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**MINUTES OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS, 252 NGATAI ROAD ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025 AT 7PM.**

**Present:**

President Mike Newton welcomed 52 members to the meeting (attached).

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from 21 members. (attached)

Peter Hagan/Desrae Karl.

**Accepted.**

**Minutes:**

That the minutes of the AGM held on November 26, 2024, be confirmed.  
Mike Newton/Rebecca Taylor. **Carried.**

That the Minutes of the SGM held on August 19, 2025, be confirmed.  
Karyl Anderson/Cathy Parker. **Carried.**

There were no matters arising from either.

**Presidents Report** (attached)

That the report be adopted.

Mike Newton/Judy McLeod.

**Carried**

**Financial Report**

Administrator David Fornusek presented and spoke to the Annual Accounts for 2025 and noted:

- The accounts as presented are for an 11-month period, the financial year having been changed to end on September 30<sup>th</sup> each year, thereby allowing sufficient time for the accounts to be compiled and reviewed before the AGM each year.
- The operating profit was \$20,300
- Depreciation was \$19,900.
- Due to a comparison with a 12-month year, a number of figures appear distorted.
- Further distortion relates to when invoices were paid e.g. Sponsorship- some pay ahead, some behind..
- Sponsorship paid for 2026 is currently around 5K.

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- We are likely to lose a long term sponsorship from Jones and Co. due to an ownership change.
- Grants shown total \$20K to the EOY, of which \$10K is for the car park resealing due shortly.
- However, in the calendar year Cathy Parker has acquired \$35K total in grants.
- Major purchases include a new Bar Fridge and Bridge Mates.
- Tournament income was higher but offset by an increase in prize money paid out.
- Donations increased substantially due to a 5K bequest.

The financial report be adopted. Chris Andrews/Dale Allen **Carried**

### **Election of Officers**

Nominations had been received for:

President	Mike Newton
Vice-President	Karyl Anderson
Club Captain	Rebecca Osborne
Treasurer	Clare Trass
Committee	Hugh McAlister, Deidre Gunn, Rebecca Taylor, Cathy Parker, Kate Terry, Pamela Shea, Stacey Hilton.

With no additional nominations the above Officers were duly elected.

The service of retiring Committee members Keryn O'Btien and Muriel Banks was acknowledged and applauded.

**Appointment of Reviewer** . deferred for appointment later by the Committee.

### **Remits from the Committee**

1. That the members Table Money for all playing sessions remain at \$7 per player.
2. That the Annual Subscription for Ordinary members rise to \$80, that for Associate members remains at \$55 and that for Student Members remains at \$0; payable by 28 February 2026.

Mike Newton/Karyl Anderson. **Adopted**

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**General Business**

1. Dale Allen unexpectedly rose and made a vote of thanks (and a gift from her) to Mike and Karyl for all the work they do for the club and in particular the support they have given her in her role with Wednesday night players.

2. **Life Membership** was proposed for **Dale Allen** for the tireless work, empathy and support for “her players” and the club that she has given over many years.

These comments were reiterated by several members present

Mike Newton/Karyl Anderson **Carried, unanimously with applause.**

(It must be noted that none of the 3 parties in 1 and 2 above were aware of the other's intentions)

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Declared a true and accurate record.

.....Chair

.....Date



## **TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB INC.**

### **President's Report 2025**

Welcome and thank you for attending the 2025 AGM. Another year behind us and it has been great to see some movement on a number of projects that have been held up due to the auditing issues of the past. We also kicked off some exciting new initiatives this year and there are some big changes looking ahead to 2026.

#### **Constitution**

I'll get the least exciting bit out of the way first. This year saw a complete rewrite of the club's constitution so that we would be compliant with the new Incorporated Societies Act. All clubs and societies were required to submit a new constitution that conformed to the Act by April next year. Many thanks to Norm for doing the heavy lifting on this one and to Cathy Parker who reviewed the drafts with my assistance. A special mention also to NZBridge and specifically board member Anne Barrowclough for running seminars and putting together a raft of material to aid clubs with this process. It was very pleasing to be able to present the new constitution to a Special General Meeting back in August where it was unanimously adopted by the members, well in advance of the April 2026 deadline.

#### **Finances**

Throughout the year we have continued to refine our financial reporting and processes with the assistance of our accountant and we now have a much clearer picture of where the club's finances stand. It is definitely still an ongoing process and in particular we look forward to solving a problem we have with Hello Club integration into Xero not currently working as it should. This will free up a lot of time that is currently spent manually coding transactions that originate from Hello Club.

The club remains in good financial health in cash terms but we know we have significant maintenance costs on the horizon. Although it looks like we made a significant profit this year, part of that is due to timing. We received \$10,000 in funding for the resealing of the carpark prior to the end of the financial year but we haven't yet spent any of that money. General costs for running the club continue to rise and we need to ensure we keep pace with those increases to keep our head above water, that is why the committee is recommending a small increase to membership subscriptions for 2026. Smaller increases at more measured intervals are easier to stomach than large increases years down the track when we find ourselves in dire straits.

Thanks to Kate for her stewardship of the treasurer's role this year and to David for liaising with the accountant as she prepared the final accounts. It is wonderful for the first time in many years to have fully reviewed accounts prepared in time for the AGM. I am thrilled to announce that Claire Trass has offered to take on the treasurer role for next year. Claire is a retired accountant and although the arrangement we have had with our accountant has worked well it does come at a cost, so it will be great to once again have that expertise on committee.

With the auditing problems of the past behind us we have been able to resume applying for grants for some of the many projects we have in the pipeline. The first success was receiving funding to replace our aging BridgeMates with the new edition that has just been released this year. We are expecting these to arrive any day now and they will hopefully be operational for holiday bridge if not earlier! Thanks to Pub Charity for helping us with the BridgeMate funding. As I've already alluded to we also applied for assistance to fund the resealing of the entire carpark area including out the front where the mobility parks are and the exit driveway down the side of the building. We have received \$25,000 towards this from two separate applications and are hoping to book in the job over Christmas when the rooms aren't in use. Thanks to Lion Foundation and We Care Trust for their generosity.

Huge thanks to Cathy Parker for the tireless work she's done pursuing funding. In this economic climate when so many clubs are looking for money but there is less available, part of the job is dealing with the rejections and I'm pleased to report that Cathy remains upbeat!

## Club Sessions

Player numbers at club sessions have remained steady throughout the year. Wednesday night started the year slow due to Dale out of action with a rather stubborn illness, but rallied later in the year. It just goes to show how valuable her efforts on Wednesday night are. It was noticeable that a significant number of our players took time away from the table to see the world this year. With Covid now far behind us it feels like travel is once again back on the todo list for many members.

In fact, Thursday night had a couple of months in the second part of the year where we couldn't get enough players together to run a competition. With this in mind, and as I wrote about in the November Table Talk, the committee has made the difficult decision to amalgamate the Monday and Thursday night sessions. With low numbers in both and no sign of a turnaround the writing is on the wall for evening bridge and two sessions has become untenable. There will still be a couple of one-off teams events on Thursday nights because there is nowhere else to go but otherwise Monday night will be the main night.

Thanks to Rebecca Osborne for her hard work in restructuring the evening programme to accommodate this change. And also a huge thanks to Derek Webb for all his work as partnership steward on Thursday nights. As I mentioned in Table Talk I'm sure Thursday night would not have continued as long as it did were it not for his efforts to drum up support week in and week out.

A new initiative this year has been our monthly social Fridays where once a month after Friday play has finished we open the bar and congregate for food and a chit chat. It has been great to see so many of you enjoying this each month and it's neat to catch up with folks when you don't always get the time during play.

Once again thanks must be given to Irene Edgar who is co-ordinating our social group that plays in the back room on a Thursday afternoon. Their numbers have now grown to two tables and whenever I pop in on a Thursday those players always seem to be enjoying themselves and I'm sure greatly appreciate having a totally relaxed session they can attend.

## Lessons

We continue to scratch our head when it comes to attracting new players to the beginner lessons. There is little consistency in what works well one year and not the next. This year we started the lessons with around 20 learners but picked up a couple of very keen ones late in the programme and had 17 graduate. Unfortunately that has very quickly whittled down to just 7 for various reasons.

We trialed running daytime lessons this year for the first time in a long time and while initial registrations suggested it would be on par with the evening lessons numberswise, a significant number pulled out prior to the lessons even commencing. There are still unanswered question marks around the pathway into playing club bridge for our daytime learners, particularly if the group is very small. One of the takeaways we also had is that the lessons need to be on a different day to our club sessions, otherwise we have no pool of helpers and the teacher. This also gives greater flexibility around them continuing in the same time slot at the conclusion of the lessons and having someone on hand to supervise them.

We had a stand at the Bay Home Show back in October for the first time in over 10 years. Manning the stand was a joint effort between ourselves and the Mount club and although we didn't get the foot traffic they got last time it was definitely a worthwhile exercise. We have followed up with those players by offering Mini Bridge sessions on Wednesday night which we are currently in the middle of and are proving very popular with those attending.

## Competitions

Tournament numbers this year continued on a similar trajectory to previous years. We had to close entries for our Junior/Novice/Intermediate tournament which was fabulous. We moved our Teams tournament away from Easter and into the September gap left by Congress in the hope we would see greater numbers but this didn't pan out. We also hosted the National Swiss Pairs back in July which was a great success and we have secured hosting rights for the National Pairs July next year. We also moved our Ladies midweek tournament online to RealBridge as we were struggling to get the numbers to run it and so it was wonderful to see 14 tables at that one.

The Fun Over the Bridge initiative between our club and the Mount continues to be well received but amid a busy calendar it is challenging to find suitable weekends to run it twice a year. Given that, we have agreed that it will now be once a year with hosting rights alternating between the two clubs with the Mount hosting the 2026 edition in March. I am also thrilled to announce that the trophy has been renamed in memory of Graham Young as he was a member of both clubs and a driver behind the original concept.

## Committee

As always the committee continues to serve the club admirably and we have an excellent set of complementary skills among the officers. It is a joy to work with such an enthusiastic bunch and many thanks to my deputy Karyl for stepping in when I've been felled by my pestilent children! This year we have two incredibly hard working members of our committee stepping down.

As I'm sure most of you know Keryn O'Brien was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer a few months back and so naturally stepped away from the committee to concentrate on that fight. We were thrilled to be able to raise over \$11,000 from an online charity tournament we ran to assist her with funding her treatment. Keryn was also our license holder for the bar and Karyl has now gone through the process of getting licensed in her stead. As if that wasn't enough Keryn was also in charge of sweet talking all the club's sponsors so we have large shoes to fill but we wish Keryn well as her treatment proceeds.

Muriel, our ever present Kitchen lady, is stepping out of her role after taking over from Jill a number of years ago. Muriel has been a champion in the kitchen during all our tournaments and also on Friday afternoons making sure that everything is organised and that those rostered on for afternoon tea have had sufficient training. During any discussion about upcoming events she always ensures we consider the catering when it is accidentally overlooked and keeps the kitchen supplies well stocked. Rather than nip off home during a quiet period on tournament day Muriel can usually be found out the back reading so that she's always on hand! Muriel will be handing the reins to Sue Sherwood who will take over the role off committee.

Thanks also to Hugh McAlister for his role on the Waikato-Bays committee and to Kate Terry who I am thrilled to announce has, as of yesterday, been voted back on to the NZBridge board for another term. While it is great to have representation in both groups it also means we have excellent visibility of what is going on at the National and Regional level.

## Congratulations

### *Regional success*

- Rosemary Wilkey won the Waikato-Bays Intermediate League alongside Tina Dudley.

### *Regional Championship*

Congratulations to those who represented the region with distinction at the Regional Championship prior to Congress in Palmerston North:

- Waikato Bays Women's Team -  
Kate Terry, Judy Pawson, Jenna & Christine Gibbons who finished 2nd
- Waikato Bays Senior Team -
- Di & Hugh McAlister who finished 3rd
- Waikato Bays Intermediate Team -
- Rosemary Wilkey who finished 2nd

### *International Representation*

Congratulations to Kate Terry who represented New Zealand in the Women's Team at the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships in Hefei China, and to Jenna & Christine Gibbons who represented New Zealand in the Women's Team at the World Teams Championships in Herning, Denmark.

## Farewell

It has been another great year as part of the Tauranga Bridge Club family but sadly there are a few friends that we have lost along the way. Please can we take a moment to remember the good times at the bridge table with those that are no longer with us.

## Closing

The club continues to go from strength to strength, we may not have the numbers that we once did but they will build up in time. The most important thing is that the club continues to be a warm and welcoming place for members to come and socialise and this is the base upon which we can rebuild our numbers. While challenges around attracting and retaining new players remain and continue to evolve we are making headway and every small improvement to what we offer is a step in the right direction.

It has once again been a delight working with the committee to serve the club the best that we can, and I have particularly enjoyed playing daytime bridge and getting to spend more time with a larger part of the membership. If you can't make it to the Christmas Party I wish you a wonderful holiday season amongst family and friends and look forward to seeing you at the table in the New Year.

## Tauranga Contract Bridge Club

### 2025 President's Report

#### Thank You List

The Club wishes to place on record its thanks to all members who have given of their time so willingly, in particular:

<b>Partnership</b>		
<b>Stewards</b>	Monday	<b>Kay Wright</b>
	Tuesday	<b>Mary Toner</b>
	Wednesday evening	<b>Dale Allen</b>
	Thursday	<b>Derek Webb</b>
	Friday	<b>Hilary McKenna, Kay Wright</b>
<b>Conveners</b>	Monday	<b>Stacey Hilton</b>
	Tuesday	<b>Derek Webb</b>
	Wednesday	<b>Dale Allen</b>
	Thursday	<b>Rebecca Osborne, Hugh McAlister, Shirley Bain</b>
	Friday	<b>Heather Melville</b>
<b>Directors</b>		<b>Norm Silcock, Simon Eminson, Di McAlister, Rebecca Osborne, Judy McLeod, Peter Hagan, Derek Webb, Mike Newton, Kate Terry, Sam and Jo Simpson, Hugh McAlister.</b>
<b>Scorers / Bridgeman Managers</b>		<b>Mike Newton, Norm Silcock, Rebecca Osborne, Deidre Gunn, Cathy Parker, Simon Eminson, Diana McAlister, Derek Webb, Carol Goldsworthy, Rebecca Taylor, Kate Terry, Jocelyn Buchanan, Peter Hagan, Judy McLeod, Hugh McAlister.</b>
<b>Compass Scoring Software Support</b>		<b>Bob Fearn</b>
<b>Bridgeman Trouble-shooter</b>		<b>Jan Spaans</b>
<b>Almoner</b>		<b>Pat Ware</b>
<b>Beginners Lessons</b>		<b>Tutor: Mike Newton Helpers: Rebecca Osborne, Diana McAlister, Hugh McAlister, Gillian Corbett, Lyn Bailie, Brenda Brett Kelly, Jenny Lynam, Jocelyn Buchanan, Steve O'Brien, Keryn O'Brien, Jill Ussher, Ruth Sweatman, Mike Newton</b>
<b>Programme Officer</b>		<b>Rebecca Osborne</b>
<b>Sponsorship</b>		<b>Sue Handley, Mike Newton</b>
<b>Tournament Catering Manager</b>		<b>Muriel Banks And many others who helped in the kitchen</b>

<b>Christmas Party 2024</b>	<b>Muriel Banks and her Team</b>
<b>Bar</b>	<b>Keryn O'Brien, Rebecca Osborne, David Fornusek, Karyl Anderson</b>
<b>Dealers</b>	<b>Sue Greig, Jenny Lynam, Karyl Anderson, Sue Handley, Hilary McKenna, Jill Ussher, Diana Foster, Chris Andrews</b>
<b>Website Manager</b>	<b>Deidre Gunn</b>
<b>Etiquette Manager</b>	<b>Pat Ware</b>
<b>Table Cloths</b>	<b>Karyl Anderson and all club members that take them home</b>
<b>Trophies</b>	<b>Hugh McAlister</b>
<b>Gardening / Flowers</b>	<b>Diana Foster, Raewyn de Cleene</b>
<b>Raffles</b>	<b>Keryn O'Brien, Sue Handley</b>
<b>Rubbish Collection</b>	<b>Raewyn de Cleene</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Mike Bailie</b>
<b>The Club Captain</b>	<b>Rebecca Osborne</b>
<b>The Treasurer</b>	<b>Kate Terry</b>
<b>Past Presidents</b>	<b>Kate Terry</b>
<b>The Committee</b>	<b>Karyl Anderson, Muriel Banks, Deidre Gunn, Keryn O'Brien, Cathy Parker, Hugh McAlister, Rebecca Taylor</b>
<b>Representatives on Other Bridge Organizations</b>	
- Waikato-Bays Regional Committee	<b>Hugh McAlister</b>
- New Zealand Bridge Board	<b>Kate Terry</b>

**Tauranga Bridge Club**

**Annual General Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025**

**List of Attendees**

<b>Ruth Sweatman</b>	<b>David Fornusek</b>
<b>Pat Webb</b>	<b>Derek Webb</b>
<b>Karyl Anderson</b>	<b>Kate Terry</b>
<b>Norm Silcock</b>	<b>Clare Trass</b>
<b>Marina Hicks</b>	<b>Mark Newman</b>
<b>Sue Sherwood</b>	<b>Pamela Shea</b>
<b>Dale Allen</b>	<b>Chris Andrews</b>
<b>Rebecca Taylor</b>	<b>June Hagan</b>
<b>Peter Hagan</b>	<b>Rebecca Osbourne</b>
<b>Norm Silcock</b>	<b>Nikki Baguley</b>
<b>Liz O'Riordan</b>	<b>Jill Ussher</b>
<b>Desrai Karl</b>	<b>Mike Newton</b>
<b>Bev Petersen</b>	<b>Jocelyn Buchanan</b>
<b>Cathy Parker</b>	<b>Judy McLeod</b>
<b>Robyn McLennan</b>	<b>Pat Ware</b>
<b>Thea Straub</b>	<b>Carol Goldsworthy</b>
<b>Mel Grigsby</b>	<b>Maggie Grigsby</b>
<b>Deidre Gunn</b>	<b>Jackie Blue</b>
<b>Elizabeth Kendall</b>	<b>Debbie McBride</b>
<b>Bruce Gibson</b>	<b>Bruce Glover</b>
<b>Alastair Collie</b>	<b>Sarah Graham</b>
<b>Jayne King</b>	<b>Joan McNeill</b>
<b>Maria Arhanic</b>	<b>Sue Handley</b>
<b>Simon Eminson</b>	<b>Lyn Bailie</b>
<b>Mike Bailie</b>	<b>Olive Boyd</b>
<b>Kerri Friar</b>	<b>Diana Foster</b>

