



Byron Bay Bridge Club Inc.

Byron Bridge Club Bulletin

December 2025

1) Summer playing time 0930-1330

Thanks to all members for a great response to a proposed change of playing time during December and January. A number of members had suggested this change as it was apparent at the teams Day that playing between 9.30-noon was far more pleasant than playing between 2-4.30pm. Following consideration of the responses, the Committee has agreed to a 0930 start (seated by 0915) finish 1.30 with a short morning tea. We'll book the hall from 8am if you want to bring your pastry and have a coffee before bridge (and help set up the tables&chairs !!) and close at 3pm for those who wish to stay for BYO lunch and/or a drink.

As if to reinforce the need for a review yesterday's play was very hot and although we had 11 tables play was curtailed a round earlier as everyone sweltered!!

This is short run trial starting Friday 19th December (after the Xmas party on 12 December) until and including Friday 27 February 2026. There is no play on Friday 26 December and Friday January 2.

2) Teams day

Although we had some reservations about getting sufficient numbers we had a full card and a waiting list. It was quite a long day but a great day. I found it very useful to think of the game with a new mindset geared around maximising IMP. A great day and we'll probably repeat it in 2026.

3) Feros Outreach – Byron & Bangalow BRIDGE4U

I've just published the roster for Jan/Feb as we're all getting into the swing of the gig. Still waiting to hear back from Byron to firm up their commitment and the number of players/days. Once this is clear we'll have a look at what is feasible. Similarly for the local schools - I'll reach out to them in the New Year to gauge interest in a period a week for some seniors who may want to learn.

4) **New starts “ab initio” 2026**

We'll kick off our lessons in March with Social and ECHO advertising in the New Year. Entries will close off with 8 participants for 8 Friday morning sessions followed by two weeks of structured play and then "P platers" when they join our club or their home town. Pricing TBA but around \$50 each or \$100 with guarantee of a matching to a partner and play at our Friday sessions. Those with the \$100 ticket will need to do the work which includes face to face and online learning plus an assessment with two of our club members before we launch them into the fray!!

5) **Bridge NSW**

Earlier this month I attend a Regional session with Bridge NSW in the Ballina Club rooms. It was a pity that no one else was able to join me as this was a very informative session. I've attached their latest newsletter which shows how active our NSW body is in developing our game. Check their website for the latest news and their activity. We worth a look. <https://bridgensw.com.au>

6) **Directors**

We're still looking for members to trains as DIRECTORS. These positions are vital to our game and particularly for those who want to play elsewhere against competitive clubs.

7) **LISMORE Challenge**

Our colleagues at **Lismore Bridge Club** have invited us to attend their big event on 26th February. More details shortly but if you want to have fun and extend your reach then mark the day. Our Committee will consider hiring a minivan for the day (maybe pick up in Ocean Shores / Bruns and Bangalow) and car pooling. I think we all know that Lismore club numbers are depleted and supporting this event will be great for them, and good for us to support bridge in the region generally but also to support the links between our two clubs. To help us with transport could you indicate whether you're interested please by emailing byronbridgeclub@gmail.com.

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