



Byron Bridge Club Bulletin – November 2025

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1. The Mysterious 2♣ Bid (Board 12, Last Friday)

What happened:

West opened 2♣ — partner naturally assumed a big hand (22+ HCP). In truth, West held just 2 HCP (Jack of Clubs and a few scattered cards). The contract was played by E/W and went down one, yet somehow scored a top for E/W! Across the field: 4 tables played 3NT making 10 tricks, 1 played 2NT making 10, 1 played 4♥ making 6, 1 played 4♣ making 9.

What should have happened:

Once West realised their blunder, they should have immediately alerted the Director before the opening lead, stating the 2♣ bid was made in error. The Director would then consider whether N/S were disadvantaged. The ruling depends on whether the opponents could reasonably have recognised the bid as impossible given the total point count. In this case, while N/S held 26 points, it wasn't obvious — so the penalty goes to E/W for the blunder. Verdict: Forfeit chocolate!

2. NSW Bridge Presidents' Day @ Ballina

Tuesday 11 November, 10am–2pm

I'll be attending — and can take one other club member along. First in, first served! A great chance to meet other clubs and share ideas.

3. Feros Outreach – Byron & Bangalow

We recently paused the Feros Bangalow outreach to reassess our capacity for consistent play. With two in-house bridge players and one learner, we can comfortably manage with one club volunteer, or two if available.

A huge thank you to everyone who's already helped — this activity means a lot to the residents, and those who've participated have found it deeply rewarding.

I've committed to Tuesdays, 2:00–3:15 pm, and would love your support. Please let me know if you can join in and any Tuesdays you're not available between now and the end of January. I'll prepare a roster, and all materials are stored onsite at Feros ready for play.

4. Bridge NSW – New Website & Newsletter

Bridge NSW has refreshed their website with plenty of useful info, updates, and resources:

<https://bridgensw.com.au>

And a big thanks to Eda for keeping our club website current and looking great!

5. Teams Day – Friday 21 November

Leo has noted a slow response so far. Given the logistics of organising the event, the committee will make a final decision this Friday on whether to go ahead.

It's true — the hall gets hot in summer, and unfortunately, the owners aren't prepared to install air conditioning, even after our offer to contribute significantly last year.

Over the past two years, Leo and the committee have explored dozens of venues — from halls and clubs to showgrounds and pubs across Bruns, Mullum, Byron, Suffolk, and Bangalow — but none have proved suitable. Cavanbah Centre: excellent but too expensive (and not popular with members). Bangalow Bowlo: perfect facilities, but they couldn't guarantee weekly availability.

So we'll make the best of it: we'll run the fans, serve ice blocks for afternoon tea, and of course, enjoy the usual delicious cakes and sandwiches. Stay cool and play well!

Ken Mclean