

THE MALENY CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

While home social bridge had been played for many years in Maleny it was only in 1994 that Peg Burnett asked Lynton Bourke to help start a club in the Maleny R.S.L. with Lynton giving lessons for duplicate contract bridge and directing.

A meeting was held on the third Monday in September when it was decided to start Tuesday evening sessions. Helen Gilmour-Walsh was our Treasurer and Providedore.

The R.S.L. asked for no rent and only as membership grew did the club make a contribution, never having been asked to pay commercial rates.

Founding members up to the end of 1994 included Doris Berkley, Lynton Bourke, Anne Brooker, Bert Brooker, Peg Burnett, Pat Darwell, Bonnie Davidson, Noel Davidson, Reg Durrant, Marilyn Gilbert, Helen Gilmour-Walsh, Paul Gilmour-Walsh, Mary Gould, Hazel Heading, Iris Jeffries, Keith Long, Margaret Long, Dulcie Musk, Lorna Petersen.

The Club Incorporated on 7th February 2006 as “The Maleny Contract Bridge Club Inc.” with President Brian Molloy, Past President Lynton Bourke, Secretary Pauline Robinson, and Treasurer Jeff Margetts. The club continued to occupy the lower rooms beneath the RSL main hall.

The Club signed a new three year Commercial Tenancy agreement with the RSL on 28th May 2015 and moved all operations upstairs to the main hall. This provided more space and improved the disability access for members.

A Sublease agreement was signed with Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club Inc. on 10th July 2017 and work started on the design for a new standalone Clubhouse to be built on the Precinct.

All approvals for the building were in place by 21st February 2018 and Sayer Civil started on the earthworks 16th April 2018.

The Club held its first operational Bridge Session at the new premises on Monday 29th October 2018.

Ninety two percent of the funding for the Clubhouse was provided by Club members via generous donation and debenture loans.