



BWBC AGM 2026 Wrap Up

The AGM commenced at 11:15am at the conclusion of a talk by Lyn Davis from 'We Care Connect' a charity our club supports. The President welcomed the 40 members present, apologies were accepted and the Secretary read the minutes of the AGM held in 2025.

Reports were then given by various club office holders.

President's Report (in summary) – Caroline Nichols

Thank you all for a wonderful year, starting with a special thanks to Lyn Davis for her informative presentation on We Care Connect, one of our 2026 nominated charities. A bridge club is defined by its community, and it has been fantastic to see regular players, returning members, and newcomers building friendships and enjoying the game together. We celebrated several key highlights this year, including our popular competitions, the Melbourne Cup Party (60 attendees), and our Christmas Party at the Diggers in Ettalong (92 attendees).

This success is made possible by the dedicated people behind the scenes. Sincere thanks go to our Committee, Chief Director, Directors, Teachers, and Volunteers, with special recognition to Congress Director Peter Hume, Convenor David Bowerman, Kevin Hughes, and our tireless kitchen team for executing such a seamless Congress event in July. As I reflect on my initial term as President, I am deeply grateful for the guidance from our existing Committee and thrilled to see several newer members stepping up to nominate for the incoming Committee. Looking ahead, I am excited to build on this momentum, grow our membership, and share another enjoyable year of bridge together at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club. Best wishes to everyone for the year ahead!

Treasurer's Report (in summary) – David Adams

The Treasurer gave a comprehensive report on our club finances. The overriding main point was a **loss for the year of \$16000**. The Treasurer then outlined a large number of spending issues that caused the loss which included – Director's Fees, Anniversary Lunch, catering, cleaning, new dishwasher, subsidies of membership fees, dealing fees and more...

The Treasurer spoke about the Council and our weekly rent (\$278). He also focused on the Congress which has financially improved with the move to Ettalong Seniors Centre.

We are currently secure with \$66000 in assets but the new committee will need to keep an eye on a range of costs.

Auditor's Report (in summary) – Jorgen Boettiger

Based on the information given to me, I confirm that the Profit and Loss Statement which shows a loss for the year of \$16,653.75 and the Balance Sheet which shows net assets of \$66,407.57 give a true and fair view of the club's financial position.

Tournament Secretary's Report (in summary) – Peter Hume

The club maintains a steady six-day weekly schedule. Wednesdays are currently our largest session (9–10 tables), while most other days average 5–8 tables. Friday morning supervised sessions are flourishing at 7 tables. Conversely, Thursday attendances remain weak at 4–5 tables, down from a pre-COVID peak of 16.

We scheduled 15 B4c redpoint events in 2026 and have been allocated 16 for 2027. To boost participation—particularly among novices—the committee introduced prizes for open and novice winners. Moving forward, we aim to resume separate open and novice fields (minimum 4 tables each) where numbers permit, relying on pre-entry to streamline organization.

Our internal Club Championships were well contested. Congratulations to all winners, who will be formally recognized at our presentation day later this year.

Chief Director's Report (in summary) – Sylvia Foster

I would like to thank our wonderful group of directors whom we need to manage our games of bridge. John Aldersley joined our team of directors which means we have every session of the week covered. We hold meetings on a regular basis and decided to follow the guidelines shown on the Bridge NSW website.

Membership Secretary's Report (in summary) – Elaine Hume

- ♠ **Membership:** Currently 130 home club members (4 life members) and 39 non-home members, up from 113 home members last June (51 non-home).
- ♠ **Sessions:** Running 6 days a week (averaging 5–8 tables per session), with our newest Friday afternoon slot regularly pulling 20–30 players.

Teaching Report (in summary) – David Adams

We've held two lots of lessons so far this year. Quite a number of players have joined the club and many participate in our Friday supervised session.

Supervised players are successfully transitioning into weekly sessions, club operations, and special events like Interclub Teams.

Jenny Buckley has been a big supporter of the lessons and supervised sessions. A big thank you to Jenny for that.

Committee Elections

David Bowerman took the chair and declared all positions vacant. As the number of nominations for the committee exactly matched the vacant positions David was able to declare each position filled. See table below...

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Nominations for Committee for 2026

OFFICEBEARERS:		
PRESIDENT	Caroline Nichols	Nominated: Connie Lewis Seconded: Marilyn Reid
VICE PRESIDENT	Connie Lewis	Nominated: Caroline Nichols Seconded: Marilyn Reid
SECRETARY	Annette Bonnici	Nominated: Denise Edwards Seconded: Thuy Chapman
TREASURER	Mark Mannion	Nominated: Jenny Buckley Seconded: David Adams
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:		
	Michael Hall	Nominated: Denise Edwards Seconded: Karen Jamieson
	Denise Edwards	Nominated: David Adams Seconded: Julie Barker
	Chris Cayley	Nominated: David Adams Seconded: Dawn Spencer
	Carolyn Harper	Nominated: Susan Beavis Seconded: Michael Hall
	Barry Foster	Nominated: Caroline Nichols Seconded: Stephen Anderson

Tha AGM was closed by the President at 11:50