



CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025 / 26 YEAR

Caloundra Bridge Club has had another successful year.

Our membership numbers have had a healthy increase, up from 280 this time last year to 323, with 272 home, 49 Away and 2 Life Members.

I repeat from my report last year : Caloundra is extremely lucky to be able to call upon many volunteers who work tirelessly to make the Club run efficiently. This work is often done anonymously. I also wish to thank all the Members of the Committee who served the Club this year in the many administrative roles necessary to run a sizeable Bridge Club.

I thank Committee Members Angie Robinson and Shane Scriggins for their service during the year and welcome Rob Clegg and Lesley Schwarzrock who joined us towards the end of the Committee year.

Angie will remain very active in the role of Social Media management, focussed mainly on ensuring our twice-yearly lessons are well attended. Angie's role of Membership Secretary will be combined with the MyABF role that Siobhán has been undertaking. This is a logical move as MyABF already includes most of the membership administration.

For information, the next major MyABF update will be to incorporate all Masterpoint functions into the platform over the next 12 months or so. MyABF remains a strong and stable backbone to the Club's Session Management, Membership Management and Communications infrastructure since its inception some years ago.

I would now like to focus on a special person who is leaving the Committee this year. Greg Dobson has been a Committee member since 2021. During his tenure on the Committee, Greg has tirelessly served the Club in many roles, including Club Secretary, Vice President, Grants Management, Supervised Play, and many more. Greg, the Club thanks you for your immense contribution.

Club Dealer is an extremely important role in a Bridge Club. Without boards to play, Bridge Clubs do not function. Barry Vassella has been our Club Dealer for over 20 years. Barry has recently had to retire from this position to care for his wife. Barry has always dealt with the inevitable negative comments from players who have been on the wrong side of a Yarborough with his usual humour. Hopefully, Barry will be able to return when the situation allows.

Club Dealing will be performed by Peter Zanki, Rob Clegg and Marg Galvin. I will perform the role of Congress Dealing. I thank the new dealers for their interest.

Our playing numbers continue to be strong with a slight increase over last year to 15,272 players during the 2025/26 playing year.

The Club remains in a healthy stable financial position, and the Committee remain focussed on investing in Club infrastructure to benefit our Members. Grant Applications are also a tool the Club will continue to use to assist small to medium purchases.

I thank our Club sponsors, TBIB and Propel Financial Advice for their contributions and continued support into 2027.

Projects under consideration for our next financial year include : replacement dishwasher, new BridgeMate3's (subject to technical issues being resolved), and an upgrade to the office layout and storage.

We could not play the number of sessions we do without our great team of Directors. As the Club Games Director, I acknowledge their efforts here. Thanks to Alan, Di, Bob H, Cathy, Kate, Drew, Jo, Mark, Peter, Rob, Steve and Louise. Also, those who will shortly join us after training is complete.

There is one small team of people who contribute greatly to ensuring a continued stream of new Members joining our Club. That is our Education Team, ably led by Bob Hannam and assisted by Janie Brennan, Greg Dobson and Robyn King. Bob has also arranged intermediate lessons during the year which were very popular. Thanks to presenters, Drew Dunlop, Andrew Struik and Bob Hannam for investing their time and effort into these education sessions. More are planned.



Now to some Club statistics :

♠ The current Masterpoint makeup of the Club is as follows :

○ 0 to 50	64%
○ 50 to 100	14%
○ 100 to 500	14%
○ 500 to 1000	4%
○ Over 1000	4%

78% of our Members are under 100 MasterPoints. This illustrates the strength of our Membership into the future as these players move up through the ranks.

Just a summary of significant events during the last 12 months :

- ♠ As with every year that passes, we lose Club Members and our thoughts and best wishes go to the families of Monika Humble, Allan Adams, Peter Flower, Gwen Bagley, Tatiana Andreeva and our Founding Member, Anne Young
- ♠ Congratulations to our Club Honour Board and major Club Event winners
 - Presidents Trophy 2025: Kim Mikolic and Margo Solomon
 - Club Teams Championships 2025 : Stephen Hughes, Bob Hannam, Randall Rusk, Drew Dunlop, Tony Walford
 - U50 Propel Financial Shield 2026: John Nothdurft, Anna Bowden
 - Club Pairs Championships 2026: Cathy Clarke, Kate Balmanno
 - Tony Sizer Trophy 2026: Tracey Barnett, Brett Waring
- ♠ Congratulations also must go to the many Club Members who travel to Congresses and Major Events far and wide and achieve great results with over 50 individual Members receiving prizes in Pairs and Teams throughout the year
- ♠ Caloundra Club Congresses continue to attract great playing numbers. This is mainly due to the team of volunteers who work tirelessly to make these Events successful and the Club a popular venue for visitors
- ♠ Our Charity Day raised a record \$7,900 for Rosies Friends on the Street
- ♠ Club Special Events (Christmas Party, St Patrick's Day, Melbourne Cup) continue to attract strong Member numbers

In summary, your Club continues to be in very good shape with good Membership numbers, increasing playing statistics, healthy finances and most importantly a willing and supportive membership who all contribute to the Club's successes.

It is my honour to be President of The Friendly Club and I look forward to working with next year's Committee during 2026/7 (subject to my re-election in accordance with the Club Constitution !), which will be my last year as Club President.

Bob Davies
President