

## **Friday Update September 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Charity Fundraising at Curry and Bridge Event**

Thank you to everyone who made a charity donation at the curry and bridge event. \$264 was collected on the day and a further \$530 was donated afterwards, for a total donation of \$814. The charity chosen by the Management Committee was The Warrawee Womens' Refuge and The Lucy Saw Centre. They were very grateful and sent us this note.

*Warrawee and The Lucy Saw Centre extend their heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation.*

*At Warrawee, we accommodate up to five families and depend on community support to provide essential resources for mothers and their children. Your contributions allow us to purchase fundamental kitchen tools for families moving into safe homes, as well as new pyjamas and underwear for those who arrive with nothing, ensuring they have clean items upon their arrival.*

*We also maintain a dedicated play area for our children, filled with colouring books, puzzles, and other therapeutic toys that support their recovery. Unfortunately, our children's room does not receive government funding, so we rely on donations from organizations like yours to keep this space well-stocked and running smoothly.*

*Thank you again for your thoughtful contribution – we greatly appreciate it.*

Thank you to our Maureen Warman for liaising with Warrawee and ensuring the donation made its way to the right hands.

### **October Events Update**

There have been a few changes and exciting additions to events coming up in October.

- There have been some updates to details for the Dora Wilson Cup on Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Cup is a handicap event and all prizemoney will go to handicap winners. There won't be a separate prize pool for outright winners. You must enter by September 30<sup>th</sup> so handicaps can be calculated before the event. You can register online via MyABF or you can ask a Director at the club to register you. Details are on the Club Website and there is an updated flyer on the club noticeboard.
- The 2024 Calendar lists a Members Only Birthday Pairs event on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>. This will not go ahead. Birthday week celebrations will go ahead at each session in the week 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October.
- On Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> the Friday afternoon Rookies section will commence alongside the regular Open section. Final touches are still being made to the details and a notice will come out next week. There will be party pies to celebrate what is shaping up to be a popular addition to our weekly programme.
- The rookie section will be just in time to get some extra practice ahead of the Arthur Finley Rookie Pairs Championship on Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Songerwala Swiss Pairs**

Thanks to all those who responded to the call for extra entrants to the Songerwala Swiss Pairs. The number of tables more than doubled to 9 by the time play got under way this afternoon. The event concludes next Friday.

### **Important Dates**

Monday 23 September	Afternoon: Kings Birthday open red point walk-in pairs
Monday 23 September	Evening: No bridge
Tuesday 1 October	Dora Wilson Cup handicap event.
Sunday 6 October	First Sunday of the Month Open Walk-in Pairs
7-13 October	Birthday Week Celebrations at all sessions
Friday 11 October	Afternoon Rookie Section commences
Monday 21 October	Arthur Finley Rookie Pairs Championship

More details can be found on the Club website <https://melvillebc.org>

Have a good Long weekend.

Ken Bownes

Secretary