

The Maleny Contract Bridge Club Inc.

Dear Member

Here we are at the end of August, and spring just around the corner. 2026 is starting to get away from us, but there is still much to look forward to in the coming months:

August 31 - Australia-wide Open Pairs. All players play the same boards, but if you wish to be part of the competition, arrive a little early to register and pay an extra \$5 entry fee, which entitles you to the booklet with the boards etc.

September 14 - Our bridge club anniversary day.

October 12 and 19 - Members Pairs competition

Outcome of vote to increase membership fee

Thank you to the 27 members who attended our recent general meeting, and the 27 others who sent proxy votes. The motion to increase the annual membership fee to \$30 (from \$20) was passed. Our membership fees are due at the end of September and you will shortly receive a notice about this, with options for payment. As previously outlined, our income has remained static, while prices are rising. By increasing the membership fee now, we will not have to increase table fees for some time. However, increasing table fees is likely to be our next move if our finances need topping up, and we are investigating the best way of doing so.

We are pleased to welcome Tim McWilliam as a **new member**.

Now that the bridge lessons have finished, we look forward to welcoming more new members in the next month or so. We had a very successful introductory course run by Anne O'Hagan. Twenty three people started the course, and virtually all completed it, with many now playing in the Wednesday supervised group. It bodes well for our future, and we are extremely pleased to welcome them all to the club.

Happy bridging to all

Barbara Jones, President