

# Byron Bridge Club Bulletin

1 August 2025

Dear Byron Bay Bridge Players,

Our outreach program with Feros Bangalow continues to thrive--this week marked our fourth session. Two experienced players who, for various reasons, can no longer attend regular games have rediscovered the joy of bridge. What began as a casual game has become the highlight of their week, and seems to spark improved recall. Each Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. (until about 3:30 p.m.), we aim to provide two playing partners and one member as a "coach" to help with memory prompts. We're looking for a few more volunteers to join the roster--perhaps once every three or four weeks?

Leo has reissued the Duty Roster through to the end of the year. A key role is the Host, who opens the club, sets up the room, and introduces the session. If you arrive early, the Host would welcome a helping hand with setup.

Our next Committee Meeting is on 8 August, and we'd love to hear your suggestions, ideas, or any changes you'd like to see at the club. While we can't promise to implement everything, we certainly can't consider it if we don't know! If you'd like to join the Committee, you'd be very welcome--or simply come along and observe.

An idea for discussion: would there be interest in finding a "twin" club to play occasional online matches and perhaps even exchange visits? Ideally, it would be somewhere as appealing as Byron--maybe Mexico, Turkey, or Crete? We'd love to hear your thoughts, suggestions, or contacts.

Thanks to everyone who expressed interest in the GNOTs. We're pleased to report that Edna and

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Starlet have teamed up with Graham and Ian (long-time associate members and former club champions). We wish them the best of luck in this fun event!

## News from the Front

We're now halfway through the Handicap Competition, and it's shaping up to be much tighter than in the past two years. So far, 67 players have earned handicap points. Remember: 1st place earns 5 points, 2nd earns 3, and 3rd earns 1. At this stage, 13 players are within 10 points of the current leader, with a large and hungry pack chasing close behind.

Thanks, Peter, for the update!

## Upcoming Events

- All-Day Teams Event - Friday, 19 September
- Spring Pairs - Week 1: 10 October | Week 2: 17 October

Our annual Charity Day will be held on Friday, 15 August. The Charity of 2025 is Help In Your Area 2479 - HIYA 2479. This initiative is led by the Bangalow Men's Shed and aims to help address the lack of resources in the 2479 (Bangalow) area for people experiencing hardship. It also involves the CWA, four local churches, and the Lions Club. As usual, all table fees for the day will go toward the charity. All members who are able are encouraged to contribute a little more than usual--perhaps add a dollar or two (or more) if you're in a position to do so. We'll also welcome David Noakes from the Men's Shed, who will give a short talk about the charity, how it originated, and what it hopes to achieve.

A friend who plays at Noosa Bridge Club recently visited and shared some insights. Their club owns

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its premises, boasts 400 members, runs sessions every day--and charges just \$6 per game! Food for thought as we continue building our own niche of fun Fridays. Four hundred members and daily sessions may sound daunting--but also inspiring.

Finally! If you need to call the Director, please remember to add "please" to the request. Directors undergo training, keep up to date, and take pride in their work. Adding please makes the request more collegial--and far less like a command!

Warm regards,

Ken McLean