

Minutes for Committee Meeting Central Coast Bridge Club

Date: January 14, 2026

Time: 9:30 am

Meeting Roles:

Chair: Peter Cloughessy

Secretary: Lyn Paton

Attendees: Peter Cloughessy (PC), Norm Berger (NB), Rod Shellshear (RS), Lyn Paton (LP), Matt Raj Mal (MRM), Brian Millanta (BM), Ros Hoatson (RH), Sue Woodbury (SW)

Apologies: Jill Wildey (JW)

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting December 17, 2025. Proposed JB, Seconded BM, all in favour.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Beginners' lessons will start on February 10 at 9:30 am.
- Suggestions for IT professional: 1. Gillian Aldridge & Vivian Millanta – King IT (used by the Croquet club) 2. Chrissie Flanagan – Bellmax Technologies 3. Jenny Walmsley. 4. Gary Barwick. Rod will approach Gary Barwick him.

Out of Session Motion:

Motion: "*The club purchases a portable scaffold for ongoing works and maintenance purposes.*"

Moved RS, seconded NB, all in favour

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. 1 Jan Colin Kleinig: Proposed a library of children's books for grandparents to borrow.
2. 11&13 Jan Berenice Air: Suggestion for D R Trophy
3. 12 Jan John Redfearn: Expressed dismay that the committee has decided to cancel State Novice and Restricted Teams.

Outgoing:

1. 18 Dec, 2025 Geoff PEEBLES, Lynette HULSTON, Ron SILARSAH, Chantal SILARSAH – New member welcome letter
2. 18 Dec, 2025 Mitch Dowling, BridgeNSW – CCBC will not host the State Novice and Restricted Teams Congress in the future.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- Kid's library (Colin K) will not be implemented.
- Berenice Air re trophy or recognition for DR. A plaque to recognize donors is to be placed at the front of the club. It will be general and not individually recognize donors by name.

Membership Applications: Jane THOMAS. Proposed SW, Seconded NB, all in favour

Treasurers Report:

December:

Total Income	\$	16,215.84
Total Expenses	\$	8,216.71
Net Profit	\$	7,999.13

YTD April-December (9 months)

Total Income	\$	118,083.54
Total Expenses	\$	92,554.42
Net Profit	\$	25,529.12

Notes:

1. Income for this month included annual membership fees of \$4,418.21 and Congress \$2,606.23
2. An application is being lodged for stamp duty exemption on the CCBC Insurance premium. If successful, the premium will be in the order of \$11,500 to be paid this month. The premium will be \$2,500 more than last year, or \$3,500 if the exemption is not granted.

Motion: *"The discount on vouchers is to be removed immediately"*. Proposed RS, Seconded SW, all in favour.

Note: The cost of a game remains at \$10. We still encourage members to buy vouchers as it makes organization of play faster.

Tournament Secretary:

- Don Paton will be taking over the Tournament Secretary role. NB to work with him until the next AGM.
- Upcoming events are to be displayed on the Noticeboard at least one month in advance.
- Feb 18: Individual Club Championships. The whole-day event will cost \$30
- Trying to contact Peter Hume to be a director.

Masterpoint Secretary: Stewart Duxbury is now the MP Secretary. BridgeNSW has been advised.

Report from Marketing Sub Committee:

- RSA course completed by Sue and Keith Woodbury.
- The sign for the front of the club discussed. Sue to go back to the installer to discuss further details. Sue to email committee to get immediate feedback and move forward.
- John has agreed to do lessons for the Schools Challenge on 13 to 17 April.
- 4-day Congress: John is insisting on hot meals – discussion on how that could be achieved.
- Wyong Senior's Expo, Wyong Racecourse Thursday 5th March 10am-1pm. PC volunteered and we will ask other members to volunteer to man the info both.
- NSW Seniors Festival Open day Wednesday 4th March (7 March). Wyong Council was asked for one date 4/3. SW to change the date from Wed (GNOT) to Sat if possible.

Report from Teaching and Development Sub Committee: No meeting has been held.

Norm to co-ordinate future meetings.

General Business:

JR: Some Ideas for 2026 on ways to increase numbers on Saturday.

- a) Free game vouchers is unlikely to change long term attendance.
- b) Motion: *CCBC pay the entry fees to the State Novice and Restricted Teams Championships for both Novice and Restricted highest ranked CCBC members from our Congress.* Moved NB, seconded RS, all in favour.
- c) Teams of Three: If John would like to organize it on a Saturday, we support him.
- d) Announcing results: People who want to know, look at the results on the board or website. John, or any director, may announce winners if they choose to do so.
- e) Using Compscore to calculate improvement above the average score. Free vouchers cannot be issued for specific days. Therefore, it will not encourage people to come on a Saturday.
- f) Fun days: Most committee members are not interested.

- g) Invite CC clubs to attend lessons: These have been made free for our members to improve the skills of our players.
- h) Invite CC clubs for free games lunch. We did this in 2025 and they did not respond. Community Club sent no teams to the most recent interclub teams' day.
- i) Advertising billboard: Not adopting. The Marketing sub-committee are working on a variety of advertising strategies.

SW: Discussion on supporting new members.

Meeting Closed: 11:11 am

Next meeting: 11 February 9:30am

Lyn Paton (Secretary)

Peter Cloughessy (President)