Summer 2026



BRIDGE BUZZ

Special points of interest:

- Master points News
- Christmas Party
- Melbourne Cup Flyer

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From the President—Brooke Anderson



It has been a very busy four months at Redcliffe Bridge Club, and not quite the path any of us pictured when we filled in our nomination forms.

What has struck me most is not the amount of work but how many people have stepped forward to share it. Thank you to the committee

members who took on extra duties, to those who served before us and generously helping us get

up to speed, and to every member who has offered a hand. A club like ours relies on goodwill and we have plenty of it.

The practical news first.

A new dealing machine and a new defibrillator (AED) have been ordered, so the club will be better equipped at the table and better prepared should we ever need it.

Planning is also underway to refurbish the office area, and we are hopeful of securing a grant to cover 50% of the cost. More on that as it takes shape.

We had some fun along the way. September's social event was enjoyed by all, and it was a

pleasure to see so many members relaxed and chatting away from the scoreboard. Many of you asked for more of these sessions, so we have been listening.

Coming up:

- Mystery Mitchell on **19 October**.
- Melbourne Cup Day luncheon on **3 November**. Frocks, fascinators, form guides, horse themed shirts -that covers the gentlemen! and a

  friendly sweep are all welcome. No knowledge of horses is required, as it probably won't help.
- Christmas Party on **2 December** 2026 at Dolphins, with live music, lunch, carols and a few games so that nobody suffers competition withdrawal.
- Steve Woodrow Pro-Am on **18 December** 2026

It has also been wonderful to see so many members trying their hand at congresses at other clubs, some with notable success.

QBA Teams of Three: **Ross Shardlow's** team placed 3rd in the A Grade.

Redlands XIMPS: **Jan Kinross and Rosemary Floquet** achieved 2nd place. Congratulations to you all.

Congratulations to **Suzi Brownlow** who passed the Director Proficiency exam.

Representing Redcliffe beyond our own doors makes us part of the broader bridge community and helps attract visitors to our club. If you have been

"Bridge is a game where every hand tells a story and every decision makes a difference."

From the President—Brooke Anderson Con't

tempted but haven't yet taken the plunge, ask a fellow member or the committee, and we will help you find the best way to get involved.

Closer to home. The Great Redcliffe Bridge Club Spring Clean will be held on **6 December** 2026. Many hands make light work, and the scones, jam and cream in the morning and pizza for lunch are an excellent motivation. Come for an hour or stay for the morning. It is a good chance to see our club's history, and to add to it.

Your voice matters.

This is a members' club, and the best ideas come from the people who play here every week. Soon you will be invited to complete a short member survey.

We want to know what you enjoy, what could be better and what you would like to see more of. Your answers will help the committee make decisions that reflect what members want, and we will share what we learn. It only takes a few minutes, and the more of us who take part, the clearer the picture. Of course, you are always welcome to speak to any committee member directly.

Every club has its seasons. What carries us through them is members pulling in the same direction, and since July this has been true of Redcliffe. Thank you for your part in it.

See you at the table,

Brooke



Christmas Party

2 December

Dolphin's

League Club

Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs

The Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs competition celebrates a valued and much-loved member of the club who has been part of the club community for many years.

Ton reached the remarkable milestone of his **101st birthday** earlier this year**!** His ongoing connection to the club is a testament to his love of bridge and the lasting friendships he has formed along the way.

The competition was played over two rounds, on **11 July and 18 July**, with handicap winners recognised in each round.

11 July – Handicap Winners

- **1st:** Helen Chapman and Lou Joce
- **2nd:** Lesley Brown and Denise Holland

18 July – Handicap Winners

- **1st:** Wayne Parker and Peter Murray
- **2nd:** Ross Shardlow and Peter Gruythuysen



Overall Final Results

- **1st:** John Reiter and Bev Connell
- **2nd:** Ross Shardlow and Peter Gruythuysen
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Congratulations to all the winners and everyone who participated. The Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate not only the game of bridge but also the friendships, shared experiences and enduring connections that make our club so special.



Caboolture—Redcliffe Interclub Event—26 July

The annual Interclub Competition between Caboolture and Redcliffe Bridge Clubs was once again a highlight on our calendar, bringing together friendly rivalry, excellent bridge, and plenty of good humour around the tables.

Congratulations to individual placegetters:

1st Greg Gosney and Marg Plunkett
2nd Sandra Routley and Ted Morriss
3rd Eugene Pereira and Gary Wardrop

Our thanks to Club President Peter Gruythuysen and their members for a wonderful day.

The afternoon culminated in the presentation of the **Interclub Shield** to the overall winners, **Redcliffe Bridge Club**.

A sincere thank you to all the players from both clubs for contributing to such an enjoyable occasion, showcasing not only their bridge skills but also the camaraderie and sportsmanship that make these interclub events so special.

We look forward to next year's rematch.

Redcliffe Club Congress—16 August

Redcliffe Congress attracted a field of 38 pairs, directed by **Julie Jeffries.**
Congratulations to club member **Abby Wanigaratne a**nd her partner **Carmel Martin** finishing 2nd overall in A Grade and to **Robyn Church** and **Roxy Blaylock** who were 2nd in B Grade, and C Grade was won by **Chris Loton** and **Terry Davies**.

As always the generosity of members who provided a wonderful spread for all to enjoy during the breaks in play was greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to our volunteers who kept the kitchen going all day was appreciated. Behind the scenes the organization of the Congress by Tournament Organiser **Sandra Routley** and administrative tasks, including the dealing by **Wayne Parker**, ensured the day went smoothly.



Abby and Carmel with Brooke



Players who improved their ranking the most (seeded 38, finished 23rd)

Bridge Lessons Continue to Build New Players

On 5 September, Wayne Parker commenced the final series of bridge lessons for this year. There are now 17 enthusiastic participants completing their lessons before moving on to supervised play and putting their new skills into practice.

A big thank you to Wayne for generously sharing his technical expertise in preparing and delivering the lessons. His commitment and knowledge are helping to introduce more people to the wonderful game of bridge.

Each Saturday morning, Wayne is ably assisted by club members Gordon Gemmell, Ross Shardlow, Sue Kennard, Jill Hanley, Max Kershaw, Brian Vernon, Neville Little and Ilene Little. Their time, encouragement and support are greatly appreciated as the new players develop their confidence and understanding of the game.

Lessons are held at the Redcliffe Bridge Club every Saturday from **9.00 am to 11 am**.

Interested in learning to play bridge? If you know someone who would enjoy learning a new skill, meeting people and exercising their mind, please encourage them to get in touch with the club. New players are always welcome!

Brisbane Zone GNOT Finals 22-23 August

The Brisbane Zone Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Finals are an important event on the bridge calendar, bringing together teams from clubs across the region to compete in this prestigious teams competition. Players have the opportunity to test their skills, work together strategically and compete for the chance to progress further in the national competition.

Redcliffe Bridge Club was proudly represented by three teams at this year's competition, demonstrating the enthusiasm, commitment and talent of our members.

Redcliffe Team 1
Carol Bailey
John Henderson
Peter Stride
Melissa Weber
Annette Hyland

Redcliffe Team 2
Patricia Gower
Karen Gosney
Suzy Brownlow
Jane Doyle

Redcliffe Team 3
Debbie Pearce
Maree Filippini
Magdeline Wong
Noreen Weyling

Congratulations to all our players for representing Redcliffe Bridge Club and taking on the challenge of competing against teams from across the Brisbane Zone. Participating in events such as the GNOT Finals provides a wonderful opportunity to develop skills, gain valuable experience and enjoy the camaraderie that makes bridge such a rewarding game.
Well done to all three teams! We are proud of your efforts and thank you for representing our club so enthusiastically.



Australian-Wide Open Pairs—28 August

The **Open Pairs** competition is a wonderful opportunity for bridge players of all experience levels to enjoy competitive bridge, test their skills and share their love of the game. Unlike the Novice and Restricted Pairs events, which have masterpoint limits, the Open Pairs is **open to all players**, regardless of their masterpoint total.

The entry fee is $5 per player. Clubs have flexibility in choosing the movement for the event. However, care should be taken to ensure that the strongest players are not all seated in the same direction, as this could create an unfair advantage.

The Open Pairs competition celebrates the inclusive nature of bridge, giving players of all abilities the opportunity to compete, improve their game and enjoy the friendships that make our bridge community so special.

Rank	Pair	National results Position	National results Score	Local results Position	Local results Score
1	Annette Hendry & Paul Hendry	22	66.4	2	63.6
2	Melissa Weber & Carol Bailey	110	61.8	5	58.7
3	John Scrivens & Ted Morriss	152	60.6	6	57.9
4	Maria Setiyawan & Errol Miller	154	60.5	9	55.9
5	Jennifer Bavage & Terry Davies	192	59.4	1	64

Club Championship Pairs—4 September

The **Redcliffe Championship Pairs** is one of the highlights of our club's bridge calendar, providing members with the opportunity to showcase their skills, strategic thinking and partnership teamwork.

Championship events bring an added level of excitement to the table, as players concentrate on making the most of every board and working together to achieve the best possible results. Success in pairs bridge relies not only on bidding and card play, but also on communication, consistency and the ability to make sound decisions under pressure.

While the competition provides an opportunity to recognise outstanding performances, it is also a celebration of the enthusiasm and commitment of our members who enjoy the challenge of competitive bridge.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Redcliffe Championship Pairs. Whether competing for the title or simply enjoying the challenge, each player contributed to the spirit of the event.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting the competition. Events such as these continue to strengthen our club, bringing members together through a shared love of bridge, friendly rivalry and good company.

1st	**Herold Rienstra and Bert Luchjenbroers**
2nd	**Ted Morriss and John Scrivens**
3rd	**John Henderson and Annette Hyland**



Harold Rienstra and Bert Luchjenbroers

Australia-Wide Novice Pairs—May 25 to May 31

Our club recently buzzed with excitement during the final week of May as our emerging players stepped up to the table for the 2026 Australia-Wide Novice Pairs. Run locally within regular club sessions from 25 to 31 May 2026, this nationwide event gave our local stars a unique opportunity to compete against peers from every corner of the country without ever having to travel.

For those new to the tournament scene, this event is a highly anticipated fixture on the national bridge calendar, specially designed for players with fewer than 100 Masterpoints (as of the 31 March cutoff).

Organised by Australian Bridge Magazine, the tournament allows local clubs to score their regular duplicate sessions against a massive national field. Every club across Australia plays the exact same pre-dealt hands. This layout allows novices to see how their bidding and play choices stack up against hundreds of other pairs nationwide.

Rank	Pair	National results		Local results	
		Position	Score	Position	Score
1	Rod Bell & Linda Almond	15	67.2	1	66.6
2	Brooke Anderson & Ross Mangano	167	58.8	3	55.1
3	Paula Ivanovic & Susan Gallagher	194	58	7	54
4	Max Kershaw & Chris Loton	230	57.3	8	53.8
5	Ken Waterfield & Joan Watkin	460	53.5	2	58.8

Upcoming Events

Australia Wide Restricted Pairs			Single Session Teams	
Date	**Monday, 26 October 2026**		**Date**	**Monday, 23 November 2026**
Melbourne Cup			Christmas Party - Dolphins Leagues Club	
Date	**Tuesday, 3 November 2026**		**Date**	**Wednesday, 2 December 2026**
Brisbane Zone Inter Club Teams - Sunnybank BC			Steve Woodrow Pro AM	
Date	**Saturday, 7 November 2026**		**Date**	**Friday, 18 December 2026**
Redcliffe Restricted Congress Under 500MPs Teams				
Date	**Sunday, 15 November 2026**			

Photograph Consent – Newsletter and Website

To respect the privacy and preferences of our members, the club will be seeking permission before photographs are published in future newsletters or on the club's website.

Photographs are a wonderful way to capture our club's activities, special occasions and the friendships we share. However, we want to ensure that everyone is comfortable with their image being published.

Before including photographs in either the newsletter or on the website, we will seek the consent of the members featured. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we introduce this process to ensure that our publications continue to celebrate club life while respecting individual privacy and preferences.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Melbourne Cup Day – Fashion, Fun and a Flutter! - 3 November

It's almost time to dust off the fascinators, polish the shoes and get ready for one of Australia's most celebrated sporting traditions — the Melbourne Cup!

The Melbourne Cup is much more than a horse race. It's a day of fashion, festivities, friendly competition and a chance to gather with friends to enjoy the excitement.

And let's remember, **it's not all about the girls!** Gentlemen, it's your opportunity to dress to impress, too. We'll be looking forward to seeing the best-dressed gentlemen alongside the ladies in their finest outfits. So, gentlemen, bring out those stylish suits, colourful ties, smart shirts and perhaps even a hat or two! There's a little friendly competition in the fashion stakes for everyone.

Of course, no Melbourne Cup celebration would be complete without a sweepstake. Whether you choose your horse by its name, number, jockey colours or simply a lucky feeling, there's always the possibility of cheering home a winner!

Sweep Tickets Are Available Now!

Sweep tickets are available at the club for **$10, $5 and $2. Please note: Cash payments only.**

This year, tickets will have a **sealed horse number**, adding a little extra mystery and excitement to the race!
Please note the following conditions:

- You must retain and produce your ticket to claim any winnings if your horse finishes in the top three.
- No refunds will be given if a horse is scratched before the race.

So, grab your tickets, choose your outfit and get ready for a wonderful day of racing, laughter, fashion and friendship.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY FESTIVITIES

♣ Bridge, Fun, & The Big Race Live! ♠

DATE: TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER



1 At least 24 boards of bridge play



2 $25 pp buffet and drinks



3 Live Race on Big TV



4 MYSTERY PAIRS & PRIZES COMPS





BEST HORSE-THEMED MEN'S SHIRT

MOST CREATIVE LADIES' HAT



VENUE: Redcliffe Bridge Club | **BOOK ON:** myABF

GET INTO THE SWEEPS EARLY

CONTACT: Brooke Anderson (Convenor) - 0404 548 176 | Sandra - 0411 373 885

Photos may be taken on the day - if you do not wish your photo taken please notify the committee

Masterpoints for July, August and September

Rank Promotions						
Grade	July		August		September	
	Name	Total MPs	Name	Total MPs	Name	Total MPs
Bronze Life			Wardrop, Gary	402.38		
Silver National					Kinross, Jan	310.45
Bronze National			Blaylock, Roxane	288.90		
Bronze National					Cassin, Paula	253.92
Bronze National			Setiyawan, Maria	203.44		
Bronze National			Gosney, Karen	183.51		
Bronze State					Church, Robyn	172.09
Bronze State					Sinclair, Joanne	149.82
Regional					Crestanelli, Quentin	51.99
Silver Local	Brown, Lesley	35.83				
Silver Local	Waterfield, Ken	35.42				
Bronze Local			Paltridge, Ian	26.37		
Local			Capra, Michelle	15.69		
Club	Harper, Christine	5.65				
Club	Carvill, Michelle	5.55				
Club	Butler, Di	5.01				
Graduate	Joce, Louise	2.32				

To check out your master points go to: https://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au

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