedom Aged Care

For contact details and other information provided by these companies, please refer to the sponsorship noticeboard in the club rooms.

Please support the companies that support us



Contact Ainslie Hardie
Owner at My Personal Travel
Planner
(07) 4637-8235



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