



CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22ND August 2020 at 2-00pm

On the 11th July 2020, a notice was issued to all members informing them that the AGM for our club would be held at 2-00pm on 22nd August 2020.

At that time, it was intended that a suitable venue would be found to allow the AGM to proceed and accommodate all members who wanted to participate. The venue eventually chosen was the Mingara Recreation Club, a booking was made with the club for the above date.

Since that time feedback from members indicates that there is a reluctance to attend large gatherings of this type due to concerns over Covid 19. In addition, many of our members have mobility issues. There is also the possibility that the selected venue may not be available due to changes in Government restrictions.

The AGM this year will therefore be conducted online as a Digital Event with an Electronic Ballot using special secure software. Each member's vote will be entirely confidential no other member will know how they vote including the committee.

Full information and documentation will be provided to all members via email and/or the website including full instructions on how to participate in the AGM digital event.

There will be no face to face meeting. Instead all the necessary documentation and reports will be available on the website. Each member will be able to access the minutes of last year's AGM and SGM and all the reports including the Treasurer's report. In addition, details of a Special Resolution and two Ordinary Resolutions, along with explanations will be available. Members should peruse these documents and direct any questions arising from them to the Secretary on ccbridgeclub@gmail.com before **4.00pm on Saturday 15th August**. Any questions submitted will be published on the website along with the answer provided.

Any member wishing to nominate for a position on the committee should download a form from the website, print it and fill it in. It should be scanned or photographed and must be submitted to the Secretary by **4.00pm on Saturday 15th August**.

Voting will take place from 9.00am on **Monday 17th August until 2.00pm on Saturday 22nd August**. Members will be provided with the necessary ID and passwords and the link to access the voting software. Anybody who experiences any issues with the process should contact the Secretary as soon as possible so that the problem can be fixed. Once the session is closed at **2.00pm on Saturday 22nd August** no further voting will be possible.

The Clubroom will be opened on **Saturday 22nd August from 10 am to 2.00pm** for members who have trouble in using computer technology. The club computer will be available along with the expertise of Gary Barwick. Peter Johnman will be in attendance as the official scrutineer. Please note that this service is only available for those without internet access or who are not familiar with computer technology. Social distancing and government health regulations will be enforced.

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The following business is to be transacted at the digital AGM.

Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes of SGM

Reports

Treasurer	Austin Driscoll
President	Jean Moran
Tournament Secretary	Gary Barwick
Congress Reports	Pam Townsend / Sally Clarke
Chief Director	Sally Clarke

Resolution and Election Voting

Special Resolution

- 1 **That:** The Central Coast Bridge Club Inc. Constitution be repealed and replaced in its entirety with the new constitution signed for identity by the President on 28th July 2020

Ordinary Resolutions

- 1 **That:** Any single expenditure by the Committee over \$15,000 must be approved at a general meeting by resolution of the members.
- 2 **That:** Any sale of land or assets by the Committee over the value of \$5,000 must be approved at a general meeting by resolution of the members.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Results will be published as soon as they are received.

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The digital AGM has been very successful with a participation rate of 65% (over 188members) which is far more than is usually achieved even when controversial issues are on the agenda. Thank you to everybody.

Congratulations to the new committee which is as follows:

President:	Louise Lewis
Vice President;	David Purkiss
Secretary:	Stephanie Mathews
Treasurer:	Phil Thomas

Committee Members:

Norm Berger
Colin Kleinig
John Redfearn
Kerrie Ransom
Rod Shellshear
Jill Wildey
Graham Williamson

A full report of the results can be found here.

The Club owes a significant debt of gratitude to Gary Barwick who almost single handedly has researched the required software, set up and administered the digital AGM and has also fixed any issues that have arisen. I would like to thank him for the amount of work that he has put into this project.

We believe that digital AGM's are the way of the future. Given that our constitution prevents the use of proxies this technology provides the means for any member to vote, no matter where they are. It also allows members to vote in their own time without feeling any pressure from others in the room.

Thank you to everybody for the opportunity to be your president for this past year, it has truly been my honour.

Jean Moran
On behalf of CCBC Committee

