

## Friday Newsletter January 3<sup>rd</sup>

### New Members

I am pleased to welcome the following new members:

- Chrstine Lee
- Brian Lee\*
- Pat Gilbert

\* And Brian won the bag of chocolates today!

### Bums on Seats – Good News!

We bridge players love numbers. I'm hoping we've turned the corner when it comes to numbers of people playing at our club. In the last 3 months of 2019 (just pre Covid) we averaged 343 players per week. It was down to 258 in 2022 and 259 in 2023. But in the last 3 months of 2024 we averaged 280. Everyone is contributing to our 'recovery' – Claire and Eugene and Jim and more with the newbies, and you – for making the club a nice place to be. Thank you.

### Advertising our lessons?

Can you help in any way? **We need new members.** Sadly, we have quite a large attrition rate – because we are nearly all senior citizens. If you have marketing skills, have a great idea, or can help in some way, please contact Claire at [cjw5@bigpond.com](mailto:cjw5@bigpond.com)

### Bill's Lessons

Want to be a better bridge player? Good bridge players are very precise with their bidding – which is heavily rules based. Bill Symons' lessons are fun and fantastic for those wanting to become better bridge players. Each Wednesday at 900 AM.

### Vale

Former member Erica Auguston passed away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. She was 88. I am told she was a very good bridge player who loved her bridge and liked to play in congresses and inter club competitions. She last played at Melville in October 2022. Her funeral will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January at 2 PM at Seasons in Canning Vale.

### Complaints

There may be a time when you want to complain about someone's actions or behaviour. Complaints are managed by our **Recorders – Maree Miliauskus and Nilesh Patel**. You will find **Recorder Incident Forms** above the pigeonholes in the bridge room, and details of the procedure used to manage complaints in **How We Deal With Complaints** in the **Documents** section of our website.

### Sunday Bridge

This Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of January at 1 pm. Everyone welcome. Party pies, and a **bag of Italian chocolates if you win the draw!**

### \$20 Membership

A great time to join our club is between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the end of February. It costs just \$20! Yes just \$20 – as a Home or Non-Home Club member. Tell your friends! Contact Steph Laurie ([stephlaurie@bigpond.com](mailto:stephlaurie@bigpond.com)) for an application form or ask a director – or me!

### **Sessions coming up**

Saturday 4 December	Regular morning club session.
Sunday 5 January	First Sunday of the Month Open – Everyone welcome
Monday 6 January	Regular afternoon open session, and evening open and supervised sessions.
Tuesday 7 January	Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 8 January	Bill Symons's lesson at 900 am
Thursday 9 January	Supervised session at 915 am. Club and open sessions at 1230 pm
Friday 10 January	Rookie and open sessions at 1230 pm

### **Other Important Dates**

Friday 7 February	Beginners lessons begin
Friday 21 & 28 February	Members only Swiss pairs championship.

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

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Bob Peters

President