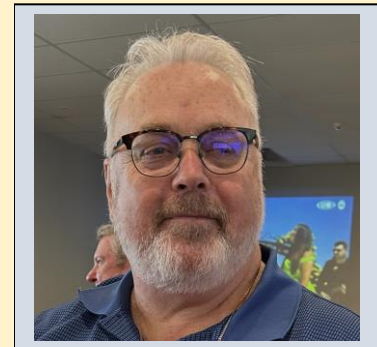




JUNE/JULY 2025

## ***Introducing our new President for 2025-26 Peter Cloughessy***

Welcome to the 'Winter' edition of our newsletter. Since I've taken over the reins of President of the Bridge Club I've hit the ground running! A shortage of directors for several reasons has left me directing probably more sessions than I had planned but it's all good. Here's just a little of my background.



I'm an old Sydney boy who moved to the Central Coast in 1982. I joined the federal public service and worked in Social Security as it was then known, and later Centrelink. My career was mainly in the technical area. The highlight was receiving an Australia Day medal for services to the retired. I discovered the joys of bridge in 2013 and have enjoyed every minute of it since.

### ***Your Committee for 2025-26***

***Peter Cloughessy (President)  
Norm Berger (Vice President)  
Rod Shellshear (Treasurer)  
Lyn Paton (Secretary)  
Ros Hoatson  
Brian Millanta  
Matt Raj Mal  
Jill Wildey  
Sue Woodbury***

### ***Our session times -***

***Monday 9.30 am and 1.30 pm  
Tuesday 1.00 pm  
Wednesday 1.00 pm  
Thursday 9.30 am and 1.30 pm  
Friday 1.00 pm (followed by drinks  
and nibbles)  
Saturday 1.00 pm***

## ***Upcoming lessons***

### ***Bridge for beginners***

A six week course of beginners lessons commenced on Tuesday 29 July in the Training Room with Matt. We've enhanced this program with a starting time of 9.30 am to allow for everyone to meet and greet over morning tea. This course will be followed by a further four week session of beginner only group play.

### ***Intermediate bridge***

Kerrie and Peter Johnman recommenced their lessons on Wednesday 30 July with another great turn up. All are welcome to come along to these lessons to learn tips and tricks to enhance their play.



## ***Wishes and condolences ....***

### ***Vale Angela Dougall***

Angela passed away peacefully during the early hours of the morning. Members of the CCBC attended her funeral in western Sydney and for those who were unable to attend, a wake was held at the club. Kevin and Angela's son and family came along and spoke, we all brought in masses of food and we celebrated the life and stories of a long time member of our club



#### ***Exerpts from a Song for Mumma (by Angela's son, Peter)***

***Born into humble beginnings living in the fruit shop  
Shared a double decker with Carol  
Uncle Ray slept up top  
Sisters Gloria and Grace complimented the flock  
A champion at the bridge table  
Knew every opponent by name  
Winning every third tournament with Kevin  
Grand masters you became  
A devoted wife, grandma and sister  
We are going to deeply miss ya  
Compassionate caring and quiet soul  
Even when life took its toll  
You didn't curse or complain  
Although you were in pain  
Beautiful to the end you were  
Mum, your presence now lives in our hearts  
forever more***

***Our thoughts are with those of our members who are not well at the moment and we wish you all the best and hope to see you back soon at our tables .....***

# ***CCBC bridge results ....***

## ***Our club -***

- Wamberal Cup (Wednesday 4 June) – 1<sup>st</sup> Marie Tucker and Sylvia Robb
- Late May pairs (Friday 13 June) – 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Kleinig and Mark Mathews
- June pairs (Wednesday 25 June) – 1<sup>st</sup> Norm Berger/Annette Houtman (N/S), Nola Daly/Steve Calcroft (E/W)
- June restricted pairs (Thursday 26 June and 3 July) – 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Sappideen and Ros Hoatson (N/S), Jan Perring and Rod Shellshear (E/W)
- Restricted pairs (R) ((Thursday 3 July) – 1<sup>st</sup> David Purkiss and Peter Cloughessy
- GNOT qualifier for regional final (Wednesday 2 July) - 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Stephens, Colin Kleinig, Louise Lewis, Vic Pietraszkiewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Richardson, Lucy D'ambrosia, Nola Daly, Berenice Air

## ***Other clubs -***

- Country teams regional final (BWBC) (June 22) – CCBC teams came in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- BWBC Congress (Sunday 20 July) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Heyting, Steph Mathews, Louise Lewis, Vic Pietraszkiewicz

## ***Coming up -***

### ***August***

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Regional final (BWBC)

### ***September***

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – InterClub teams – Community Bridge Club
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Swiss pairs – Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Swiss teams –CCLCBC

*NB – Sydney Spring Nationals 18 – 26 October 2025 (Canterbury Park Racecourse)  
(for more information SN@bridgensw.com.au)*



*Pssst ..... Did you know that we have a  
Facebook page? Follow us on :*

*<https://www.facebook.com/CentralCoastBridgeClub/>*

## ***Novice and restricted congress results (CCBC members) ....***

### ***Swiss pairs***

- Aaron Poon/Duncan Lai – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Simon Elderfield/Kirsten Hartley – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Phil Thomas/Rod Shellshear – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Colleen Milne/Gail Beverley – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Vic Pietraszkiewicz/Jane Stephens – 7<sup>th</sup>

### ***Swiss teams***

- Peter Muller/Colin Kleinig/Jane Stephens/Lucy D'ambrosia – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Joan Pavitt/Graham Williamson/Gail Beverley/Colleen Milne – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sandy Boyd/Shannon Queree/Tracie Williams/David Duke – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Leonie Lovell/Marilyn Scott/Frik Gautschi/Trish Howard – 4<sup>th</sup> (novice winners)



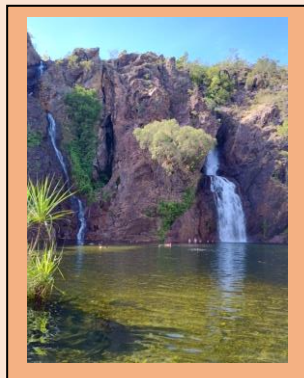
***A special thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped out with the setting up, dismantling, supervising and providing all the food - lunches, snacks, nibbles, cakes, slices and treats. It was all amazing and the feedback was positive and profuse.***



## ***What some of our members are doing when they're not playing bridge ...***

### **Carol Patton – The Kimberleys**

Carol has shared a few photos from her recent trip from Darwin to Broome by coach, visiting Litchfield National Park, Kakadu wetlands, Katherine gorge, the Kimberleys and ending the trip in Broome. The photos are Wangi Falls, China wall, a naturally occurring quartz wall that runs intermittently for miles, and the camels heading home from Cable Beach.



### **Denise Skipper – Bali**

On her recent trip to Bali, Denise visited the Wisatawan temple with the volcanic (and misty) Mt. Agung in the background



### **Chris Passifaro – Singapore family trip**

Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, we headed to Singapore with all our family. 8 adults and 8 children. We saw the sights of Universal Studios, the Science and Art Museum, the Singapore Zoo, Gardens by the Bay, Chinatown, Little India and of course we had a Singapore Sling at Raffles to treat ourselves. We swam at Santosa Island, played volley ball, lunched and saw Singapore by lights, watched the State of Origin with other Aussies and enjoyed each others' company. What a way to celebrate!



## Carolyn Dickinson – Japan

May 2025, saw Jill and I travel to Japan for an ultimate tour of the main island, Honshu. We travelled through cities, rice paddies, market gardens, tea plantations, stunning gorges of the Oi River and mountains a plenty, topping these off with a visit to the fifth station of Mount Fujiyama. The cleanliness of the whole country, politeness and respectfulness of the people were very apparent from the time we arrived, along with heated toilet seats in both public and private facilities. One of our highlights was a six-course dinner while being entertained by a delightful Geisha girl. She sang, danced, played a traditional game with volunteers, answered questions and then came around the table chatting to each of us. Such a treasure! This was in stark contrast to the Sumo training session we attended in a Sumo home owned and run by the Coach. The beautiful gardens of Yokohama Port, the fascinating Ninja House with all of its hidden protective tricks and weapons, Chinatown (in Japan), Himeji Castle where we made it almost to the top, the overnight ferry ride from Kyushu Port to Osaka, the houses over the fishermen's boats in Funaya, our Japanese meals, supermarkets, vending machines all provided friendly encounters with the Japanese people who were always willing to go out of their way to help. We did so much more - saki tasting, making our own green tea, touring traditional villages in the mountains, eating street food at little outdoor bars, walking Tokyo by night. Just ask us. We'd be happy to talk for hours!



## HELP!

Would any of our members like to join our maintenance team to help out with small handyman work when we need it? Keith Woodbury is on board and would be happy if one or two others would be prepared to help out



## LUNCH BY FERRY

If you are interested in a trip from Ettalong to Palm Beach with lunch at the RSL, add your name to the list on the notice board at the club. Some already have! \$30 for the day includes the ferry and lunch. We're thinking late September.

## ***Open day at the club - John Redfearn***

On Saturday 2 August – 10.00 am – 12.00 pm John Redfearn will host an open day at the club with an information session for any outside newcomers who are interested in learning how to play bridge. If you know of anyone who would be interested in coming along, please let them know.

A delicious assortment of nibbles, including sausage rolls, cakes and slices will be provided for temptation purposes.

This session will be followed up on the weekend of Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August for those newcomers, with simple lessons on bidding a hand then playing the hand.



## ***Last thoughts ....***

*If opportunity doesn't  
knock - build a door .....*

*No act of kindness, however  
small, is ever wasted*

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*Jill Willey - Editor*