



# NEWSLETTER

January 2023

## SESSION TIMES

Monday	1.30pm
Wednesday	9.30am & 7.00pm
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	1.30pm

**Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the above times.**

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## *What's On*

- 29 January Club Working Bee 8 am
- 10 February 2023 Red Points
- 12 February 2023 Valentine Teams Day
- 13 February 2023 Clark Trophy
- 18 February 2023 Annual General Meeting 12.30 pm

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

A welcome back to a new year which promises to be more "normal" in terms of weather outlook and hopefully we are over the worst of the pandemic.

My apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. Pam Bradford, Calvin Konner, Mark Madeley and myself spent last week playing in the Life Masters section of the National Festival of Bridge in Caberra and were very pleased to end up 7<sup>th</sup> in this event. Ellie and Jim Fitzgerald also enjoyed playing in the pairs event down there

### **Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 18 February will see a new committee elected for 2023-24. I will have completed my three-year term as president, a position I have thoroughly enjoyed. Equally we will need to elect a new treasurer to replace Helen Nicol who has done an exemplary job setting up the new payments system and managing the club finances.

Application forms are on the table and I look forward to all positions being filled by the time of the AGM.

### **New Member**

A big welcome to Michael Seale who has joined the club and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

### **Valentine Teams Day**

This popular event will be held at the club on Sunday 12 February and always attracts teams from across the district to the first competition event of the year. Entry form is on the table at the club for a cost of \$20 per player. We provide morning and afternoon tea but players need to bring their own lunch

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### Fees for 2023

Annual fees for 2023 need to be paid by the end of January and cover the costs of our affiliation with the Australian Bridge Federation and the NSW Bridge Association . As a reminder there has been no increase from 2022 and the fees remain as:

**Annual Membership Fee**     \$40  
**Associate Membership**     \$20

Fees can be paid now online to our club bank account or at the club

Orange Bridge Club

BSB 082 774  
Account number 831850831

### Australian National Championships 2024

From 6-18 July 2024 Orange will be hosting the Australian National Championships (ANC) at the Orange Ex-Services Club on behalf of the NSW Bridge Association. This is the first time this event has been held outside a capital city.

We are going to need a major club commitment to assist with the management of this event. Rob Ward from the NSW Bridge Association is the event organiser. I am responsible for the on the ground management in Orange and Anna Tonna is responsible for the social program which runs alongside the ANC

There will be a number of bridge events running alongside the ANC for club players of all levels. As such it will be anticipated that if you want to play bridge during these two weeks it will be at the Ex-Services Club.

If you are interested in assisting with the management of the ANC please speak to either Anne or myself. There is a lot to do and we need plenty of help

### Working Bee

There is a considerable amount of work which needs to be done on the gardens, grounds and within the clubhouse.

All members are invited to participate in a working bee on 29 January commencing at 8 am

### Val Halcroft's 90<sup>th</sup>

Monday 6 February will be a special day for Val Halcroft and our best wishes to her for that day and her future life,


Mary and I are heading on a two week visit to Cambodia and Vietnam from 27 February till 11 February which incorporates a 7 day cruise on the Mekong River

Best wishes to you all as we enjoy some warmer weather

Happy Bridging

*Murray Paterson*



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*Masterpoint Promotions for  
December 2022*

Congratulations to:

Jian Williams

Regional Master